



## Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

### November 2022

- 5 McKinley Lodge 30th Annual Ladies at the Table Celebration. 6 p.m., \$35 per person, advance ticket purchase for reservation is required. Tickets are available from McKinley Lodge Officers or contact Master Maxwell Zimmerman at 414-550-1179 or worshipful.master@mckinleylodge.org.
- 5 Manitowoc Lodge No. 65, Cigar Dinner Fundraiser, 5 p.m., \$50. Manitowoc Masonic Center, 810 Chicago St., Manitowoc.
- 12 Shrine Masonic Day of Light, Tripoli – 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee; Zor – La Crosse Masonic Center, 118 8th St. South, La Crosse; and Beja – 1950 Bond St., Green Bay. More details coming. Cost \$150 per candidate includes, coffee, carbs, lunch (mentor included) apron, bible, and The Wisconsin Program Booklets.
- 12 Valley of La Crosse Scottish Rite Family Night, La Crosse Masonic Center.
- 13 Lafayette Lodge No. 265, Past Masters and Widows Recognition and Awards Luncheon. Arrive at Noon, Lunch at 12:30 p.m., \$10, Meyer's Restaurant and Banquet Center, 4260 S. 76th St., Greenfield. Joint event with members of Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 and George Washington Lodge 1776 No. 337. RSVP to Master Pat Cholka at 414-254-5543 or pat.cholka@gmail.com.
- 14-19 Festival of Trees, Sparta Masonic Center.
- 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, Tripoli Shriners 5th Annual Festival of Trees, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Contact Tripoli Shrine Center, 414-933-4700 or www.tripolishrinefestival.com.
- 20, 26 Tripoli Shriners 5th Annual Festival of Trees, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Drawing of winners on Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Contact Tripoli Shrine Center, 414-933-4700 or www.tripolishrinefestival.com.
- 29 District 12 Fall Meeting, 6 p.m. refreshments, 7 p.m. meeting. Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Ave., Milwaukee.
- 30 Collins-Spring Valley 192, Past Master's Night, 6 p.m., Phoenix Restaurant in Baldwin.

### December 2022

- 1 North Star Lodge No. 187, Star Prairie, roast beef dinner, 5 p.m., \$12. Contact Bro. Barry Ausen at 715-377-3032.
- 3 Zor Shrine Ceremonial, La Crosse.
- 8 Hancock Lodge 229, Ellsworth, Friends Night, 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. prime rib dinner (no charge), 7 p.m. program.
- 9 James M. Hays Lodge No. 331, Friends Night. 7-10 p.m. Tripoli Shrine. Light snacks, beverages, cigars and cards. A program on Masonry and an opportunity to ask questions. RSVP to Master Bob Skaradzinski at 414-416-4244 by Dec. 2.
- 10 District 7 Joint Installation, Wis. Masonic Center, 2:30 p.m. practice, 3:30 p.m. Installation, cocktails and banquet to follow.
- 18 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, installation of officers. 3 p.m., dinner following ceremony.

### February 2023

- 4 Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire, Masonic Day of Light, Eau Claire Masonic Center.
- 20 Re-enactment of the Cornerstone Dedication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Visit <https://gwmemorial.org/2023>.

### March 2023

- 4 11th Annual Tom Tourville Interstate Table Lodge, 5 p.m., Tomah Masonic Center
- 18 District 7 Spring District Meeting, Wis. Masonic Center, 8:30 a.m.
- 25 District 1 Meeting, Iron River Masonic Center 7575 West Mills St., Iron River.
- 25 Valley of La Crosse Scottish Rite Reunion, La Crosse Masonic Center.
- 25 District 10 Spring Meeting & Table Lodge (Time TBD) hosted by Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, Pert Washington
- 27 District 5 Spring District Meeting, 7 p.m., location to be announced.

### June 2023

- 10 La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190, 150th Anniversary and Rededication, La Crosse Masonic Center.



Bro. David Finley, who is in hospice care at his home in Prescott, receives the District 2 traveling gavel on behalf of his beloved Northwestern Lodge. The occasion was a special lodge meeting held in his honor on Monday Oct 24. He is surrounded by members of area lodges. A crowd of 20 brothers attended the lodge meeting. Bro. Finley has been a leader in Northwestern Lodge No. 105 for 62 years. Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



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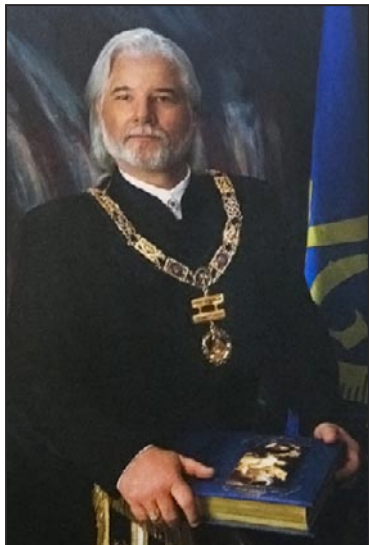
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## PGM Keith D. Chamberlain is honored at District 8 Meeting



**PGM Keith D. Chamberlain**  
11/3/1947 - 2/2/2015

**By Rich Rygh**

Keith D. Chamberlain Lodge No. 66 hosted the District 8 Fall Meeting at the Richland Center Performing Arts Center on Oct. 22.

District 8 Membership Representative Derek Kalish went over the handling of the referrals of possible candidates from the website. DMR Kalish does a preliminary background check on each one before he forwards them. He answered questions from the Brethren. District 8 has received between 75 and 100 referrals. Grand Lecturer Davey White Jr., PGM, and Senior Grand Deacon Joseph E. Thompson stressed the importance of getting to know the candidates before signing a petition.

District 8 Deputy Daniel C.

Brylla brought everyone up to date on upcoming events in the District including an outdoor MM Degree.

Senior Grand Deacon Thompson thanked DMR Derek Kalish for all the work he does. He brought the lodges up to date on the Fire Suppression Tool presentations and all the great publicity we have received. He stressed the importance of the lodges being relevant in their communities.

The Senior Grand Deacon stated due to the great response to the Nov. 12 Shrine Day of Light in Milwaukee, La Crosse and Green Bay there is a shortage of bibles. There are about 125 signed up at this time.

Senior Grand Deacon Thomp-

See **District 8** on page 3

## Grand Master Speaks on Membership and FSTs at Reedsburg Shed Lodge

**By Rich Rygh**

District 8 Deputy Daniel C. Brylla again made his "shed" in rural Reedsburg available to Masons from all over the state for Reedsburg Lodge's Annual Shed Lodge on Oct 1. It was an evening of blue jeans, great food and good old Masonic fellowship, along with a few stories.

Grand Master Paul T. Tourville stated he appreciated the opportunity to talk and he appreciated the dress code even more. He stated, "It is a pretty cool time to be a Mason in the State of Wisconsin, isn't it?"

The Grand Master said "I am proud to be a Freemason, I am proud of who we are and I am proud of what we do. I am really proud we are telling the world that we are proud to be Freemasons."

Grand Master Tourville said we have already raised more than 50 percent more Masons at this time this year than we did all of last year. He said there is not another state in this country that can say that.

He said we now because of the social media and the volume of men to choose from a lodge can select its members to suit their culture. We are not about to lower our standards.

The Grand Master said the Masons built this country and it now needs us more than ever.

We need to know the men we are signing the petition for to protect our lodge culture. The Grand Master stated that if a petition comes through stating you have only known this person for one day you are going to be getting a call from him.

The Grand Master said, "Go out to those guys you know in your communities that you know in their heart are already Masons and introduce them to this unbelievable organization."

When you get those leads coming through the social media engine, the 1600 people that have gone online expressing interest from which the DMRs have turned about 600 over to the lodges, vet those people, make those decisions and contact them. You must contact them.

Over 206 have never been called. We must fix this.

The Grand Master said, "Always get caught being a good guy."

The Grand Master went on to promote the "Acts of Kindness" and what we have done to become relevant. See **Shed** on page 14

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**Some of the items supported by the Acts of Kindness.**

## WMJ Advertising Manager Diane Igl Needs our Thoughts and Prayers

**By Dave Ritchie**

Diane Igl is quiet, hardworking, with a never give up attitude, and always looking for a way to help others. She has worked quietly for the past 32 years for the Wisconsin Masonic Journal. She would have started her work for the craft under either Past Grand Master Robert Moore or Past Grand Master Dean Massey. Her primary responsibilities have been selling and handling the advertising for the Journal. She recently began gleaning the journal for articles and photographs for the wima-

sons website. She also works caring for the elderly in her neighborhood.

Her independent spirit and work ethic have been put to the test by recent events in her life. She has been fighting cancer for the past year. A tumor was found in her leg and doctors hopeful of a cure began treatments. Needing time off went against her grain and she was soon back at work. An infection in the leg soon meant more hospitalization and more treatment. She again, anxious to be back working made another

start. In a recent exam it was found that the existing tumors had grown and more tumors had formed. Before treatment could begin Diane was diagnosed with COVID. She is currently hospitalized.

In any conversation she is upbeat and positive. Just waiting to get back to work. The Journal Staff and Board members send our best with hopes of a speedy recovery. Thoughts and prayers for this lady who has worked for our gentle craft for over three decades are certainly appreciated.

Cards and thoughts can be sent to the Grand Lodge Office:

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Dousman, WI 53118

## The Grand Master's Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin  
Brother Paul T. Tourville

I'm Proud to be a Freemason.

I'm Proud of who we are.

I'm Proud of what we do.

My Brothers,

The news continues to be outstanding as Wisconsin Freemasonry continues to raise more and more Master Masons than we have in many, many years!

A repeat from last month... "You all know that being bigger does not necessarily make us better but, it does allow us to do more things. More impact on our communities, more opportunities to grow personally, and more opportunities to mentor good men to name a few.

That said, please, please make no mistake why these men are joining our Fraternity. They are joining our Fraternity because of you. They want mentors, they want Brothers, and they want friends. They're coming to be with YOU! I assume, if given the chance, most of you would love to serve as a Mentor, a Brother, and a friend more often. We always say that we make good men better, it's time to prove it."

My message this month is very direct. Be that one man! Each of us knows that one man can make a difference. There are countless examples throughout the history of our country that prove this. Where one man has made the decision to do something, and it has dramatically changed the future. I'm asking you today to make the decision to be that One Man.

