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The Grand Master's Message:

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

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth

In the Master Mason charge we are admonished, "You are now bound by duty, honor and gratitude to ... enforce, by PRECEPT (rule) and EXAMPLE, obedience to the TENETS of Freemasonry." (emphasis added)

What are the tenets of Freemasonry? The big three are brotherly love, relief and truth. They are sometimes referred to as friendship, morality and brotherly love.

We hear them often in Freemasonry and repeat them often as well. We are taught in the first degree that they are the tenets of our profession. We are now bound to live them and cause other Freemasons to do the same.

Brotherly love can take on many definitions including love of brothers within the Craft or love of the brotherhood of man.

The definitions of this triad in the Entered Apprentice Degree clearly direct us through brotherly love to "regard the whole human species as one family...(who) are bound to aid, support and protect each other."

How much of this do we see in our society any more? One of the tenets of people these days seems to be unbrotherly suspicion. We frequently look at the differences between us and the failings of each other and are quite content to focus on the sliver in the eye of the other while losing sight of the plank in our own.

In many war accounts, we hear of brothers who were otherwise enemies saving the lives of one another. In fact we even have a lodge in this state named after one such event. In none of those accounts do I recall the brother conditioning the act of love upon the correct answers to questions such as, "Are you Jewish?" or "What political party do you belong to?" Today we have Packer and Bear fans who won't talk to each other.

By the regularity of our own behavior, let us form the best example for the conduct of others less informed. Let us look for the good in ALL people and try to recognize the value in having a diversity of opinions, beliefs and backgrounds. If possible, have friendly discussions of your differences and per-

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Lodge-Foundation Scholarships Go to 317 Students In '07

DOUSMAN – On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, we would like to celebrate the 29th year of our Lodge Matching Grants Scholarship Program.

We are proud to report that 164 of the state's 188 Masonic Lodges participated in this year's matching grant scholarship program, awarding 317 scholarships to outstanding high school graduates. These scholarships represent \$246,700 in funding, which will assist our youth in reaching their educational goals.

In addition to the Lodge Matching Grants Scholarship Program, the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation also operates a Perpetual Scholarship Program, which awarded 108 additional scholarships in 2007.

As the number of lodges in the state has decreased, it is logical to assume that the scale of the Foundation's matching grant scholarships would decrease as well. This, however, is not the case! Although we gave out 366 scholarships in 2005, and 300 last year, we actually had one additional lodge participate in the program.

It is significant to report that for the past five years, more than 75 percent of Wisconsin Lodges have supported this wonderful program,

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Stoughton Mason Crafts Knives

Brother John Hagemann hammers a heated billet of layered steel to weld it into a common mass, the first step in creating one of his beautiful Damascus steel blades.

Skilled craftsman turns raw metal into fine Damascus steel blades

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

STOUGHTON – Brother John Hagemann makes knives, painstakingly hand-crafted one at a time.

He uses an ancient metal working process called forge welding to unite layered steel strips into a finished blade that seems to come alive with patterned swirls and curves of light and dark polished metal.

Steel blades exhibiting this characteristic patterning are called Damascus steel, after the Syrian city in the Middle East in which the technique was perfected centuries ago.

"I didn't really make a knife until about a year ago," confessed Brother John Hagemann, a member of Kegonsa Lodge No. 73.

It was a gift from his wife Trina that got John started in making keen-edged Damascus steel blades.

She knew he had an interest in

knife making so she presented him with tuition to attend the Introduction to Blade Smithing course at the American Bladesmith Society-sponsored school in Old Washington, Arkansas. That was in May 2006.

This is really what got him started. At the school he won recognition for his cutlery creations from the instructors. There were twelve in the class.

"They encouraged me and recognized that I had an aptitude for the process," he said.

Brother Hagemann's skills were brought to my attention at the Annual Communication this past June, when Kegonsa Lodge Master John MacKenzie mentioned that a member of the lodge had made a knife that was going to be auctioned as a lodge fund raiser.

When I met Bro. Hagemann on July 25 at his home in Stoughton, it

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A clear vision, careful planning & efforts of many brought our health care center to life



By William Stonecipher, Editor
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

DOUSMAN – Twenty-five years ago this month, forty-three patients from the Masonic Home Infirmary were transferred to a new 84-bed Masonic Health Care Center on our Wisconsin Masonic Home campus in Dousman.

The editor sat down recently with two of the three visionary Grand Masters, Allan Iding and Russell Selbo, who were instrumental in building our present skilled nursing facility to review some of the milestones which led to its construction. Joining us for the discussion was Joel Lammers, Masonic Health & Rehabilitation Center (as it is now known) Administrative Manager.

Grand Master George Hughey, now deceased, was the third Mason who played a crucial role in the process. Brother Hughey, was a resident of the health care facility he helped create when he died on October 13, 2004.

Continuing Fraternal Commitment to Quality Resident Care Drives Health Care Expansion

Constructed on the southern-most portion of the home's wooded park area within an easy stone's throw of the Bark River near Dousman's main street, the \$2.55 million 84-bed skilled nursing care center was and still is a thoroughly up-to-date facility.

While listening to Past Grand Masters Iding and Selbo trace some of the lesser known aspects of how the Masonic Health Care Center came to be, it became apparent that any single event related to the development of the Wisconsin Masonic Home idea, all that it was, has become, and likely will become in the future, are interconnected.

As the two Grand Master talked, it was clear that this fraternal concern stretches unbroken from the original Willard Van Brunt mansion occupied from 1905-1923 to today's Three Pillars Senior Living Community that covers the entire spectrum of senior living from full independence to skilled nursing care with a broad range of assisted living options in between on two campuses, MasonWoods in Cecil and the main campus in Dousman.

The "why" of it can be found in the Fraternity's commitment to brotherly love and relief and, yes, charity.

Constructed on the southern-most portion of the home's

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Our Masonic skilled nursing facility turns 25: decision to build 84-bed unit proved to be the right one

Past Grand Masters Allan Iding and Russell Selbo (left and right), two of the three visionary Grand Masters (Grand Master George Hughey, now deceased, was the third) who were committed to building a new skilled nursing health care center met October 7 with the editor at our Masonic Health & Rehabilitation Center to talk about how the facility came into being 25 years ago. A sample of one of the \$5,000 bonds sold to finance the project is shown. Joel Lammers (standing) heads the 84-bed skilled nursing facility which has earned "deficiency free" status from the state in six of the last nine years. An anniversary program will take place on Thursday, November 15 at 2 p.m. in the Masonic Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Woods' Masonic Scholarships Awarded:

Scholarship Fund Sets New Paradigm for Legacy Giving

BEAVER DAM – Six outstanding graduating seniors from Beaver Dam High School were presented with \$35,000 in scholarships from the Wilson C. and Edna P. Woods Masonic Scholarship Fund on May 17 this year during a program at Old Hickory Country Club there.

Created in early 2005, the Masonic scholarship fund bearing their names was established by Wilson C. and Edna P. Woods as a direct result of their desire to provide a lasting legacy to qualified Beaver Dam High School graduates as a way to help them better prepare to assume future leadership roles in their respective communities.

"Bill" and "Eddie," as Wilson and

wife Edna were known to friends, wished to identify the scholarship as a Masonic scholarship to reflect their belief in the principles of Freemasonry, especially the brotherhood of men of good moral character who share a common belief in God, family and in acting to improve themselves for the benefit of the community, their country and the world.

Brother Woods was a member of Dodge County Lodge No. 72 in Beaver Dam for many years, and he and his wife Edna wanted to give something back to the community in which they had resided for many years as a token of their

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Congratulations to Alex Campbell

Fraternal congratulations from Brother Norm Christensen, President of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and Past Grand Master Jim Olson (right) were extended to Alex Campbell, recipient of the \$40,000 Wilson C. and Edna P. Woods four-year scholarship in ceremonies May 17 in Beaver Dam. Also shown are Brother Francis Turner, scholarship committee member (from the left), Alex's grandfather Bro. Bob Campbell, a member of Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge, his father Jim Campbell, and Beaver Dam High School Principal Donald Patnode. Five \$5,000 one-year scholarships were also presented. Approximately 56 parents, Masonic and high school dignitaries attended. Please turn to page 4 to learn more about "Bill" and "Eddie" Woods.

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appreciation for the goodness that they had received.

As life-long friend and Brother Mason Francis "Bud" Turner recalled, "We were fishing and while we were out on the lake in the boat, Bill brought up the idea of wanting to fine some way pay back the community for the good that he Eddie had enjoyed over the years."

Making that wish come true became a focus of the Woods' later years. And also that of their friend Bud Turner.

Since they hadn't any children to inherit their estate, Bill and Eddie made set up a trust (see related story of page 4) to create a lasting legacy to assist qualified Beaver Dam High School graduates.

After they passed on, Eddie in February of 2001, and Bill on Septem-

ber 19, 2004, their vision became a reality.

Helping bring their legacy to fruition were Brothers Francis "Bud" Turner, Attorney James Olson, Past Grand Master, and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Board. The Wilson and Edna Woods Masonic Scholarship was announced earlier.

A scholarship committee, established in compliance with the Trust, selects the recipients who will receive one-year or multi-year scholarships.

The scholarship committee consists of individuals representing three major interests; community, the Masons, and the high school.

Representing the community, scholarship committee members are Vicki Frinak and Francis W. "Bud" Turner.

Representing the Masonic Fraternity: the Wisconsin Masonic

Foundation and Dodge County Lodge representative James H. Olson, Past Grand Master.

Representing Beaver Dam High School: Principal Chris Ligocki, and Teacher Chuck Stangl. Superintendent of Schools Brian Busler serves as an advisory member of the scholarship committee.

"Parental love and lots of patience" were required on the part of parents of the Woods' scholars said Brother Bud Turner during his remarks at the 2007 presentation ceremony May 17 at Old Hickory Country Club in Beaver Dam.

Brother Jim Olson, Past Grand Master, who helped set up the scholarship program, offered the scholarship winners sage advice for their future actions as Woods' Scholars. One, control and channel your desires and live your dream. Two, study harder than you think you need to. Three, give something back."

Wisconsin Masonic Foundation President Norm Christensen commented that the Woods Masonic Scholarship fund earned just over eight percent this past year, and based on a four-year rolling average, that next year this will permit \$50,000 in scholarships. This will result in five one-year \$5,000 awards and one \$10,000 award each year for four years. *wmj*

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haps learn from each other. Live and let live. Love and be loved. As Freemasons, we can set an example for society. Be the city on the hill.

Does this mean we turn a blind eye to all conduct of mankind no matter how reprehensible? Of course not, in civil society as well as in Masonry, we are called upon "to patiently submit to legal authority and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which (we) live."

This means that rules and parameters of morals and conduct can be set by the majority in this country and this appropriately limits the concept of live and let live. Since we are bound to "aid, support and protect each other," it is necessarily implied that there are things or people from which we must be protected. We must use common sense, but let us err on the side of brotherly love. Let us apply it liberally and let us look upon one another as being half-good or half-right, not half-bad or half-wrong.

Let us use our trowels, brothers, to spread that cement of brotherly love and affection. If we live it, they will come!

God Bless! J.B.



Masonic Legacy

Brother Bud Turner, a close friend of Wilson "Bill" and Edna "Eddie" Woods, spoke of Bill and Eddie's desire to leave a lasting legacy in the form of a Masonic scholarship to help Beaver Dam High School graduates prepare themselves to be future leaders.. PGM Jim Olson, left, helped set up the scholarships.

VALLEY OF MILWAUKEE SCOTTISH RITE - POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -

The Trustees and the Foundation of the Valley of Milwaukee are seeking applicants for employment as an Executive Director, a recently created full-time position.

It will be the responsibility of the Executive Director to plan, develop, establish, and coordinate the business policies and objectives of the Valley, particularly those within the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

The overall responsibility for the utilization of the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center to fraternal, charitable, religious, corporate and other group will be among the duties of the Executive Director.

The Executive Director will be responsible for the hiring, and supervision of the security personnel, building custodians, secretarial and clerical personnel, building marketing manager and maintenance manager.

The Valley plans to make a candidate selection on or before December 19, 2007. Interested applicants should submit a resume to Robert W. Roth, Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Executive Director Search Committee, at <rroth2@wi.rr.com> prior to November 28, 2007.

A complete job description and further information relating to compensation and benefits can be obtained from Brother Roth or the Valley Secretary, Brother Charles Dadaian, at <chuck@humphrey-masonic-center.org> or 414-276-0312 extension 108.