First and foremost, retain yourself! This is the time of year when most Secretaries will "clean the books". Having served in the role I know that many of us in November and December suspend members for nonpayment of dues prior to the per capita bill coming. Also, many members when they receive that dues notice, will demit their membership. Historically, we see a couple of hundred men leave this Fraternity at this time of year. ☹️ At this point, with all the great things happening throughout Wisconsin Freemasonry, I have no idea why you would choose to leave this Fraternity, but I do know it happens. First things first. Retain yourself! Have you been to a Lodge meeting lately? If not, why? What could you do to make them important to you? How could they be better? Be that one man? Take an active role. Make your meetings better. Better for yourself. Better for your brothers. Do they need better facilitation? More Fellowship? More Education? More events? Whatever it is, I challenge you to take an active role in making that happen.

Each of use needs to find value in the Fraternity. It is up to us. The amazing lessons this Fraternity teaches are available to us. Many degrees are being conferred throughout our State. Be part of it! It might be an Appendant Body or Youth organizations. It might just be coffee with the boys. Whatever it is for you, find it. Trust me, you will. There is plenty of value in this Fraternity.

Further, Be that One Man for someone else!

This Fraternity has continually seen the implications one man can have.

Our Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Frank Struble is proud to tell the story of how he was essentially sitting on the sidelines of Freemasonry for several years paying his dues but, not participating as an active member. It was One Man who made a phone call to him that brought him back to this Fraternity. Thank goodness for that One Man. Our Brother brought back another to active membership, and he has now served as our Grand Master! FYI, that One Man was my Dad. 😊

Your present Junior Grand Deacon, Worshipful Brother Earl Gunderson, has a similar story. You've probably seen the article in the Masonic Journal.

I, myself, spent 15 years paying dues but not serving as an active member to the Fraternity. Fifteen years I took off to focus on my business. One night as I was out for dinner, I was seated next to One Man who brought me back to active membership. I saw his Masonic ring, started a conversation, and that changed everything. That night that One Man helped me make a decision that I needed to make. What I'm asking you to do is create that tipping point in someone's life, be that One Man. Call today and invite a Brother to come back to the Lodge. Speak with someone you identify as the "Good" and invite them to be "Crowned with Brotherhood".

Hopefully, this helps and inspires you in your efforts to be that "One Man" that makes a difference. That difference not only in your life but, also the life of another Brother or someone soon to be a Brother. It is time for us as Freemasons to take a personal responsibility. You could be that One Man to generate a tipping point in someone's life. Either bringing them back to activity or to introducing them to the greatest Fraternity in the world. Your Wisconsin Freemasonry Leadership Team looks forward to helping you in this process. Whatever we can do, please let us know.

I'm Proud to be a Freemason.

I'm Proud of who we are.

I'm Proud of what we do.

Paul T. Tourville, Grand Master  
Wisconsin Freemasonry



**Grand Master Paul T. Tourville**

### On Our Cover

Grand Master Paul T. Tourville addresses Brethren from all over the state at the Reedsburg "Shed Lodge".

Photo by Rich Rygh



# Wisconsin Rapids Lodge hosts Firefighter Appreciation Event



Fire Departments receive their Fire Suppression Tools. Front row from left: Vesper Chief Dennis Dederich, Rudolf Chief Tony Konkol, Nekoosa Chief Mike Hartie, Grand Rapids Captain Mike Ski, Village of Biron Chief David Kerkman, Wisconsin Rapids Division Fire Chief (EMS) Justin Pluess, and Village of Biron Assistant Shawn Dillingham. Back row: Master Justin Herman, Secretary Chris Peters, Joe Myren, Chaplain Ron Herman, Past Grand Master John W. Hein, District Representative Duane Monville, Trustee Bob Calverley, Jacob Strangfeld, and District Lecturer James R. Giese. The Village of Port Edwards will be presented with their FST unit separately as they were not able to attend.

Photo by District 6 Deputy Keith H. Wohlfert

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 held a Firefighter appreciation event on October 6, for all of the area Fire Departments. The Departments from Wisconsin Rapids, Grand Rapids, Nekoosa, Rudolf, Vesper, and Village of Biron attended. The Village of Port Edwards was unable to attend.

The event began with social time where all of the Fire Chiefs were able to connect with each

other as they seldom have a chance to do. Ten Masons attended to express our appreciation to the departments for all they do for the communities preserving life and property. A presentation was given about what the Masonic Fraternity is all about and its impact to the community and around the country. The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Acts of Kindness program was also explained. Seven FST units were

presented to the departments with videos shown on the impact of these units and how to use them with our hope that they help save lives of residents, firefighters, pets, and property. With insurance companies opting to replace the FST units it is hoped that these will be perpetual gifts to our communities.

Submitted by District Lecturer James R. Giese

## Thoughts for the Journey

By Reverend Curt A. Campagna, Grand Chaplain

Greetings, this month's article comes after a week of vacation for me. I am a motorcyclist and try to go out on at least one longer run a year. During these times I get a chance to pack up my motorcycle and leave behind my normal day to day activities, my possessions, schedules, and routines. It's just you, the motorcycle, the road, and your fellow riders. Transformation to becoming a minimalist takes place as clothing is packed. Only critical items are selected such as contingencies for weather, and possible mechanical issues are addressed.



Grand Chaplain Curt A. Campagna

So, the journey starts, packed up and hitting the road. At first it's like an adrenaline overload. The fresh air, the scenery, the rumble of the motor, the bugs (remember to keep your mouth shut). The first days are filled with some hard riding, with miles under the wheels. Grown appetites, with many laughs over a fine meal. Sleep comes easy as the body hasn't gotten this much fresh air for a long time. After a few days on the road, I begin to evaluate life, and all that we have, and friendships, family, and decisions we have made in life.

Toward the end of the ride, the thoughts of how grateful I am of all of those who walk this path of life with me. My loved ones, and friends, who I have met, and who I have lost. My home, my way of life, and all the gifts that God has given to me (including this sunset I see while on the bike). I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to build these memories. During this time of Thanksgiving, I would like everyone to realize how truly blessed we all are, with the many gifts God has given to us. I wish for a healthy and happy Holiday season for all.

Thank you everyone for allowing me to share  
God Bless

Grand Chaplain Curt A. Campagna can be reached at  
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## Montello Lodge presents FST

Montello Lodge No. 141 presents a Fire Suppression Tool to the Montello Police Department. From left: Captain Les Crandall, and Deputy Jeremy Krueger, Marquette County Sheriff's Office; Don Roidt, 52-year member of Montello Lodge; and Marquette County Sheriff Joe Konrath.

Submitted by District 6 Deputy Keith H. Wohlfert

### Editors note:

The congratulatory ads for the Grand Lodge Officers from their lodges will run in our December issue. I have already received many and would appreciate it if the lodges could get them all to us by Nov. 11. Thank you, Rich

## The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

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## Shrine Masonic Day of Light

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Tripoli – 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee

Zor – 118 8th St. South, La Crosse

Beja – 1950 Bond St., Green Bay

Contact your District Deputy to Register

Saturday, November 12, 2022

ZOR - La Crosse  
BEJA - Green Bay  
TRIPOLI - Milwaukee

Cost \$150 per candidate includes, coffee, carbs, lunch (mentor included) Apron, Bible, and The Wisconsin Program Booklets

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**District 8 Deputy Daniel C. Brylla brings everyone up to date on upcoming events.**

son also answered some questions regarding Service and Assistance.

Bro. Eben Christensen gave a very interesting talk on Symbolism and Freemasonry.

Grand Lecturer Davey White

Jr., PGM, presented a biography on PGM Keith D. Chamberlain. Last May Richland Lodge No. 66 changed their name to Keith D. Chamberlain Lodge No. 66.

PGM Chamberlain was very active in many organizations serving on various boards, he was a military veteran as well as being active in Freemasonry. He was part Cherokee and supported many Indian charities in South Dakota. Something he was very proud of.

He was an avid motorcycle rider and was founder and President of the Hombres motorcycle club going by the name of Grey Wolf.

PGM Chamberlain's pin stated Constant, Caring and Committed,



**Grand Lecturer Davey L. White Jr. addresses getting to know possible candidates.**

something he lived by every day.

PGM White presented a quote which sums up PGM Keith D. Chamberlain: "Being humble means recognizing that we are not on earth to see how important we can become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others."

Following the meeting the Brethren enjoyed fellowship and a meal provided by Keith D. Chamberlain Lodge.



**DMR Derek Kalish answers questions on website referrals.**



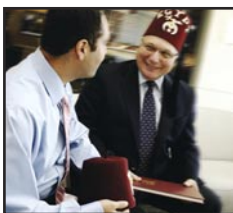
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**DR Brent Clausius discusses getting to know candidates before signing petition.**



**Bro. Eben Christensen gives a talk on Symbolism and Freemasonry.**



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## Cigar Dinner Fundraiser

Manitowoc Lodge 65  
November 5<sup>th</sup>

5pm  
\$50

Manitowoc Lodge 65  
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Manitowoc, WI 54220

Scan Code For Ticket Information



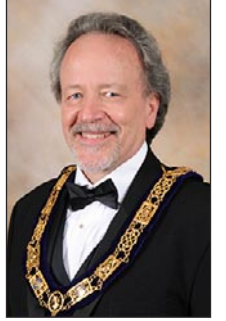
## NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER By Brother Davey L. White Jr., PGM

Greetings Brethren,

I hope you all enjoyed the 70 plus degree weather that we are experiencing as I write this article!

If you have been reading my articles the last couple of months,

you may have noticed me referencing two Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters Michael A. DeWolf, and Keith D. Chamberlain. They both had powerful and meaningful messages to inspire and provoke thought in everything we do. They, of course, used their messages to promote thought in Masonry and to point out and reinforce the lessons and obligations we all took part in while joining our Great Fraternity.



**Grand Lecturer Davey L. White Jr., PGM**

This month I would like to continue with the Past Grand Masters theme. This month I would like to finish this three-part series by using the message put out by our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Roger L. Magoon. It is no coincidence that these three Past Grand Masters followed each other through the Grand Lodge Line. They provided us great Leadership From 2003 through 2006.

Our Past Grand Master Roger Magoon's message was simple "A Way of Life". When we think of this simple phrase it reminds us of our obligations during our journey to becoming a Master Mason. I believe most of us were Masons before we joined the Fraternity. We all believe in helping people less fortunate than ourselves, being good and honest men, taking care of our families and being active in our communities, just to name a few. To be good men and true is the first lesson taught in Masonry. What joining the Fraternity does is, raises the accountability level for all that join. Masonry takes a group of likeminded men and reinforces the kindness and goodness that is found inside all of us.