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Masonic Health & Rehabilitation Center

As it appeared soon after opening in November 1882, the new 84-bed skilled nursing health care facility will observe its 25th anniversary November 15. The Riverside Lodge Community Based Residential Facility and Three Pillars administrative offices addition were added In 1995 behind the upper left wing. Resident rooms occupy the wings on the front and right. The dining/activities area was also expanded. State of the art when new, the center is nearing the completion of its third facility remodeling to keep it up to date. – Photo Courtesy of Russell Selbo

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wooded park area within an easy stone’s throw of the Bark River near Dousman’s main street, the \$2.55 million 84-bed skilled nursing care center was and still is a thoroughly up-to-date facility. Occupancy has been at or near full capacity since it opened in November 1982.

First a hospital, then an infirmary

The idea of providing nursing care to Wisconsin Masonic Home residents resulted in construction of a three-story Masonic Home Hospital funded by the Order of The Eastern Star and gifted to Grand Lodge upon completion in June 1924. The Van Brunt facility was completed one year earlier.

This state-of-the-art facility was designed and equipped as a full service hospital and provided for the needs of residents of the Home’s Van Brunt Hall and later the Bark River Apartments.

Hospital capacity was 28 when built but was later expanded to 37, and finally to 43 to meet increased demand for services as resident numbers grew. It became known as the Infirmary when licensed as a nursing home during this period. This increased capacity came not from bricks and mortar expansion but by converting the chapel, doctor’s office and surgery to accommodate additional patients.

By 1979 the Infirmary was again at capacity, resulting in some residents from the Home being placed in non-Masonic facilities nearby. However, this practice came at considerable cost to the Fraternity.

As Past Grand Master Iding recalled, “We had up to four people at Methodist Manor because we had more demand (than space), and we couldn’t take any Masons or their widows from the outside. The only people we could take were from Bark River and Van Brunt because we were so full. Capacity was so limited that if we had a brother who was somewhere, say, in Green Bay, we couldn’t get him into the Infirmary.”

Past Grand Master Selbo then added, “The big thing was we were loosing about \$125,000 a year operating that Infirmary. That was a big drain and if that continued the whole thing could go broke.”

This situation did not escape notice of Grand Master Hughey, and other Grand Lodge Officers, who, in 1979 recognized that the old Masonic Home Infirmary was inadequate, and he became a strong advocate for building a new health care facility.

As recounted in *Forward Freemasonry Volume II*, under Grand Master George Hughey a feasibility committee was formed, chaired by Brother Tom Godfrey. An independent study was commissioned which disclosed that men and women with Masonic ties would move to a Masonic facility located 60 miles or more from their homes. Another study suggested that a facility with a minimum capacity of at least 84 beds would be a break even number.

Brother Selbo, who was Grand Master in 1980 when plans to build a new healthcare facility were advancing, was intimately involved in every aspect of the Wisconsin Masonic Home and Infirmary finances, serving on the Masonic Home Board member up until just a few years ago, as was Brother Iding.

Decision to build a new skilled care nursing facility was a leap of faith for the Fraternity

The decision to build, and its subsequent opening, this new skilled care nursing facility was the result of more than three and one-half years of dedicated effort on the part of three sitting Grand Masters: George Hughey, Russell Selbo and Allan Iding; the Wisconsin Masonic Home Board; Brother Thomas Godfrey, Attorney; Carl

Gamy, PGM; and Brother Thomas Rogers, Wisconsin Masonic Home Administrator at the time, and his wife Beverly; and Brother Richard Linde, a board member and architect in Sheboygan — and many other Grand Lodge officers, and other volunteers who diligently served on fact-finding committees and boards. That it happened at all is a testament to the vision of these Masons and the hard work and time they, as well as others, invested to bring his project to fruition.

Concerns over financing for the project, authorized by Grand Lodge Resolution No. 17 introduced at the 1981 Annual Communication by then Grand Master Iding and approved by the representatives to not exceed \$4 million, came with all the attendant uncertainty over the wisdom of going into debt at a time when inflation and interest rates were sky high and financial markets were unsettled.

Transforming the vision of building a skilled nursing facility on the Wisconsin Masonic Home campus in Dousman into bricks and mortar took Grand Lodge where it had not previously gone.

Securing financing was a critical factor

As Brother Iding told it, “The thing you have to remember is that the Grand Lodge as a whole had never borrowed a dime in its lifetime, until going into the market to borrow \$3 million bucks — and with no credit rating whatsoever.”

“And this was not the easiest thing in the world to do,” added Past Grand Master Selbo. Interest rates at 12 percent and higher, and high inflation were real factors to consider.

Past Grand Master Iding went on to relate that Brother Tom Godfrey made some inquiries at Marshall & Ilsley Bank and with their help were able to secure financing.

Brother Iding clearly remembers the penultimate meeting relating to the funding bond issue: “We were all sitting in the conference room with representatives of Marshall & Ilsley (Bank), the Grand Trustees, Grand Lodge, Masonic Home, Inc., and on the line was our bond underwriter in New York.”

“When he quoted the interest rates for us (13.75 percent for \$2,750,000 and 12 percent for \$250,000), I gulped, and remember saying, ‘Well, we’ll get back to you in two days,’ and they guy said, ‘You get back to me in 15 minutes or we don’t have a deal.’”

“So we had 15 minutes to decide whether or not we were going to sell \$3 million worth of bonds at those rates,”

Bro. Iding continued, recalling how everyone looked at him, as Grand Master, for a decision. “Now what did I know about this that everyone else didn’t know? What we had were a lot of studies and projections as to whether or not we could finance it at that high a rate, fill it up and we make it go.”

“The fact is that all the projections showed that it was going to go and that we could finance it and that there was a need for it, so I said, well, I think we ought to do it.” And so it was.

Past Grand Master Selbo added, “The other thing we have to remember that the Grand Lodge owned the property and so everyone had to back it up (the decision to build).”

Brother Iding elaborated, explaining that because the Home didn’t have much money, the bond underwriters demanded that the Grand Lodge guarantee the indebtedness. This meant that the Grand Trustees had to back the loan with all of the Grand Lodge’s assets for the building of this health care center.

“Now they had never done that, so that was a big

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Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Proper Preparation

There are instances when a candidate passes through the entire process of initiation without any idea of what has transpired and has no idea of the purpose of the ritual or the symbolism of Freemasonry.

The question is, how does this happen? In some instances it is the candidate’s own fault.

We know that for a candidate to receive a positive impression from his initiation he must do his part. Nothing can act as a substitute for his personal involvement in the process and by what goes on in his own brain, what he feels, as a result of the actions that take place within the degree.

Masonic initiation is a blessing, carrying with it many privileges, and it is therefore worth something of an effort on the part of the man who seeks it.

A poor result from initiation is due to the carelessness on the part of the lodge. A ritual cannot be administered in a mechanical way, nor can it ever be a cut and dried thing with no thought or initiative behind it. No lodge should ever put a man through the degrees and then not endeavor to instruct him in the meaning of it all, without trying to have him understand what it was designed to do.

Consider what takes place inside a man when the initiation has been a success. The word itself suggests a new birth, and the experience, whenever it occurs, is a profound one. As a result, the candidate becomes a new man, with a new range of thought, a new feeling about mankind, a new idea about God, a new confidence in immortality, a new passion for brotherhood, and a new concept of charity.

The whole purpose of the ritual, of the symbols and all that is done and said, is to bring such a transformation to the candidate. If initiation does not accomplish this, it is a failure. However, if it is successful then a whole new world is opened to the candidate and will influence his thoughts and actions for the rest of his life.

To adequately prepare the initiate for his travels into the Fraternity the Wisconsin Program Handbook is a good place to start, particularly pages 3-14.

Fraternally, Ron Glaunert, Grand Lecturer

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**By Bro. William H. Barnes,
Director of Development,
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Brother Wilson Woods and his wife Edna are no longer with us. However, their Masonic Legacy is very much alive, providing scholarships for graduates of Beaver Dam High School.

Bill and Eddie, as they were known to their friends, were true givers. Although they had no children of their own, they were quick to anonymously help needy children in school.

Bill was born in Nebraska and moved to Madison, Wisconsin where he met and married Eddie.

They moved to Beaver Dam where Bill established a very successful insurance agency. Bill was an avid sportsman and very competitive. When fishing with friends, Bill would often not stop until he had caught the largest fish.

The couple enjoyed their log home near Crandon. Bill would holler out “Blue” the name of a local blue fox. He hand-fed this most unusual pet.

Bill was always full of energy. He served on the board of Mayville

Metal Products. When that company was purchased, his stock greatly appreciated. He saved taxes by making a stock gift to charity.

Looking ahead, Bill and Eddie had their attorney draft a revocable trust. Upon their death they left the remainder of their estate to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. This gift of nearly 1 million dollars is now being used to provide scholarships.

Last year the Wilson C. and Edna P. Woods Masonic Scholarship Fund provided six \$5,000 onetime scholarships and awarded another scholarship that will provide the recipient \$10,000 each year for four years.

This wonderful gift was also made possible by the assistance of Attorney James Olson, Past Grand Master Attorney Allan Iding, P.G.M., and the hard work and deep friendship of Brother Bud Turner.

Charitable trusts will provide you an income for life, and a significant charitable tax deduction. Most importantly, it will provide you and your family a Masonic Legacy that will last forever! For help in making a gift by a Trust, please call William H. Barnes, J.D., Director of Development toll free at (800) 242-2307.

Beaver Dam Masonic Scholarship Benefactors

Wilson and Edna Woods are shown in their Crandon home in this undated submitted photo thought to have been taken in the early 1970s.

“Bill” and “Eddie,” as they were known by friends, decided to create a scholarship trust as a lasting legacy to aid worthy students from Beaver Dam High School continue their post-high school education.

Administered by the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, the Wilson and Edna Woods Scholarship Fund provides six scholarships each year: five onetime \$5,000 awards and one \$40,000 four-year scholarship of \$10,000 each year. The scholarships are funded by a \$1 million gift.

The scholarships were presented on May 17 this year during a dinner program at Old Hickory Country Club in Beaver Dam.



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Burlington Hosts Statewide DeMolay Honors Day.

Sir Galahad Chapter, Order of DeMolay, hosted Honors Day October 6, 2007, at the Burlington Masonic Center. Four people received honors: left to right are J. Patrick Storrs, Honorary Legion of Honor, West Bend Chapter; W. (Bud) Pellmann, Cross of Honor, Sir Galahad Chapter; Fran Itzenhuiser Cross of Honor, Racine Chapter; and A.J. Storrs, Chevalier, West Bend Chapter.

Wisconsin DeMolay Holds Honor's Day

BURLINGTON – Wisconsin DeMolay held its annual Honor's Day on Saturday, October 6 at the Burlington Masonic Center.

During the afternoon the Wisconsin Court of Chevaliers and the Wisconsin DeMolay Legion of Honor held their annual meetings and election of officers.

The Court of Chevaliers elected Matthew Blattner (307) as its Commander and the Legion of Honor elected Rick Itzenhuiser (18) as its Dean for the next year.

The evening program paid tribute to members of DeMolay, the Masonic Fraternity and a member of the Wisconsin DeMolay State Staff.

Fran Itzenhuiser and Bud Pellman (28) were awarded the Cross of Honor. This honor is presented to past or present members of an Advisory Council or to any personal representative of the Executive Officer. Both Fran and Bud were honored for their outstanding work with their Chapters, Racine and Sir Galahad respectively, as well as their service to the state staff of Wisconsin DeMolay.

The Degree of Chevalier, which is awarded by DeMolay International's Supreme Council to recognize a DeMolay who has proven himself outstanding by giving time and energy to strengthen the Order. To be considered for this honor the designate must have been conspicuous in all phases of DeMolay activity. The Degree of Chevalier cannot be applied for. Nomination is made without the knowledge of the DeMolay being honored.

This year it was presented to AJ Storrs (138) of West Bend Chapter. AJ was West Bend Chapter's first Master Councilor and served Wisconsin DeMolay last year as State Chaplain.

DeMolays highest award, the Legion of Honor was presented to J. Patrick Storrs (138). Brother Pat, AJ's father, received the Honorary Legion of Honor. This award is conferred upon a Master Mason over the age of 30 who has performed unusual and meritorious service on behalf of the Order of DeMolay or



Job's Daughter's Choose Top Three State Officers

Three very talented and deserving young ladies were selected by Wisconsin Job's Daughters at their state Jamboree at Green lake, Wisconsin to serve their jurisdiction for 2007-2008.

Megan Engbring, Past Honored Queen of Bethel 44, Sun Prairie, is Miss Congeniality, Marisa Leisten, Past Honored Queen of Bethel 3 in Fond du lac was elected and installed as Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Wisconsin, and Alicia Wahlen, Past Honored Queen of Bethel 22 in Racine was chosen Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughter 2007-2008.

In addition to her many duties to Wisconsin Job's Daughters, Alida will compete for the title of Miss International Job's Daughter at the Supreme Session of Job's Daughters International which will be held in Middleton, Wisconsin on July 27-August 2, 2008.



Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughters Visits Bethel 27

The round trip from Kenosha to La Crosse was a long distance to drive in one day but Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughter Crystal Clifton and her Mom Cindy showed their support of Bethel 27 by attending their installation on June 10, and didn't let the miles interfere. Past Grand Guardian SuAnn Gascoigne and Bethel Guardian Heather Gascoigne also made that long one-day trip to attend installation. They later presented awards earned by members of Bethel 27 at the Grand Guardian Council Session in May. Grand Guardian Mom Laura Slavik, Grand Inner Guard Harry Overly and Past Associate Grand Guardian Dad Ted Erickson also showed their support for the Bethel with their attendance. Pictured above in the first row, left to right are: Caitlin Deal, HQ Amanda Jo, Emily Halverson, Kali Brokaw, MWJD Crystal Clifton Row Second row: Brooke Ruben, Marie Affeldt, Mariah Deal, Fawn Johnson, Kristen Tummlire Third row: GG Mom Laura Slavik, Shannon Bolen, PGG SuAnn Gascoigne.

Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian Installed at Annual Session

NEENAH – Laura Slavik, Past Honored Queen of Bethel 24, Appleton, and Past Guardian of Bethel 44, Sun Prairie, and Michael Allen, Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel 64, Menomonee Falls, were installed as the new Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian of the Grand Guardian Council of Wisconsin Job's Daughters International during the 79th Annual Session held in Neenah, Wisconsin.

Under the leadership of these two dedicated individuals, Job's Daughters in Wisconsin will continue to grow.

Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

The Journey

A man starting out on a journey asked the Creator for all the tools he would need to complete his trip.

Much to the man's surprise he was given a 25-foot oak plank. It was very heavy and very awkward to carry.

After a few miles of struggling the man decided to cut one foot off of the plank. At first it was a little easier to carry but soon the weight of the board became a burden again.

Again the man stopped and cut another foot off of the board. Yet, soon again, the weight of the plank began to take its toll, so off came another foot.

That night as the man camped, he asked, "Why did You burden me with such a heavy load when I asked for help?"

He thought he heard in reply, "I gave you what I gave you."

Well the wind was blowing cold and the man was nearly exhausted, so he cut off a few more feet of the plank and built himself a fire. In the morning the man set out again but before leaving camp he had decided to lighten his load.

With a plank barely 10 feet long now, he set out. Soon he found himself at the edge of a deep chasm. There has no way down the steep sides and no way around it. The chasm looked to be just over 20 feet across.

I am sure you understand, as now did the man, what the plank was for. How often do we see the gifts that we are given as a burden? How often do we look at the tools of life as that much extra work?

We have all asked for help and what have we been given? Friends, family, our faith, and, yes, our fraternity — these are the tools of life. These are the things given unto us to help us with our journey. Yet, how often are these the things we complain about weighing us down? These four tools are not easy to maintain. They take a lot of work. Friends, family, faith, and our fraternity take time and energy. So often the easy chair and something on T.V. become what we work for and we leave bits and pieces of these tools along side the road. Yet, when we come to the chasm in our life we cannot go back and collect them. They are gone.

How lucky is the man who when faced with trial has carried the "burden." What a joy are our friends, family, faith and fraternity when we are in need. It is all too human to ask that our burden be lightened. This November 22, when we as a nation take time to give our creator thanks, thank Him for the great responsibilities in your life. Give thanks for a busy life and that there is work for your hands. Just give thanks! Remember there are those who do not have your burdens, your responsibilities, but wish that they did.

Fraternally Yours, Dave Ritchie

Grand Chaplain Ritchie welcomes comments on his columns or suggestions for future topics from readers. He may be reached by phone at (608) 776-2698 or by e-mail at <hickorysp@yahoo.com>.

\$8,500 Awarded in Scholarships to Wisconsin Job's Daughters

NEENAH – Seventeen Wisconsin Job's Daughters each received a \$500 scholarship at the 79th Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council of Job's Daughters at Neenah.

Grand Guardian Council Scholarship recipients are: Jenny Canfield, Bethel 23 Wisconsin Rapids; Beverly Thompson, Bethel 5, Glendale; Lucretia Heinz, Bethel 32, Green Bay.

Job's Daughters Memorial Foundation recipients and awards are: Adelle Housker, Bethel 27, La Crosse, Mom Gena Buse Memorial; Alicia Hurst, Bethel 19, West Allis, Mom Lorraine Hanson Memorial; Annie Schumacher, Bethel 6, Milwaukee, Grossman Family; Michelle Jendrzek, Bethel 19, West Allis, Lynn Niebler Memorial; Kaylee Frings, Bethel 1, Superior, Claremont Jackson Estate; Sarah Brown, Bethel 27, La Crosse, Mom Gloria Kaufman Memorial; Katlin Schneider, Bethel 6, Milwau-

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and have provided meaningful awards to youth in their communities.

We have recipients attending all of the University of Wisconsin schools, as well as some attending private colleges such as Milwaukee School of Engineering, Lawrence University, North Central University, Concordia, Winona State and Viterbo.

Majors include: Nursing, Biology, Psychology, Engineering, Education, Accounting, Cosmetology, Children's Ministry, Auto Repair and Refinishing and Science with an emphasis on alternate energy sources.

One recipient, who will be attending UW-Stevens Point and pursuing a wildlife management degree, commented, "It was neat to receive the Masonic Scholarship, because my grandpa was a proud Mason."

Thank you once again to each of the Masonic Lodges that awards scholarships on an annual basis. You keep our program strong.

For more information on how your lodge can participate in the scholarship programs of the Masonic Foundation, please contact the Development Office at 1-800-242-2307 or e-mail <charities@wisc-freemasonry.org>.



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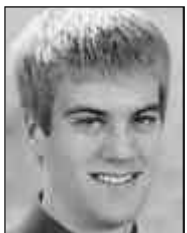
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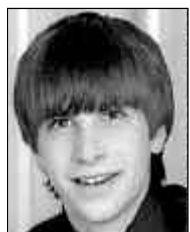
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Union Lodge Presents AED

Evansville Masons of Union Lodge No. 32 presented the last of three defibrillators (AEDs) to the Evansville schools. Pictured is from right to left are lodge members: Secretary, Thomas Beaver; Jr. Deacon Rusty Thompson; Dwight Redders Jr. Worshipful Master; J.C. McKenna Middle School Principal Bob Flaherty accepting the defibrillator; and Brother Art Phillips, Jr. Warden & Masonic News Hawk.