When we adhere to the principles and obligations that we are taught during our journey in the Fraternity, being good men, becomes much easier. The level of accountability is the same for all of us, and when we follow the designs on our trestleboards of life, it truly becomes "a way of life".

You no longer have to think about what is the right thing to do. Doing good becomes second nature. We lead by example and offer our assistance to help all of mankind.

Masonry being "A way of Life" strengthens the bonds of Brotherhood. It reminds us that the Brothers who have gone before us, and those that will follow, all have practiced Masonry the same way and have been held to the highest standards.

The point that I am trying to make by using these Past Grand Masters Messages, is that there is no reason to change the way we practice Masonry and conduct our business.

I would like to think that my Grandsons will uphold the same principles and oaths that I agreed to when I joined, much the same as I have done following my father, great grandfather, and those that came before them.

NEVER FORGET to be CONSTANT, CARING, and COMMITTED, because MASONRY is "A WAY OF LIFE".

Love Ya Brothers,  
Davey L. White Jr.

Feedback and questions are always welcome.  
Contact Grand Lecturer Davey L. White Jr., PGM at [grand\\_lecturer@wimasons.org](mailto:grand_lecturer@wimasons.org)

## Attention Secretaries

Please enter your new Entered Apprentice degree dates in MORI as soon as the degree is conferred.

When that date is entered he will begin receiving his Wisconsin Masonic Journal.



*Recipes for Masonic Events*  
By Dave Ritchie

### Corn Chowder

3 strips bacon or 1 cup chopped ham	2 cans creamed corn
1 cup chopped onion	7 Cups Milk (whole milk works best)
1/2 cup diced red pepper	1 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup diced green pepper	5 cups cubed potato or skin on baby potato
1 cup diced carrot	1 tsp thyme or 1 tbsp chopped cilantro
6 cups corn either fresh or frozen	
1 tsp course black pepper	
Salt to taste	

Brown bacon in heavy pot. Render out the fat, remove bacon, and reserve. Sauté onions, peppers, and carrot in remaining grease until tender. Add corn, creamed corn, milk, cream, potato, and seasonings. Crumble bacon into soup and cook until potatoes are tender. I find that a couple shots of hot sauce at the time of serving perks this up. Serves 12.

# Waukesha Open House

Again this year, Waukesha Lodge No. 37, participated in the city of Waukesha's community open house, called "Waukesha Unlocked" on October 8 and 9. This annual event allows local businesses, churches, civic organizations and government agencies to open their doors for the community to learn about the history of Waukesha. Some 80 venues took part to open their doors to the public during this two-day event. Waukesha Lodge had 240 visitors tour their building and learn about their deep roots in the community. Lodge 37 feels strongly about keeping their connection with the people of Waukesha a vibrant one and felt privileged to have participated for a second year in a row.

Submitted by  
Bro. Gary Ebert



Senior Warden Jeremy Mathis points out facts about the National Sojourners who meet in the building.



Steve Bradley welcomes visitors.



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## THE GENTLEMAN IN THE ROOM By Deputy Grand Master David R. Ritchie

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." - The preamble to the US Constitution.

"...in Order to form a more perfect Union," Our forefathers knew they were not setting up a utopia. They knew that the system would have flaws and difficulties. They were not aiming at perfection but to improve upon and create the best, not perfect, system of government the world has ever known.

"...establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity," All noble ideas and goals but vague. What exactly did these things mean? While our forefathers could agree on the nobleness of such high ideas and lofty sentiment they disagreed in their practice.

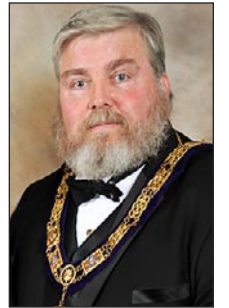
Even from the beginning there were disagreements. George Washington strongly favored and encouraged a single party system while men like Jefferson benefited from a two-party system of government. The needs of southern agriculture were different from the northern merchants. The laws that worked in the large established cities of the eastern coast had little impact on the western frontier. Our legislatures were arenas where ideas were hammered out often in the heat of emotion and feelings of moral and ethical superiority.

Because of the emotional nature of these debates two things became increasingly important. Civil dialogue where ideas could be laid out and discussed without fear of ridicule or repercussion. A long-standing tradition in Masonic Lodges now was being put to use in government and other bodies. The other was that of the secret ballot. A person has the freedom both to express themselves and the freedom to keep their opinions private. A gentleman should never discuss politics or religion in a social setting. These are things that are filled with both emotion and moral and ethical ambiguity. No two people feel the same way, have the same needs, or share the same experience so their political and religious beliefs will differ.

The midterm elections are upon us. Turning on the television, going to the mailbox, or answering the phone makes it very clear that our country stands divided. Civility in any of the elections seems to have disappeared. Name calling and slander have replaced debate and dialogue. Anger is predominant over reason. With the amount of emotion being seen already calm heads are going to be needed both during and following the election.

Be that man. The gentleman. Maintain your views and values but also remember sometimes silence will speak loudest of all. Be the man that others see treating people with respect and listening to all viewpoints. You don't need to agree but we should all listen. Be the man that works to calm emotions, not fan the flames. You are a cut above. Now is the time to show the world what it means to reason and listen. Now is the time to show the world the importance of civility. Now is the time to show the world what it means to be a gentleman.

Feedback and questions are always welcome.  
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# Reedsburg Shed Lodge



Brothers from left: Adam Forsberg, Rodney Seamans, Jim Seamans and Dan Maughan dig in to the delicious food.



District 8 Deputy Daniel C. Brylla promotes upcoming events.



District Lecturer Kenneth Walter secures the holy bible, square and compasses.



Bro. Joe Williamson holds the container as Abby Brueggeman draws the winning raffle ticket.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Senior Grand Deacon Joseph E. Thompson and Reedsburg Chaplain Bro. Willard Gant enjoy some fellowship. Bro. Gant sings the prayers.



Bro. Leonard Pickett prepares the shrimp.

See story on page 1



Grand Master Paul T. Tourville promotes the Acts of Kindness.

## EXPANDING OUR MASONIC KNOWLEDGE By Grand Orator Kevin K. Gruber

Fall is a fantastic time of the year; the leaves change color, the weather cools, the air is crisp and so are the apples. Wisconsin weather, however, always surprises us. The last October weekend hit the 70's and it was quite a surprise. Summer basically said it wasn't done just yet! Those types of days breathe a new life into just about everything. Wisconsin Freemasonry has also had a breath of new life recently. No, the weather and Mother Nature didn't bring about this resurgence, you all did! As Wisconsin Freemasons are becoming more active again, we are realizing that we control our own destiny. We are sharing our culture, showing our pride and letting our communities know that we are relevant.



Grand Orator  
Kevin K. Gruber

It's an exciting time to be a Freemason in Wisconsin and we should share that excitement with others. As Masons, we realize we share a common bond and common ideals within our ranks, but there are others with whom we share the same bond and ideals. I'll bet you all have a good friend or relative, who is not yet a member, that shares our ideals. These men are not yet Masons yet you feel like they are a Mason in their heart. We know they are good men, with good character, and we are in contact with them all the time. We don't have to search for them as they are already in our organic circle. Perhaps it's time to realize we have the opportunity to share this Fraternity within our circle of friends and relatives. Perhaps they would like to learn more. Sit quietly for a few moments and reflect on the people in your life. Is there someone you already know that fits your definition of a Mason? Does he fit your Lodge culture? If so, starting the conversation and making that first move is the first step in organic growth. If that conversation is difficult for you and you feel you don't know what to say, take some time to talk with your current Brothers. They are a plethora of knowledge and experience and many would love to be a mentor. I think we all had a mentor figure (or figures) in our Lodge when we joined. That one person or group that had all the answers, shared their knowledge and showed us the way. Other men are looking for a mentor and a friend and you can be that person!

By looking at our organic circle of friends and relatives, we cannot ignore the fact that there may be some Masonic Brethren already in that circle. If they are actively participating in Lodge functions, that is fantastic. If not, now is a great time to contact them. Say "Hi" and invite them to some events. Remember that a big part of who we are has to do with friendship and brotherly love. Let's build those friendships again. We know that sometimes life gets in the way, but sometimes asking that question or just saying hello makes a world of difference. Bring those men who have proven that they have Masonry in their hearts back to the Fraternity. They became brothers for a reason. Find out what their reason is. I'm willing to bet it has something to do with the brotherhood we share, the ideals we believe in and the good that we can do in our communities and for ourselves.

The desire to make ourselves better extends well beyond one small circle. When we strive to be better, we help others around us be better as well. Let's expand our circle of friendship and brotherly love.

Fraternally,  
Kevin Gruber  
Grand Orator

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# Masonic Education

Monthly Masonic Education: Presented by the Education Committee.

This piece of Masonic Education is by **WBro. Napoleon Sneed-Janczak**.

The following short article is written with the intention to be read within an open Lodge, or in fellowship, to all the members in attendance. Following this article is a list of discussion questions which should be presented immediately following the presentation of the article.

From the moment you step through the inner door of the lodge, not only does your journey as a Mason start, but your journey as a Masonic leader begins. However, your true leadership skills started before you even entered the lodge. Although rough in the beginning, it started with your peers, friends, family, and general upbringing. As Masons we believe in making good men better, which indicates we are already leaders in our own right, but also seek improvement. We are soon led to the altar before the Master of the lodge where we take on an obligation, and from that moment forward, we forever become stewards of freemasonry. Every step of the way from chair to chair, station to station, position to position, we learn skills that not only help us to become better men, but also teach us to be leaders when eventually we reach the East and become Worshipful Master of the lodge. But what's next?

It is said we will learn the secrets of Masonry at this stage of our journey. Masters are charged with caring for their Brothers within the lodge as well as out of the lodge, and that extends to their communities. That great calling to service is what makes it difficult to divulge that all too secret word... No.

As Masons we believe in three core tenets. First is brotherly love; in which we look to care for our Brothers, their families, and the lodge. Second is relief; where we are charged with helping our Brothers, and their families as much as possible without material injury to ourselves... in other words, to the best of our abilities. Third is truth, which means we strive to be true to ourselves by giving good counsel when appropriate, by offering the knowledge we've gained through the years, and by exemplifying leadership in all aspects of our lives. As Masters, and Past Masters it is our duty to spread the cement of brotherly love, offer relief by extending a helping hand, and remaining true to our obligations which are taught within our humble craft. In fact it is imperative that once we leave the East we continue this tradition to help others in their journey to achieve their own skillset, and gain knowledge from those who came before them. That particular aspect of being a Past Master dates back to antiquity. This had always been that

way; and with slight adjustments, has been proven successful, given we are still here talking about it today.

It is a great honor, and privilege to be elected Master of a lodge. It means that you've exemplified the proper skillset to lead your Brothers into becoming better men. This doesn't end the moment a new Master is elected. It's actually the beginning of a lot more labor. I'm not talking about those of us in the Past Masters club sitting in one corner of the lodge (usually the Southeast) conversing about how good or bad we were when we were in that spot.

People look up to us as Past Masters, and we should be ready to answer the call to service when needed. When your duties are done in the East it doesn't mean stop attending lodge. In fact it means to be more active in the lodge as there is always a need for good counsel.

Understand Past Master is no empty title. This title carries with it a great weight. It means, wise, understanding, and compassionate to the needs of others. Past Masters should be ready to give good counsel by correcting errors, offering assistance, and giving guidance. As leaders; if for some reason we do not have an answer at that moment, we should do everything in our power to find those answers, or at the very least lead our Brothers to them.

Poor indeed is the lodge where Past Masters had lost interest in which they once gave service in the east. Although the labor is hard, and many decisions are difficult at times, this should not discourage, or hinder your masonic journey upon departing the east. Your experience should encourage you to help ease the burden on those who would serve after you.

There are reasons certain non-elected positions are more suitable to the Past Master, and they should be equally honored in their charge. The Secretary is easily a space suited to that of a Past Master. The position of secretary is expected to understand the proper function of the lodge, and to receive and submit all transactions in a timely manner. The Secretary has the experience of the officers, having served as such, and should have a working knowledge of how the duties are to be performed to keep a harmonious, and working lodge. The Secretary should have a functional knowledge of the By-laws, and the Masonic code. Treasurer is a milder form suited for a Past Master in that you can keep the Secretary on task as it comes to the financial health of the lodge. A Master sets a yearly budget, and directly sees where the money is, or isn't spent, and understands the necessity to audit regularly. Both the Secretary, and the Treasurer are a lifeline to the lodge, and an experienced Master should see any discrepancies early enough to take corrective action. The Counselor, is self-explanatory. A wise, and patient Past Master who has seen, and

done many things within are craft is always looking to improve himself in Masonry. He understands that in order to improve himself, he must also be ready, and willing to share in the experience of those he mentors. The Tiler of the lodge is in fact one of the most important officers of any lodge stated meeting. The Tiler is charged with protecting the proceedings and keeping a true manifest of whom shall be worthy of entry in a lodge not open to the public. This is suitable to veterans, and Past Masters respectively, as they are charged with the security of our craft.

It is a wonderful honor to hold the title of officer of a lodge, and indeed a great honor to be in the college of Past Masters. There are many ceremonial duties reserved for Past Masters, and none should be held as insignificant or trifling. If you are fortunate to reach the title of Master of your lodge, never forget the honor it was to journey to the East, and truly enjoy a "Master's Wages." Be proud of the honors you've been given, but most importantly, "Be Proud to be a Freemason!"

Written by WBro. Napoleon Sneed-Janczak

The following discussion questions are written to be presented immediately following the presentation of the topic above. There is no right or wrong answers to these questions, they are designed to promote thought and engage all the members that are present in conversation. Take care that the presentation of the topic and the discussion questions does not exceed 30 minutes. The presenter can present any part of the questions below, or any additional questions, he feels is appropriate.

### Discussion Questions:

- 1) In what way or ways have you noticed Masonry has helped you improve your leadership skills?
- 2) What leadership skills do you need the most improvement in?
- 3) What characteristics of a specific Past Master do you admire the most?
- 4) We all know a Past Master that lost interest in the Lodge after his service. What are some ideas to keep them more engaged?
- 5) How is honoring our Past Masters different than the lesson of equality the level teaches us?



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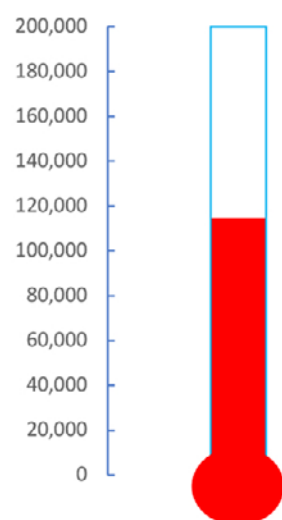
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"For nearly 200 years, the Freemasons of Wisconsin have taken considerable pride in the positive impact we have had in our local communities. Throughout the state, we consistently strive to make our communities safer and better and our partnership with Fire Suppression Solutions allows us to continue to have that amazing impact. By getting these units into the hands of local police and fire departments, there is no doubt that we will be saving property and lives." said Paul T. Tourville, Grand Master of Wisconsin Freemasonry.

www.fireapparatusmagazine.com



## DeMolay receives donation

Masonic Light Lodge No. 218, Crivitz, presented DeMolay – Green Bay Chapter a \$500 donation on Sept. 29. From left: District Representative 4-3 Doug Morrison; Charles Clarage, Secretary of Washington Lodge No. 21 and DeMolay advisor; and PM Stewart Swanson. The donation was in part made possible by the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation's Acts of Kindness.

Submitted by Bro. Doug Morrison

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## Union Grove Lodge provides FST for Village

The Brethren of Union Grove Lodge No. 288, on Oct. 15, donated a Fire Suppression Tool that will be placed in the Racine County Sheriff's squad that continuously patrols the Village of Union Grove. Front row from left: George Winget, Jack Nelson, Chris Acker, Sheriff Chris Schmaling, Sgt. Smith, Officer Hobart, Clint Cagle, Gunnar Knight and Steve Knight. Back row: Russell Unrath, Eric Markusen and Skip Kovach.

Submitted by Bro. Skip Kovach



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# Valley of Madison

## Upcoming Dates

**Nov 12:** The Valley of Madison will present the 20th degree to the Valley of Freeport on Nov 12.

**Nov 23:** Regular Valley meeting.

### Lodge of Perfection

As we pass from summer to fall, I am reminded that we are already in the fourth month of our valley year. I was told that my year as the TPM would go by quickly and I am amazed at how fast it is indeed going. Coming off the dark days of Covid pandemic we have had plenty of issues to deal with. One being going back to in person meetings from virtual. Judging by the attendance at our meetings I think we are on the right path on that one. We are working on making our meetings more interesting by having something educational and entertaining.

In August we had a Native American hoop dancer presented by 2020 National Champion and it was really enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to our Commander in Chief Brother Scott Pedley for arranging it. At the September meeting we had a demonstration of the Military formal funeral flag folding and presentation done by Brother Sean Garde and another Lieutenant in formal dress. It was very impressive and educational. If anyone has any ideas about something interesting to bring before the Lodge please let us know.

For those of you who do not wish to have dinner before our regular meetings there is coffee and a homemade treat provided at no cost to you in the small dining room. Thus, giving you a chance to enjoy some fellowship before meetings. A tip to the caterer while not necessary would certainly be appreciated.

The last week of October is our Fall Reunion. For anyone that is not a Scottish Rite Mason and wants to begin the journey to 32nd degree now is the time to contact one. There is a very good possibility you will sit in your blue lodge with one. If not contact the Secretary of the Valley using the information below.

You may think that those of us writing these articles are excited about being a Scottish Rite Mason. That is because we are!! This is a very fun and fulfilling journey to take. As of the writing of the article, the Green Bay Valley fall reunion is in five days out and the Lodge of Perfection Officer Line will be traveling there to represent our Valley. There is also a group of Brothers traveling to Freeport II. To perform a live degree. These visitations can only improve our Masonic Fellowship. We had a visitor from Houston Texas at the September meeting who gave an interesting talk about the differences in our jurisdictions.

One last thing, I would ask that we each find a brother that has not been in Lodge for a while for any reasons and ask him to ride along to the meetings. Many of which are older and do not care to drive at night. Think of how many of our brothers would like the fellowship they have been missing. Plus, it makes the drive go faster. Our meeting attendance has been up each month for the last two months and I believe this could add to that.

Fraternally,  
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### Princes of Jerusalem

#### Sublime

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**2LT Sean Garde (left) and SPC Dalton Bright demonstrate the presentation of the flag during a memorial service.**

**Benny Hernandez, General Secretary, Valley of Houston visited the Madison Valley on Sept. 28 and described some differences between the Northern Jurisdiction and the Southern Jurisdiction.**



### Children's Dyslexia Center

Amazing news for graduates of our Children's Dyslexia Center of the Madison Area program! Valley of Madison Scottish Rite, has officially created a college scholarship program for our hardworking and deserving graduates. Our kids are often the hardest working, problem solving, and innovative thinkers. Despite the enormous challenges kids with dyslexia face, the skills they hone to negotiate the world with an invisible deficit are marketable. NASA estimates that about 50% of their employees are gifted with the challenge of dyslexia and some employers are noting "dyslexic thinking" as an asset. Richard Branson recently said, "Dyslexic people hold a unique set of skills that will be really important to business – the ability to think flexibly, creatively ..." I would add to that, an amazing work ethic.

One of our graduates, Logan, shares his story of struggle and strength.