Now all Evansville public schools have defibrillators thanks to the members of Union Lodge No. 32

EVANSVILLE – Masons of Union Lodge No. 32 in Evansville presented the last of three defibrillators (AEDs) to area schools.

Members of the lodge and others made a commitment to raise funds to furnish life saving defibrillators in each school complex in Evansville.

The presentation of this defibrillator at the J.C. McKenna Middle School on September 21 was made possible with the help of donations not only from Union Lodge but from Mrs. Carl Schoenenberger, Brother

Mason Bill Broeg, and the Masonic Foundation of Wisconsin.

When the lodge started the defibrillator campaign, the Evansville Emergency Medical Service was asked for assistance on what type of unit was the best and where to purchase it. They also provided training for staff at the schools.

Now Evansville High School, Levi Leonard Elementary School/Theodore Robinson Intermediate School and J.C. McKenna Middle School all have a defibrillators.

A few years ago Union Lodge also donated money to the Evansville Fire District for a thermal imaging device to detect "hot spots" inside a building.

The lodge in Evansville also raises money for these projects by having fund raisers such as: Fourth of July Barbecue pork tenderloin sandwich sale, Pancake Breakfast, Garage Sale Day food sale and Chili Supper. All fund raisers are open to the public

– Submitted by Union Lodge
Masonic News Hawk Art Phillips

More on Grand Master Van Hollen's Visit to Three Pillars



Family & Friends at Three Pillars

During Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen's visit to our Three Pillars Senior Living Community September 13, he visited with Herman and Rosalie Ruck (left), longtime residents, and Ruth Runholm, who lived in the town of Delta, in Bayfield County, near GM Van Hollen's home area. Her husband Eugene was a member of Ashland's Ancient Landmark Lodge, which is also the Grand Master's home lodge.



Hearing Residents

Riverside Lodge resident Elwin Lindsley shared with the Grand Master his concerns about decreasing Masonic affiliation among residents. Brother Lindsley resided in the Bark River Apartments and Van Brunt Hall for many years.

Shared Interests

Brother Gerald Beier (left) greeted the Grand Master at Compass Point following the Grand Master's presentation to residents there.

50-year Mason

Brother Bob Zastrow (right) a 50-year-plus member of Washington Lodge in Green Bay, was mighty pleased when Grand Master Van Hollen stopped at his table during the lunch hour at the Masonic Center for Health and Rehabilitation at Three Pillars. Brother Zastrow was also pleased to personally receive a Grand Master's pin.





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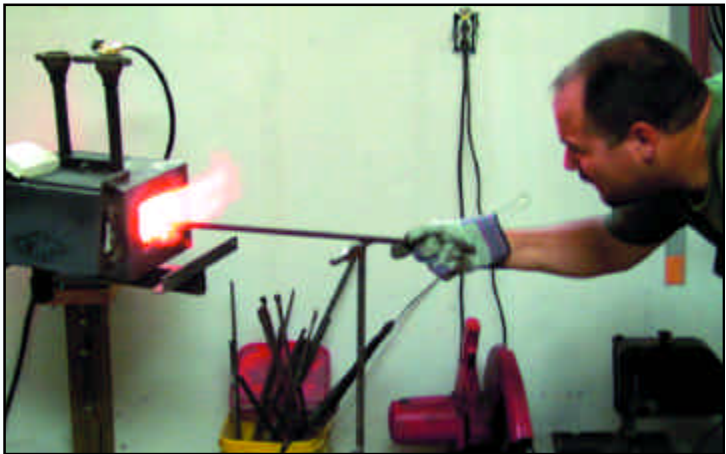
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Proud Craftsman Displays His Artwork

Brother John Hagemann holds the knife that will be raffled off to fund Kegonsa Lodge improvements. The handle is curly maple and the guard and ferrule are nickel silver. The inlaid Masonic emblem is sterling silver. The Damascus blade has a morticed tang (the portion of the blade that is inserted in the handle). “It’s the final etching with acid that brings out the final beauty of the blend of the two metals,” explained the Stoughton craftsman. The etchant used to enhance the pattern is ferric chloride. He estimates that crafting the knife took about 30 hours.



Heating With Care

Bringing the steel to the proper temperature is critical. A bright yellow color is about right to allow permanent bonding via hammer and anvil. Brother Hagemann’s forge is located in a building behind his home in Stoughton (below).



Welded Into One

Two types of raw steel are cut to size, assembled to form a sandwich, are lightly tack welded to hold them together and a steel rod is attached (at left) to facilitate heating in a gas oven. Once the steel reaches the desired temperature (at far left), the various layers forge-welded into a common mass before working the future blade into its’ desired shape using a hammer forge. Grinding and polishing follow.



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Knife artist crafts one of a kind Damascus steel blades

became immediately apparent that he was both a craftsman and an artist.

His forge, which is located in a large shed behind his Stoughton home, is well equipped. It has a standard blacksmith’s anvil, of course, but there is also a power-driven hammer forge, a gas-fired oven and an air conditioner to keep the shop somewhat cool when heats are taking place and the weather is warm.

Crafting a Damascus blade is time consuming and painstaking work. “First, a number of steel strips—about one-inch wide, six-inches long and one-eighth inch thick—are stacked and tack-welded together to form a sandwich,” Bro. Hagemann explained.

He used 11 alternating layers of mild carbon steel and high nickel-content steel to create the knife that will be raffled for the lodge fund raiser. Bro. Hagemann estimates that it took about 30 hours to complete this knife.

As to the value of the knife, Bro. Hagemann explained that because he is a new maker, seven knives so far, the value would be less than it would be otherwise.

“If I had a journeymen rating, I would be able to command a price of \$700-800 each,” he estimated. “A master can command \$1,200-2,000 for a completed knife.”

He explained that this might seem expensive but one must keep in mind that each knife is completely handmade, from scratch, and has “sole authorship...no one else worked on it.”

In June of 2008 John said that he will be testing for his Journeymen Smith stamp, a “JS” that he will be entitled to stamp on the blade.

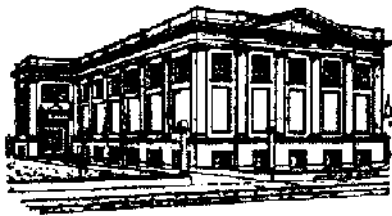
In order to earn this stamp, a knife he made must pass a number of exacting tests. “I have to bring a knife that can chop through a 2X4 cross-wise on the four-inch width, cut a free-hanging manila rope suspended from the ceiling with one swipe, and then it has to be able to shave hair off my arm.”