### Logan's Story-(class of 2017)

*When I was young, I struggled with reading. I was born with dyslexia, a genetic and incurable reading disability; but my parents didn't know it. I started showing signs in pre-school. My pre-school teacher told my parents to ask the school to evaluate me. My parents did right away in kindergarten and then every year, but the school kept telling us to wait, saying it was too early to tell. I never caught up. I was always behind my friends in reading. I felt broken.*

*A horrible memory I have is one day I heard my teacher say, "Logan, would you mind reading aloud sections 1 through 4." My head started going crazy, my whole body started to tingle, my hands started to sweat. I wanted to run away and hide. I couldn't read the words like other kids. I tried; and then everyone then knew I couldn't read.*

*In 3rd grade, the school gave me some extra reading work with an intern, but it didn't help at all. It just made me more upset. I didn't even want to try anymore.*

*Since the school wasn't helping, my parents looked up how to help me and found the Children's Dyslexia Center in Madison. They signed me up. However, there was a year or more waiting list. They didn't care. They knew this was what I needed.*

*Then in 4th grade, my mom was trying to help me read one day, and I screamed, "I'd rather gouge my eyes out with hot swords than read this book!" She called the school crying and begging for the learning disability test. They finally said yes. After 3 months of testing, they said I had a reading learning disability. They wouldn't call it dyslexia. They gave me an IEP for the next school year.*

*I knew I needed it, but I hated having my friends watch me get pulled out of class for my special reading instruction every other day from 5th grade through middle school. Even worse, in 5th grade, I would sit in the common area in the hallway right outside my class where all my friends could see me from the classroom. It did get a little better in middle school because they took me to a separate room, but all my friends knew where I was going, and I felt them looking at me. Even with this though, my reading still wasn't getting better.*

*Then the call finally came in. I was next on the list for Children's Dyslexia Center. My parents were so excited! I didn't know what that meant. What I found out was that I would be getting free tutoring from teachers that specialize in dyslexia. I had to go 2 times a week for 2 years. If I missed sessions I could be kicked out, because there was a waiting list of others that needed this.*

*I knew I had to do it, but I hated going, even though my tutors were great, and it was working. I was missing out on sports practices and hanging out with my friends just to go learn how to read. My mom tried to make it better though. After every time I would go, my mom and I would go out to dinner downtown Madison, so that was cool.*

*To explain how bad I was, going into 6th grade, I had a 2nd grade reading level; at least that's what the school said. But after the Children's Dyslexia Center and using the skills they taught me through high school, as I entered 12th grade, I was up to a 9th grade reading level, had a 3.8 GPA, and got into the National Honor Society. And through senior year, my reading got even better, rating sometimes up to an 11th grade reading level. I was shocked. This was huge for me.*

*What overcoming dyslexia has taught me about myself is that when a challenge comes my way, I attack it head-on. Going through this has shown me that if I work hard, I can achieve the goals that I have."*

It is exciting to hear back from our students. A well-informed approach and hard work are a powerful combination for our bright students. Kids with dyslexia carry with them great gifts. As Maryanne Wolf said, "Dyslexia is an island of weakness in a sea of strengths."

Happy Thanksgiving from the  
Children's Dyslexia Center!  
Kelly Kuenzie  
Center Director

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The Grand Court of Wisconsin, Order of the Amaranth, closed the 72nd Grand Court Session in Wisconsin Dells with the installation of the new Grand Royal Matron, Grand Royal Patron, and their Officers on Oct. 15. This past year the Grand Court of Wisconsin raised \$5,000 for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation through craft sales, spare change donations, and fun events to promote the

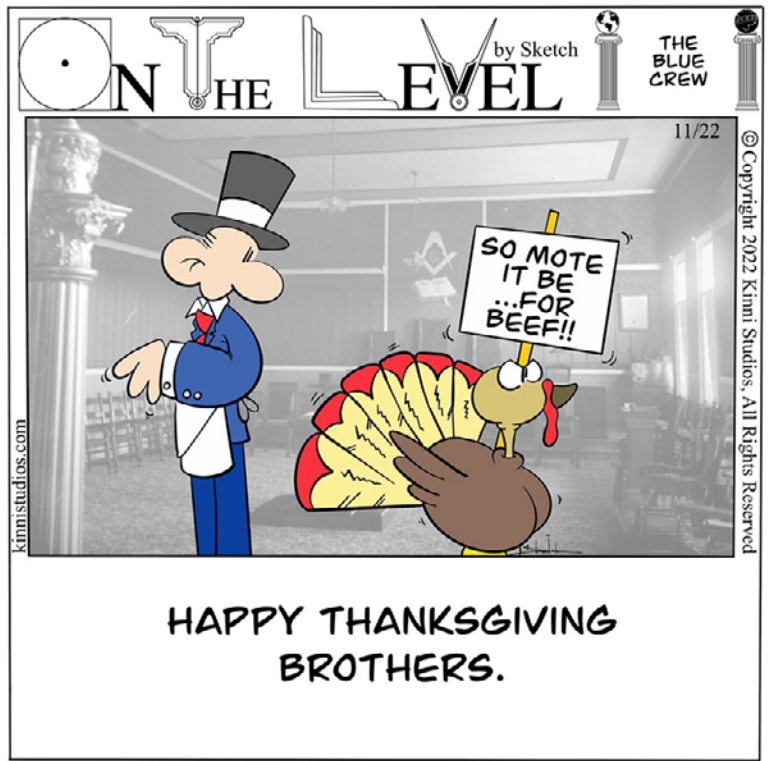
welfare and health of those apart of the Order.

Honored Lady Amanda M. Grunewald of Racine-Laurel Court No.6 was installed as the Grand Royal Patron. Sir Knight Jamison E. Kifer of Friendship Court No.14 was installed as Grand Royal Patron. They are the youngest to be in this position in the history of Wisconsin Grand Court. They hope to exceed the

\$5,000 goal to help aiding the research to find a cure for Diabetes this year for Wisconsin. World wide, Amaranth has raised over \$17,000,000. Why are you not a member? Join to help us find a cure that hurts over 20% of Americans and even more around the world! Go to Wisconsinamaranth.org or Amaranth.org to learn more!

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# NINETY-EIGHT MASONS ATTEND DISTRICT 2 MEETING

By Bro Milt Helmer

It was a large crowd of 98 Brothers that gathered on October 6, at the Stout Craft Company in Menomonie. The occasion was District Deputy Frank F. During's Fall District 2 Meeting.

The Masons of Wisconsin pride themselves in having raised 159 new Master Masons thus far this year. This is an increase of 45% over last year at this time. And even better, there are 175 men waiting to be raised!

The enthusiasm for the Fraternity was evident at the District Meeting. Such membership gains have not been seen in Wisconsin for many years.

Brother Austin Mahanke informed the attending Brothers and their wives about the Grand Lodge launched internet campaign and how many contacts and new Brothers have been yielded through it.

District Deputy Frank During introduced guest speaker Bro. Markus Mueller of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Brother Markus outlined how lodges around the world compare to what we do here in America.

His slide presentation told the story of scores of examples of how other countries practice their craft.

One example was the famous letter "G" in our emblems. Brother Markus explained that the letter "G" is only found in the Square and Compasses in America. In other countries, a variety of different emblems are used. In Europe, traditionally the Square and Compasses have nothing inside of them. The Mission of Charity and Brotherly Love is the thread that binds all of Masonry together worldwide.

It is customary at each Fall meeting that the district honors members that have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Brother Derek Struss, a fresh new face in the Fraternity from Chetek Lode No. 277, received the "Rookie of the Year" award. Brother Steven Klein, District Representative Area 4, introduced Brother Derek and spoke about his many hours of dedicated work for his Lodge, which earned him this high honor.

The "Mason of the Year" award was presented to Brother Bryce Fransway for his extensive work for the Craft, his Lodge and in the community.

Brother Darryl Dahl, District Representative Area 3, gave an account of the many upcoming events in the District 2. He also mentioned a special Educational Meeting scheduled for October 17, at the Red Wing Masonic Lodge of Minnesota. This education night will be featuring a presentation by the Grand Master of Oddfellows in MN.

Junior Grand Deacon Earl Gunderson also addressed the assembly by noting that Service and Assistance has paid out \$20,000 so far this year to assist brothers in distress. He said the applications for this assistance has been streamlined. Brother Earl also handed out specially minted Challenge Coins to all in attendance.



Bro. Markus Mueller of Duluth gives a fascinating talk about the differences between American and European Freemason's Lodges.



District Representative Daryl Dahl gives attendees a brief rundown on upcoming events in District 2.

Photos by Bro. Milt Helmer



District Membership Representative Austin Mahanke gives a membership report.



District Representative Steve Klein looks on as Bro. Derek Struss receives the "Rookie of the Year" award from District 2 Deputy Frank F. During.

## River Falls Lodge assists Local Resource Center



Members of the River Falls Lodge and their invited guests from ARC. Front row from left: Terry Barrette; Meryl Steffens; ARC Guests Ronna Ellis and Tammy Pitzen; Master Logan Schmidt; Zack Hollerman; and Jim Wolfe. Back row: Fred Benson, Austin Mahanke, Dean Monroe, Mike Elliott, Ben Kusilek and David Anderson.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

By Bro. Milt Helmer

The Bothers of River Falls Lodge No. 109 met informally on Oct. 4, to hear guest speakers Ronna Ellis and Tammy Pitzen talk on a group known as Assistance & Resource Center Inc. (ARC.)

The service and assistance group, serving River Falls and Ellsworth, is all volunteer and specializes in providing a hand up, not out. The group does not require extensive paperwork. The client calls and speaks to the client service coordinator who asks basic questions. The client service coordinator

verifies the information given, speaks with the provider/vendor and within 24-48 hours, the immediacy of the request is addressed, and a plan made for going forward.

The coordinator carefully listens to people and try to understand their situation, then proceeds to offer some solutions. ARC has an all volunteer staff of 20 and have been building strong relationships in both River Falls and Ellsworth for the last 14 years.

The Assistance & Resource Center partners with groups like

the Salvation Army, United Way and Our Neighbors Place. These groups will refer people to them. Over 98% of the donations go directly to helping people in need and all donations are tax deductible. They assist those in need help quickly whether it is for fuel in the cool weather, rent, vehicle repair, work boots and uniforms and much, much more. Whatever the need, ARC helps with an efficient, effective process.

The group paid out \$155,000 in 2021 and in 2022 are projected to pay out \$180,000 to help meet basic needs.



## District 2 Mason of the Year

District 2 Deputy Frank F. During congratulates Bro. Bryce Fransway on being named Mason of the Year in District 2. Bro. Fransway, a member of Menomonie Lodge No. 164, has done an outstanding job promoting Freemasonry in the District.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

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# News Events from the Lodges

## Reedsburg Lodge Hosts 35th Annual Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving Dinner

The tradition began in 1986 when Past Master James Shultis and Master Ralph Thompson discussed the community benefits of holding a free Thanksgiving Dinner for area senior citizens. The Reedsburg Lodge and the Eastern Star embraced the project and with the help of the members and their families, prepared the meal which served 125 guests the first year.

The tradition continues Thursday, Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day at noon.

The Thanksgiving Dinner is open to any senior citizen regardless of age or circumstance. Unlike previous years, there will be no dining at the church due to staffing concerns.

The dinner will be prepared at the Reedsburg United Methodist Church located at 833 Third Street, Reedsburg.

Carryout meals may be picked up in the parking lot on the north side of the church beginning at noon. Deliveries will be limited to homes within the Reedsburg city limits and will begin around 11:30 am.

The menu will consist of ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberries, as well as all the trimmings, including home made pies donated by some of the best cooks in the area.

There is never any cost. The only requirement is an advance reservation and a hearty appetite. Simply call Bro. Ken Walter at

608-408-4927 to place your reservation.

A call is required to help us prepare the correct amount of food.

"Our Thanksgiving Dinner is the most fulfilling project we do," stated Bro. Bob Pickett, Master of the Reedsburg Lodge. "It enables us to give back to the community and spend part of the day with some great people. It enriches everyone's holiday."

If anyone would like to become involved in this worthwhile event, contact Bro. Ken Walter at 608-408-4927. We are always looking for homemade pies from the area's best cooks and bakers.

Submitted by Bro. Douglas Bentley (608) 415-2325



## LaBelle Lodge presents FST

LaBelle Lodge No. 84, Viroqua, presented a Fire Suppression Tool to the Vernon County Sheriff's Department on Oct. 19. Master Dan Iversen presents the FST to Vernon County Deputy Roy Togerson.

Submitted by Bro. Chet Melcher

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Up to \$200k donated to the "Acts of Kindness" will be matched.

Grand Master Tourville reviewed the upcoming Shrine Masonic Day of Light coming up on Nov. 12 in LaCrosse, Green Bay and Milwaukee. There will be Scottish Rite Day of Light days coming up in the spring.

District Deputy Brylla and the Brethren announced upcoming events.

See Photos on page 5

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# News Events from the Lodges



## Forest Lodge PMs Celebration

Forest Lodge No. 130, Wausau, honored 12 Past Masters who were in attendance at their meeting on Sept. 12. Past Masters that were honored served as Masters for the following Lodges: St. John's Lodge No. 1 (Stillwater, MN), Forest Lodge No. 130 (Wausau), Medford Lodge No. 217, Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226 (Merrill), Rhinelander Lodge No. 242, Dousman Lodge No. 315, Mosinee Lodge No. 318, Island City Lodge No. 330 (Minocqua) and Perseverance Lodge No. 366. During the ceremony those being honored placed a white rose on the altar in remembrance of Past Masters who are no longer with us. Honored Past Masters from left: Jim Builer, David Imlah Jr., Corey Nowak, Barry Maxfield, Rick Rausch, Rocky Woodward, Rick Schnabel, Kevin Sorenson, David Renly, Dan Maguire, Ryan Wojciechowski and Joe Barlow.

Submitted by Bro. Rick Schnabel



## Bro. Schultz receives visitors

Bro. Rod Schultz and PGM Gary L. Stang visited Bro. Ray Ransom of Merrilan on Oct. 14. Bro. Ransom, a 43 year member of Merrilan Lodge No. 279, is suffering from ALS and is now a shutin. He said that he spends 24/7 sitting in his recliner and he appreciates seeing Brothers and having them come for a visit. We all had a great time and shared brotherly love! Please remember our Brothers my friends. We are all "Proud to be a Freemason"! And, love ya Brothers!

Submitted by Past Grand Master Gary L. Stang



## Bayfield-Washburn Lodge presents four FSTs

Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215 presented four local Police departments FST devices: Red Cliff, Bayfield, LaPointe and Washburn. Photo from left: Don Miller, Ancient Landmark Lodge; Nicholas Suminski, Washburn Police Department; District 1 Deputy Danny L. Bourassa; Matt Ludwig, Bayfield Police Depart.; Jess Hall, Red Cliff Police Depart.; Neil Schultz, Bayfield-Washburn Lodge; Thomas Rossberger, LaPointe Police Depart.; and Joseph LeBouton and Ross Lind, Bayfield-Washburn Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Ross Lind



## Hurley Brothers Hold Annual Fall Banquet

Brothers and ladies of Hurley Masonic No. 237 gathered for their annual fall banquet on October 16 at the Headwaters Restaurant in Boulder Junction. The lodge, which was founded in 1888 in Hurley, is now located in the former Marshfield Clinic building in Mercer. From left: Carol and Bob Burton, Mike and Kathy Tutt, Margaret and Everet Ellingson, Richard Indermuehle, Glen and Ruth Leverson, Steve Botes, David Brach and Dick Kemplin.

Photo by Ginny Kemplin  
Submitted by Bro. Dick Kemplin

## Attention!

### December 31st Deadline for free Fire Suppression Tool!

Each Lodge has been allocated an FST to donate to their local EMTs, LEOs, or Fire department. The GL has done this to assist your Lodge in giving back to your community and generate awareness of your Lodge as well.

The procedure to follow is:

1. Obtain the consent of your Lodge and determine the specific organization that you will be donating the FST to.
2. Coordinate the presentation date, time, and location with the receiving organization \*\*\*MUST be at least 30 days out\*\*\*
3. Email Senior Grand Steward, Jeff Thiele, at [jeff.thiele@wimasons.org](mailto:jeff.thiele@wimasons.org) with the presentation details from step 2 above. Please also cc your District Deputy as well.
4. Senior Grand Steward Jeffrey S. Thiele will coordinate having the FST at the presentation. This is the reason for at least 30 days notice.
5. Contact local media (print, radio, television, social media) to cover the presentation. Please contact me for promotional tools you can use.
6. Encourage the Brothers of your Lodge to attend the presentation.
7. Present the FST to the organization, be sure to take photos!
8. Send photos and a brief recap of the event to any media that did not attend.

The feedback on the presentations that have already been done have been overwhelmingly favorable and I hope you take advantage of this opportunity for your Lodge.

More information about the FST: <https://firesuppressionsolutions.com/about-fst/>

**After December 31st, any Lodge wishing to present more FST's from the established "free" pool can contact Senior Grand Steward Jeffrey S. Thiele.**



# News Events from the Lodges



## Jackson Police receive FST from Lincoln Lodge

Lincoln lodge No. 183 donated two FSTs to Jackson Police during the Fire Department's open house on Oct. 12. Many people in the community were there to see the presentation. From left: Terence Tracy, Raymond Radtke, Police Chief Ryan Vossekuil, Jon Czerwinski and Master Michael Nooyen.

Photo by Bro. Dan Stujenske



## Bro. Brad Bingheim initiates son

It is always a memorable day in Masonry when a son chooses to follow in his father's footsteps and join the craft. On Sept. 22, Bro. Brad Bingheim had the privilege of conferring the Entered Apprentice degree on his son Eric. Bro. Eric who is a longtime member of DeMolay, and an avid gamer decided the time was right to put down his controller and pick up his working tools as an EA. It was a fantastic degree, and Brethren came from all over to attend. We are overjoyed to have Bro. Eric at Lake Lodge No. 189 and we look forward to supporting him on his Masonic journey.

Submitted by Bro. Andrew Martins

## Hartford Lodge Presents FST to Neosho Fire Department

The Brethren of Hartford Lodge No. 120 presented a Fire Suppression Tool to Neosho Volunteer Fire Department on Oct. 18. After the presentation members of the Neosho Fire Department and the Hartford Lodge enjoyed fellowship and refreshments that the Lodge provided in thanks for all they do for the community.

**At right:** Presenting the FST to Fire Chief Tim Chapman is Master James Diem.  
**Below:** Firemen and Lodge Brothers and families gather for a group photo.

Submitted by Bro. Allen Brandt



## Washington Island FD receives FST

A Fire Suppression Tool was donated to the Washington Island Fire Department on Sept, 25, by WB David Alderfer, longtime island resident, on behalf of Freemasons Lodge No. 363 and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation's Acts of Kindness. Participating in presenting the FST was WB Bob Roth, Freemasons Lodge, who is a long-time visitor to the Island and friend of the Alderfer's. Washington Island, Wis. is five miles by four miles, in area, with about 700 full time residents, gifts of equipment to the fire department are pretty rare. This gift was heartily accepted and appreciated by Fire Chief Nehlson. The Brothers had to work around the usual Masonic calendar constraints to get this done without having to wait until next May, as going up there in the winter is often challenging. From left: WBro. David Alderfer, Chief Peter Nehlson and WB Bob Roth.

Submitted by Bro. Bob Roth



## Madison Lodge presents FST

Brothers from Madison Lodge 5 donated their FST to the City of Monona Police Dept. on Oct. 11. From left: Junior Warden Tanner Nystrom, Chief Brian Chaney, Master Ron Webster and Senior Warden Gerrit Marshall.

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# News Events from the Lodges



## New Richmond Lodge presents FST

New Richmond Lodge No. 195 presented a FST to the Apple River Fire Department at Range on Oct. 18. The following lodge members were present: Loren Barnes, Mike Bessette, Chad Fonseca, Anthony Rives, Sam Christenson, Dan Hagerty and Larry Riemenschneider. Silvana Rives and Julie Riemenschneider were also present.

Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer



## Waupaca Lodge building renovation

Waupaca Lodge No. 123 recently completed renovation of the front of their building with partial financial support from a State grant the City of Waupaca applied for as part of Main Street redevelopment.

Submitted photo



## Odd Fellows provide educational night in Red Wing

The Masonic Lodge in Red Wing, Minnesota played host to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows during their education event on Oct. 17. Members of the fraternal Grand Lodge of IOOF were present to explain how the Odd Fellows function. The event was well attended. Many Wisconsin Lodge members from Ellsworth and Prescott were in attendance plus many members from the Red Wing IOOF.

Photo provided by the IOOF Grand Lodge

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920-573-3502, Meet 2nd & 4th Wed.,  
7 p.m. Dark July & August

## Argyle

**Argyle Lodge No. 178**  
104 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-523-4714  
Meet 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Baldwin

**Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192**  
790 Main St. • 715-928-0001 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Baraboo

**Baraboo Lodge No. 34**  
108 Second Ave. • 608-381-1564  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 6 p.m. social, 7  
p.m. meeting. Dark July and August

## Barneveld

**Barneveld Lodge No. 319**  
108 S. Jones St. • 608-574-0553  
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Bayfield

**Bayfield Washburn No. 215**  
29 N. 2nd Street • 715-209-6397  
Meet 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Beaver Dam

**Dodge County Lodge No. 72**  
1212 DeClark St • 608-469-0107  
Meet 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Beloit

**Morning Star Lodge No. 10**  
229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-530-8265  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Berlin

**Berlin Lodge No. 38**  
124 E. Huron St. • 920-573-1921  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Black River Falls

**Black River Lodge No. 74**  
314 Main Street • 715-284-7176  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark June 23 - Sept. 22

## Bloomer

**Bloomer Lodge No. 281**  
1516 Larson St. • 715-828-7940  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February

## Bristol

**Washburn Lodge No. 145**  
8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-865-4552  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark 4th Thurs. only Nov. & Dec.