But wait, that’s not all. Then the knife has to pass a destructive test which, unfortunately, wrecks the knife.

“They make you clamp the knife in a vise and bend it 90 degrees, and it can’t break,” the knife maker said. “It can crack up to one-third of its width but if it breaks, you’re done, and have to wait until the next year (for a retest). You have to wait three years from the day you finished your initial schooling to take this test.”

Black Cat Forge is the name that this journalism and marketing-trained Information Project Manager for the State Department of Health & Family Services in Madison calls his fledgling artistic endeavor.

Brother Hagemann said that he is beginning work on a Tiler’s sword for the lodge. “It won’t be a Damascus blade, but it will be special.” *wmj*



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issue for the Grand Trustees. And that wasn't enough. The bond underwriters said even the Grand Lodge's assets weren't enough to guarantee this, so we had to pay M&I a percentage fee to issue a letter of credit stating that if the Grand Lodge went bust and the Home went bust, that M&I would stand behind us. So it became very complicated."

Question: how big should a new facility be?

Studies indicated it was impossible to remodel the old Infirmary to make it useful, and so the recommendation was to build a new building. Then the problem became how big?

"And the answer came, 84 beds would be the optimum size to produce a profitable enterprise," Brother Selbo remembered.

He also recalled that a lot of people were very much against the project due to the 13.75 percent interest rate and because Grand Lodge had to promise all its assets. Some even questioning whether the project would go forward at all.

"The arguments would make your head spin."

He remembered, too, that there was controversy over why it should be an 84-bed facility when there were only 43 residents in the old one.

Brother Selbo argued, "Well look, everybody who knows is telling us that is has to be that big if you ever want to reach the break even point and that anything smaller would always be a detriment." And so the decision was made to go with an 84-bed facility.

Past Grand Master Iding added, "And of course then we would let in people who were non-Masons because we would then be accepting Title 19 and Medicaid money."

PGM Iding continued, "Now this was also the time when in order to get a license for a nursing home you had to get a certificate of need from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Brother Lee Dreyfus was the Governor and there were huge issues in healthcare at the time. Brother Dreyfus issued a moratorium: no more skilled care nursing beds (because there were too many unused beds). "I believe we were the last ones to get a Certificate of Need before the moratorium took effect."

Brother Iding related another interesting sidelight: "At the ground breaking on November 22, 1981, we had Art Meyers, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in Wisconsin there, and that was very revolutionary because at that time we did not recognize Prince Hall — and we had Art Meyers, Grand Master, and his officers at our cornerstone laying."

And why isn't there a basement in the health care center? Brother Selbo provided the answer: "Everybody wanted a basement but when we drilled holes and did soil testing, five feet down we hit water. Every hole we drilled, water came up."

He explained that the water table was just under the surface and followed the contour of the small hill upon which the health care center was to be built. A concrete slab became the obvious choice.

Brother Selbo also acted as construction manager on the project, which saved about forty-thousand. "I was out here six days a week supervising construction," he said.

The new building was occupied shortly before Thanksgiving, 1982. "We had almost 50 people when we opened, reaching the 84 number almost immediately. From a financial point of view, the health care center has paid its own way. It really has not required a subsidy from the Home," both Iding and Selbo concurred.

"As I recall we were pretty much always at the break even point, a little above, a little below, so I think going to the 84-bed capacity was the right thing to do," Bro. Selbo added.

As we ended our remembrance of events of that important time, Brother Iding offered these parting thoughts:

"Has it become that which we hoped it would? When I meet people with relatives or friends (who are residents) there, I ask them what kind of care have they been getting?"

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **There Were Three** – A timely tip from a brother who is keen on Masonic history called the editor to inform him that J. B. Van Hollen was not the only Grand Master to serve as Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin. As noted in the caption under the cover picture of the October issue, it was stated that our present Grand Master was the only Mason to serve as Grand Master and State Attorney General at the same time, which is correct. Henry S. Baird, as noted, was a Grand Master but was Attorney General before Wisconsin became a state.

However, there was a second Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin who was also a Grand Master. This would be brother William R. Smith of Mineral Point, who served as Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin in 1849-1850 and as Wisconsin's Attorney General from 1856-1858. He also served the Fraternity as Grand Secretary from 1846-1848 and again from 1851-1857. Somehow this fact seems to have been overlooked. We trust that Grand Master Smith will forgive this oversight. Our thanks to Brother Jim Myrhum for bringing this to our attention. Readers interested in learning more are invited to refer to Volumes I and II of "Forward Freemasonry" which contain many references to the accomplishments of this remarkable Mason and public servant.

• **A Crooked Wall Story** – During the extended interview with Past Grand Masters Russ Selbo Al Iding, a little known episode during an early phase of the Masonic Health Care Center's construction was revealed that was omitted from the main story due to space limitations.

If you'll recall, Brother Selbo volunteered to take on the job of construction manager in order to save the \$40 K budgeted for the position.

In stating his qualifications for taking on the task, Past Grand Master Selbo pointed to his 40 years of experience as a safety engineer (he retired as Safety Manager for Wisconsin Electric Power) coupled with a knowledge of finances and contracts, his ability to read blueprints, and, finally, "I knew how things were supposed to look when they were done right," qualified him to function as an effective construction manager.

Brother Selbo related one situation he encountered while the walls were going up that served notice everyone concerned that knew what he was doing. The event in question pertains to clause in the Fraternity's contract with the general contractor allowed no boozing on the job.

"And one day, wouldn't you know, I came on the job and one wall right out here in front looked like... I don't know what."

"I got hold of the general contractor and asked him, what goes here? Look at that, that's not acceptable! Tear it down and start over."

"He (the general contractor) said that it was the subcontractor who was responsible, and I told him, I don't give a dam, you're in charge, you do it!" He got his phone and found out that these guys were drunk as a skunk.

"Fire 'em," I said.

"I can't fire them, they're union," the GC replied.

"Union or not," Selbo replied, "Get'em off the job! Our contract says no booze on the job."

After threatening to call the sheriff to enforce the contract clause, the GC called another mason subcontractor to finish the job. PGM Selbo also said that he experienced the same problem with the painters. He saw that things got done the way they were supposed to be and construction was completed according to contract, on time and under budget.