## Brodhead

**Bicknell Lodge No. 94**  
301 1st Center Ave. • 608-214-0660  
Meets 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Brookfield

**Brookfield Lodge No. 370**  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 414-940-5632  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Brookfield

**McKinley Lodge No. 307**  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 414-350-6352  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Brookfield

**Milwaukee-Harmony No. 261**  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 414-403-8328  
1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Brookfield

**Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267**  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd • 262-662-9934  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Brookfield

**Wisconsin Lodge No. 13**  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-939-2985  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.  
Dark June & July

## Burlington

**Burlington Lodge No. 28**  
325 N. Kane St. • 262-210-9510  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Cambridge

**Social Lodge No. 245**  
105 S. Spring St. • 608-423-7081  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
www.social245.org • Meets All Year

## Camp Douglas

**Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272**  
211 Main St. • 608-343-0592,  
Meet 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Chetek

**Chetek Lodge No. 277**  
216 Morrison St. 715-642-3626  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August

## Chippewa Falls

**Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176**  
650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-579-8949  
1st Tues. stated, 3rd Tues., social,  
7 p.m., Meets All Year

## Clear Lake

**Clear Lake Lodge No. 230**  
411 Third Ave. • 715-554-7627  
4th Monday, 7:30 p.m.,  
Meets All Year

## Columbus

**Columbus Lodge No. 75**  
318 N. Ludington St. • 920-248-9685  
(Sec) • 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., stated  
Meets All Year

## Crandon

**Crandon Lodge No. 287**  
118 S. Lake Ave. • 715-616-9166 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd Tuesdays  
Meets All Year

## Crivitz

**Masonic Light Lodge No. 218**  
918 Louisa St. • 715-927-8998  
Meet 1st Wednesday 6 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Darlington

**Evening Star Lodge No. 64**  
433 Wells St. • 608-482-3552 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Delavan

**Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12**  
1007 S. 2nd St., 7 p.m. • 262-210-1499  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mon., 4th Mon. July and  
Aug., 2nd Monday Dec.

## Dodgeville

**Dodgeville Lodge No. 119**  
200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-2751  
Meet 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m.  
Meeting, Meets All Year

## Dousman

**Dousman Lodge No. 315**  
214 N. Main St. • 414-429-5981  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
1st Tuesday only July & August

## Dousman

**Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364**  
375 State Rd. 67 • 262-893-1106  
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.  
Meets All Year

## Durand

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

## Eagle River

**Eagle River Lodge No. 248**  
610 E. Division • 715-477-1202  
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Eau Claire

**Eau Claire Lodge No. 112**  
616 Graham Ave. • 715-379-2310  
2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Eau Claire

**George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351**  
616 Graham Ave. • 715-495-1620  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wed., Dinner 6 p.m.,  
meet 7 p.m., Dark July & Aug.

## Eau Claire

**Sanctuary Lodge No. 347**  
616 Graham Ave. • 715-318-1214  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.  
Dark Maundy Thurs., July & August

## Edgerton

**Fulton Lodge No. 69**  
312 W. Fulton St. • 608-438-8314  
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Ellsworth

**Hancock Lodge No. 229**  
400 High Point Dr. • 651-503-2202  
2nd & 4th Tues., 2nd Tues. Jan., Feb.,  
Aug., Dec., 7 p.m. Meets All Year

## Evansville

**Union Lodge No. 32**  
705 Brown School Rd • 608-290-1793  
Meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Florence

**Hiram D. Fisher Lodge No. 222**  
Wild Rivers Interpretive Center LL  
906-396-7915 Meet 2nd Wed.,  
6:30 p.m. Meets All Year

## Fond du Lac

**Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26**  
500 W. Arndt St. • 920-922-5800  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July and August

## Franklin

**South Shore Lodge No. 3**  
9023 S. 27th St. • 414-421-7881  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm  
Meets All Year

## Frederic

**Landmark Lodge No. 244**  
109 United Way • 715-553-0258  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner 6 p.m.,  
meeting 7 p.m. Meets All Year

## Friendship

**Quincy Adams Lodge No. 71**  
210 Main St. • 847-558-9502  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February

## Galesville

**Decora Lodge No. 177**  
231 S. Main St. • 608-406-0649  
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7p.m.  
Dark July, Aug. & 1st Mon. in Sept.

## Green Bay

**Des Peres Lodge No. 85**  
1950 Bond St. • 920-455-0212  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Green Bay

**N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360**  
1950 Bond St. • (920) 562-8086  
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.  
Dark July & August

## Green Bay

**Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322**  
1950 Bond St. • 920-265-9328  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Dark July & Aug., www.roosevelt322.com

## Green Bay

**Washington Lodge No. 21**  
1950 Bond St. • 920-499-7265  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Hartford

**Hartford Lodge No. 120**  
147 N. Rural St. • 262-419-8141  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Hayward

**Keystone Lodge No. 263**  
10629 Main St. • 715-462-4363 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Hustisford

**Rock River Lodge No. 108**  
128 E. Anthony St., Hustisford  
920-349-3454 • 1st & 3rd Tues. 7p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Hudson

**St. Croix Lodge No. 56**  
209 Locust Street • 651-295-5064  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Iron River

**Ancient Landmark No. 210**  
7575 West Mill St. • 715-372-4684  
1st Wed., 7 p.m., Meets All Year  
pat@samserv.net

## Iron River

**Barnes Lodge No. 365**  
7575 West Mill St. • 715-372-5425  
Meet 2nd Tues. 7:00 p.m.  
Dark January & February

## Janesville

**Janesville-Western Star No. 55**  
2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-201-2991  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Jefferson

**Jefferson County Lodge No. 9**  
617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Kenosha

**Kenosha Lodge No. 47**  
115 56th St. • 262-587-9878  
Meet 2nd (dinner 5:30 p.m.) & 4th  
Tues., 7 p.m. Meets All Year

## Kenosha

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

## 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

## La Crosse

**Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45**  
118 S. 8th St. • 608-782-1616  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thurs., Dinner, 6 pm,  
Meeting 7 p.m. Dark July & August

## 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. Lake Shore Dr. • keith@redells.com  
2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.  
Dark July & Aug.

## Linden

**Linden Lodge No. 206**  
618 Main St. • 608-459-0934 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Lodi

**Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99**  
114 First St. • 608-477-7102  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Lone Rock

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

## Madison

**Commonwealth Lodge No. 325**  
301 Wis. Ave. • 608-212-9053 (Sec.)  
3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Madison

**Doric Lodge No. 356**  
85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-628-1919  
(Sec), Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Madison

**Hiram Lodge No. 50**  
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-209-4312  
Meet 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Madison

**Madison Lodge No. 5**  
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-244-1415  
Meet 1st Thursdays 6:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Manawa

**Manawa Lodge No. 82**  
520 N. Bridge St. • 920-596-2476  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mon., 7 p.m. Meets  
Dark July and August

## Manitowoc

**Manitowoc Lodge No. 65**  
810 Chicago St. • 920-905-0344 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:00 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Marinette

**Marinette Lodge No. 182**  
1610 Main St. • 715-923-9397  
Meet 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Marshfield

**Marshfield Lodge No. 224**  
402 W. 4th St. • 715-387-4957  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 p.m. social  
7 p.m. meeting. Meets All Year

## Medford

**Medford Lodge No. 217**  
150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6909  
Meet 2nd Mondays 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Menomonee Falls

**Lincoln Lodge No. 183**  
N89 W16856 Appleton Ave. • 414-640-  
6569. Meet 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Menomonie

**Menomonie Lodge No. 164**  
105 N. 21st St. • 715-797-9094  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Mercer

**Hurley Lodge No. 237**  
5189 N. Harper • 715-904-0400  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30 p.m.  
Dark December thru March

## Merrill

**Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226**  
820 ½ East 1st St. • 715-297-5920 (Sec.)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Merrillan

**Merrillan Lodge No. 279**  
105 S. Main Street • 715-333-5643 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January, February & March

## Middleton

**Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362**  
7409 Franklin Ave. • 608-831-8947  
Meets 1st Mon. - 2nd Mon. if 1st is holiday  
weekend., 10 a.m. Meets All Year

## Middleton

**Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 18**



## Village of Waukesha Fire Dept. receives FST

Bro. Chris Villarreal, Master of Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350 recently presented a Fire Suppression Tool to the Village of Waukesha Fire Department. The Department is planning on placing this tool on our front line ambulance since it responds to approximately 85% of the calls in the Village of Waukesha. From right: FF/EMT Sami Rogman, FF/EMT Abbey Lynch, FF/EMT Tylar Nelson, Nathan Hale Master Chris Villarreal, Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Stollendorf and DO/EMT Ryan Rolbiecki.

Submitted by Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Stollendorf



## Masonic Education Speakers Contest

Brought to you by the Grand Lodge Education Committee  
Sponsored By: Silas Shepard Lodge of Research

Open to all Masons EA and up

**The Contest:** Brothers across Wisconsin will record themselves leading Education in their Lodges including a presentation and at least 5 minutes of discussion. Videos will be limited to 20 minutes. The top 3-5 may be edited and used as exemplars of Masonic Education in the Lodges.

**The Award:** The award is at total of \$1500 broken down as follows:

1st Place	\$750 Total	\$375 to Winner	\$375 to their Lodge
2nd Place	\$500 Total	\$250 to Winner	\$250 to their Lodge
3rd Place	\$250 Total	\$125 to Winner	\$125 to their Lodge

**The Timeline:** The contest opens June 3, 2022, all entries must be received by Feb. 17 at 11:59 pm. Winner to be announced March 11, 2023 at the Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research meeting.

**Logistics:** Submissions will be sent as a Google Drive link (mark as "Share with Anyone with Link") to Chris Luedke [chris.luedke@wimasons.org](mailto:chris.luedke@wimasons.org) who will store them to a Google Drive to be passed among the judges. If you do not know how to record the video or upload to Google Drive contact Chris Luedke at the email above. All videos must include education and at least 5 minutes of discussion and cannot exceed 20 minutes. Video quality will not be judged. Members of the Education Committee, Officers of Silas Shepherd and Grand Lodge Officers cannot participate to maintain unbiased opinions. Deadline for entries is 11:59 pm Feb. 17, 2023.

**Judging:** The Judging panel will consist of one member of the Education Committee, one member of the Grand Lodge and one member of Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research. Judging will be by score based on a rubric created by the Education Committee.

### Scoring:

- 20% Research
- 20% Focus and Organization
- 20% Interest and Creativity
- 20% Overall Presentation
- 20% Discussion- Interest and Quality

## Stated Communication

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### Racine

**Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18**  
1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658  
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Reedsburg

**Reedsburg Lodge No. 79**  
213 E. Main St. • 608-415-2596  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.  
[www.reedsburglodge79.org](http://www.reedsburglodge79.org)

### Rhineland

**Rhineland Lodge No. 242**  
23 E. Davenport St. • 715-362-3080  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Rice Lake

**Blue Hills Lodge No. 234**  
225 W. South St. • 715-296-0485  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Richland Center

**Richland Lodge No. 66**  
290 W. Union St. • 608-553-1418 (Sec)  
Meet 1st Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Ripon

**Prairie View Lodge No. 95**  
W14188 County Rd. KK. • 920-229-6204  
Meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### River Falls

**River Falls Lodge No. 109**  
122 E. Walnut St. • 715-222-3939 (Sec.)  
Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
3rd Tuesday only Jan., July & August

### Shawano

**Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368**  
2324 E. Richmond St.  
608-642-3692 (Sec) • 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.  
Dark January & February

### Sheboygan

**Sheboygan Lodge No. 11**  
1138 Union Ave.  
Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Shell Lake

**Shell Lake / Spooner Lodge No. 221**  
28 Doboy Drive • 715-296-3638  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Shullsburg

**Amicitia Lodge No. 25**  
127½ Water St. • 608-963-5951  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Sparta

**Valley Lodge No. 60**  
603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Star Prairie

**North Star Lodge No. 187**  
207 Bridge St. • 715-491-1991  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August

### Stevens Point

**Evergreen Lodge No. 93**  
1756 Dixon St. • 715-572-3981,  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Stoughton

**Kegonsa Lodge No. 73**  
125 S. 5th St. • 608-279-4299  
Meet 1st Tues., 7 p.m.  
Dark December-February

### Sturgeon Bay

**Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174**  
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Sun Prairie

**Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143**  
Call Sec. for Meeting Location • 608-770-  
2018 Meet 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Superior

**Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329**  
3117 N. 21 St. • 218-590-2754 (Sec.)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Superior

**Superior Lodge No. 236**  
1503 Belknap St. • 218-481-0236  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### 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. • 262-878-1494  
Meet 3rd Saturday, 8:30 a.m.  
Meets All Year

### Waterloo

**Waterloo Lodge No. 63**  
300 Hendricks St. • 608-395-5355  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Waukesha

**Waukesha Lodge No. 37**  
317 South Street • 414-745-8315  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thurs., 6:15 dinner,  
meet at 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August

### Waupaca

**Waupaca Lodge No. 123**  
105½ N. Main Street • 715-258-6198  
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**  
3815 Fleet Dr., Wausau • 715-297-7476  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Wautoma

**Wautoma Lodge No. 148**  
203 S. Scott St. • 920-765-2495 (Sec.)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark Jan. and Feb.

### Wauwatosa

**Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301**  
4315 N. 92nd St. • 262-424-6993  
4th Fri., 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting  
Meets All Year

### Wauwatosa

**James M. Hays Lodge No. 331**  
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-416-4244  
1st Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Wauwatosa

**Independence Lodge No. 80**  
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-745-3437  
4th Thurs., 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### West Bend

**West Bend Lodge No. 138**  
301 N. University Dr. • 262-323-6532  
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, 7:00 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Whitefish Bay

**Aurora Lodge No. 30**  
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-422-0669  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Whitefish Bay

**Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337**  
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-979-1776  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Whitewater

**St. John's Whitewater-Palmyra No. 57**  
226 W. Main Street • 262-441-0203  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Winneconne

**Winneconne Lodge No. 186**  
100 N. 1st Street • 715-505-7726 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.  
Dark Dec., Jan. and Feb.

### Wisconsin Dells

**Dells Lodge No. 124**  
815 Oak St. • 608-479-1230  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### Wisconsin Rapids

**Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128**  
2321 2nd Ave. So. • 715-630-9143  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Silas H. Shepherd

**Lodge of Research No. 1843**  
Oconomowoc • 262-893-1106  
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2911 N. Dousman Rd., Oconomowoc

### To list your lodge contact

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## River Falls pancake brunch

Brothers of River Falls Lodge No. 109 take a break during serving at the River Falls Masonic Lodge's annual pancake brunch at the Moose Lodge in River Falls. Brothers from left: Ed Swenson, Jim Wolfe and event organizer Mike Elliott.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



## Cigar and Bourbon Tasting Night

George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337 held a bourbon tasting and cigar event on September 9. Attendees enjoyed hot appetizers and beverages prior to the tasting. Grand Marshal Jerry A. Reick, Master, gave a presentation on origins and compositions of bourbon and attendees learned how to properly taste bourbon using the Kentucky Chew method. Attendees enjoyed four different bourbons that had diverse mash bills and characteristics. Following the bourbon tasting they adjourned outside to enjoy a variety of cigars, provided by Hiram and Solomon cigars at [www.hiramandsolomoncigars.com](http://www.hiramandsolomoncigars.com). Brethren enjoyed the bourbon and some delightful conversation and fellowship. It was a beautiful evening and a grand time was had by all.

Submitted by Grand Marshal Jerry A. Reick

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# New Master Masons



## Bro. Ryan Larson is new Master Mason

New Richmond Lodge No. 195 raised Bro. Ryan Larson to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Sept. 27. Front row from left: Harold Christensen, Tom White, Master Loren Barnes, Ryan Larson, Sam Christenson, Mark Mayry and Wayne Tubbs. Second row: (starting behind new MM Ryan Larson) Mike Bessette; Jeff Kuschel; Mike Kastens; Curtis Rust, Red River Lodge No. 292 East Grand Forks Minnesota; and Dan Hagerty. Back row: Chad Fonseca; District 2 Lecturer Les Paulson; Jim Macfarlane, Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192, Baldwin; Brady McAdams and Mark Smith.

Submitted by Bro. Jeff Kuschel, Secretary



## Keith D. Chamberlain Lodge raises Bro. Hege

Keith D. Chamberlain Lodge No. 66 raised Bro. George Hege on October 5. Front row from left: Ray Saint, DR Brent Clausius, Keith Davis, George Hege, District 8 Deputy Daniel C. Brylla, Jim Jewel, District 8 Lecturer Kenneth Walter and Troy Jones. Back row: Derek Kalish, Rick Fry, Kyle Tennesen, Bob Ott, DR Dan Maughan, Jon Fuhlbohm, Bill Keeney and Cecil Groves. Not pictured: PGM Davey L. White Jr.

District 8 Events  
 Photo by Larry Hallett



## Bro. Jason Turner raised in Fond du Lac Lodge

Bro. Jason M. Turner was raised a Master Mason in Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26, on Sept. 22. Front row from left: Master Steven Labus, Jason M. Turner, Mark Hempe and Carleton Endres. Second row: Jack Bridich, Mark Wetzel, Jonathan A. Chavez Chapa, Daniel Hintz and Randy Thorman. Back row: Randy Thompson, Derrick Hable, Alex Rabe and Bobby Lloyd.

Submitted by Bro. Derrick Hable

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# New Master Masons



## Jefferson County raises Bro. Rich Neidert

Jefferson County Lodge No. 9, raised Bro. Rich Neidert on Oct. 23. Front row from left: District 9 Deputy Noah Schultz, Tim Smillie, Frank McKenna, Rich Neidert, Jim Grenz, DR Paul Larson, Michael Stadler and Barry Vandergriff. Back row: Brian Duoss, Dave Renly, District Lecturer Richard Moen, Pat Garvin, Ward Nottestad, David Medici, Scott Wagner and Phil Graham.

Submitted by District Representative Paul Larson



## Rock River Lodge Raises two Master Masons

Rock River Lodge No. 108, Hustisford, raised Bro. Glenn Daily on May 17 and Bro. Carleton Endres on Sept. 6. Front row from left: Glenn Daily, Master Donald Kearns and Carleton Endres. Back row: Senior Deacon Dr. Paul Rupert, Junior Warden Josh Prusher, Senior Warden Sam Dixon and Junior Deacon Chad Rosenow.

Submitted by Bro. Randy Thorman

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Friday December 9, 2022 7:00 PM -10 PM

at the Tripoli Shrine  
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Light Snacks, Beverages, Cigars, Cards  
A program on Masonry and an opportunity to ask questions

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12-02-2022



December 18, 2022 3:00pm

**Ozaukee Masonic Lodge #17**  
**504 W. Grand Ave. Port Washington**

**Worshipful Master—elect to be determined at elections on November 7, 2022**

**Dinner served following ceremony**

**More information will be available following elections**



## Halloween fun in Reedsburg Lodge

After a year of degree work and fund raising, WBro. Bob Pickett, Master of Reedsburg Lodge No. 79, decided it was time for some fun and family time, a costume party is exactly what was needed by the Brothers and their families.

District 8 Events  
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French Sculptor Frédéric A. Bartholdi, a Freemason, designed the Statue of Liberty in N.Y. Harbor. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the corner stone on August 5, 1884.

When Brothers Richard E. Byrd and Bernt Balchen first flew over the North and South Poles, they dropped a Masonic flag on each Pole. Then, in the 1933-35 expedition, Brother Balchen tossed his Shrine Fez on the North Pole.



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Saturday November 19th 8:00 pm

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Friday November 18th 4 - 7 pm  
Saturday November 19th 1 - 5 pm

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# Project Adam AED Program Saves Lives

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Grants that are considered part of Project ADAM (AEDs in Wisconsin High Schools) are pre-approved, while an AED placed in any other level of school or public building must be voted upon by the Board of Directors at their quarterly meeting.

In order to have a grant request considered, a Lodge must submit:

1) A letter defining the program, cost of the unit, whom it will serve, organization's impact on the community, etc., on Lodge letterhead.

2) A letter from the organization receiving the AED, stating that they do not have funds set aside in their budget for this type

of purchase.

3) Up to \$800 in matching funds, made payable to the: Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Medical Fund.

This is still a very important program, and now is the time, if your Lodge has not participated. There are many places in Wisconsin communities that could benefit from this lifesaving equipment.

If your Lodge has already placed an AED(s), now is a great time to check back with them. Do they need to upgrade their unit? Do they need replacement pads and batteries? The Medical Fund can assist with matching grants for those efforts as well.

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Lafayette Lodge #265

## Past Masters and Widows Recognition and Awards Luncheon

Sunday, November 13, 2022  
Arrive at Noon, Lunch at 12:30pm

Meyer's Restaurant and Banquet Center  
4260 S 76th St, Greenfield, WI 53220

This is a joint event with members of Wauwatosa Lodge #267 and George Washington Lodge 1776 #337

### Speakers:

Most Worshipful Grand Master Paul Tourville  
Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Jeremy Koss

Cost to members of Lafayette Lodge and their guests is \$10.00 per person

There is no charge for Past Masters, Widows and their Guests

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## Protect Your Lodge Building in Cold Weather

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.

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Forest Lodge No.130

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