• **Bogus Masons Surface** – They go by the name of International Masons F&M - Oran McShann Grand Lodge, according to a bulletin sent to all lodges by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, and it has been reported that some of our Wisconsin lodges have been approached by members of this organization. The names of the individuals are Efren Olvera and Matthew Alberts, and they have asked to visit and affiliate with our lodges. The Grand Secretary cautions that this is a clandestine organization and that members are not to be given entrance to our meetings.

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Michael Oganezov Raised in Portage

Brother Michael Oganezov was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on September 11, 2007. Pictured are Worshipful Master Bradford Macfarlane, Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33, Portage, and new Master Mason Michael Oganezov.



55-Years for Helmer Lecy

On September 29 Quincy Lodge, Friendship, honored Brother Helmer Lecy for 55 years of Freemasonry. Presenting the award was Senior Grand Steward Daniel Slavik, left, with Brother Helmer Lecy pictured on right. There were 29 Brothers, wives and family members present to honor Brother Helmer.



Congrats on 25 Years in West Bend

Two Past Masters of West Bend Lodge No. 138, Brother Kevin Schmid, left, and Richard Slade, right, were recognized by Worshipful Master Terry Groth for 25 years as members of the Fraternity during a Past Master's Night Program on September 27. Congratulations!

News From Laflin-St. James Lodge



Bro. Harold Koeffler



Bro. Gil Malmstrom



Bro. David Byrnes

The Masons of Laflin-St. James Lodge No. 247, Mukwonago, honored past masters and widows of Freemasons on Sunday, September 30 at the Mukwonago Masonic Center. More than 70 were in attendance and enjoyed a grilled fillet mignon dinner prepared and served by the family of Richard B. Stevens, Worshipful Master. Stevens acted as host for the annual event. Rodney A. Paulsen, junior Past Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, assisted him. After dinner, friends and family observed as Harold P. Koeffler (above left) was honored by members of the Shrine Clown unit, of which he is a member. Koeffler, a Mason since 1939, serving as Master in 1957, was further honored with the unveiling of a large portrait of him that will be placed in the Koeffler Lounge in the Masonic Center. Gilbert A. Malmstrom of East Troy (above center), a Freemason since 1954, congratulated David J. Byrnes, Eagle, (above right) who was made a Mason September 10 at Laflin-St. James Lodge in Mukwonago. – Submitted by Bro. James Truesdell



Theis Speaks to River Falls Past Master's

Dick Theis, one of the many Past Masters who attended Past Masters breakfast at River Falls Lodge No. 109 on Saturday, October 6, gave a presentation on why our country needs Freemasonry more than ever. Pictured are, left to right; Dick Theis, Chuck White, Past Master and Past Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin and organizer of the breakfast, and Al Soli, who traveled to the event from his home in Kansas City. – Photo by Milt Helmer



Prescott Holds Final Scholarship Dinner This Fall

The members of Northwestern Lodge No. 105 of Prescott closed out their fall season of scholarship steak dinners on a strong note, serving 125 on Friday, October 5 at the lodge hall in Prescott. Paying a visit to the lodge was William Beecher, Junior Grand Steward, and Scott Paulson, Area Administrator. Pictured left to right are Gary Melstrom, Worshipful Master, Matt Knott, Dennis Donath, Junior Grand Steward William Beecher and his wife Pat, and Area Administrator Scott Paulson. Brothers Melstrom and Donath served as chefs for the dinner. – Photo by Milt Helmer

News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



MSA Volunteer Appreciation

On Wednesday, October 3, the Masonic Service Association Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, hosted by our Grand Lodge, was held at the Tomah Masonic Center. Deputy Grand Master John Wilke represented Grand Master Van Hollen. From left to right: Steve Hanson, MSA Representative to the Tomah VA Medical Center; Jerry Molnar, Acting Director of the Tomah VAMC; DGM John Wilke; and PGM/MSA State Coordinator Beecher Daniels; and Brother Robert Keene, Deputy MSA Representative. Over 50 people attended the event.

– Submitted by Steve Hanson, Toman VA Center MSA Representative



Grand Master Tours Middleton Veterans Administration Hospital

The Grandmaster of Masons in Wisconsin, J. B. Van Hollen visited the William S. Middleton Veterans Administration Hospital in Madison in September. Pictured left to right in the front row: La Verne Storkson, MSA Representative; J. B. Van Hollen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin; Beecher Daniels, PGM, MSA State Coordinator; and Doris Daniels, volunteer. In the back row are: Earl and Lillian Brassington, volunteers and Scott Krueger, Chief of Voluntary Services. A volunteer recognition dinner and program followed. – Photo Courtesy Middleton VA Hospital

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a message from MARY MILLARD, DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Do You Need A Program?

I am willing to come to your meeting or to a dinner to tell you about all the changes that are happening on the Three Pillars campuses. It is exciting to see how much we have grown. I am still hearing fraternal members say, "I didn't know that". Make sure your members are informed. Please contact me to set a date.

I still have room for you to join me in the tour of our Dousman Campus on Saturday, November 3rd. Please feel free to contact me at 800.848.5306 to make your reservation.

TOUR OF DOUSMAN CAMPUS

Saturday, November 3rd

Tour will start at 10:00am and lunch will be included.

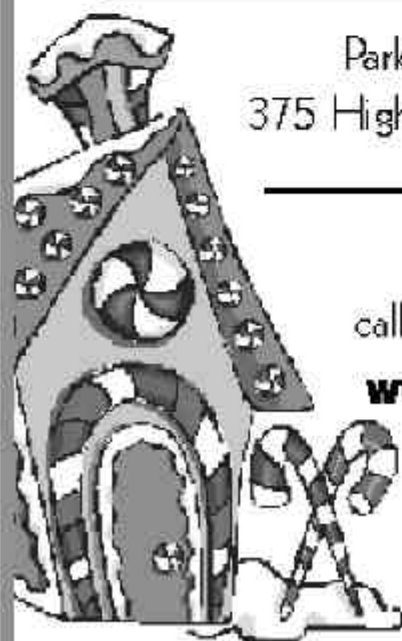
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November 30th & December 1st
from 10:00am to 4:00pm

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Wreaths, handmade ornaments
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Proceeds will help fund future
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Please note the date change for our Open House

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR FALL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 15th

from 6:00 to 8:00 in the evening

**COME SEE WHAT THE
VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE
HAS TO OFFER!**

Enjoy refreshments, take a tour,
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Masonic Center for Health & Rehab Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Please join us for a time of celebration

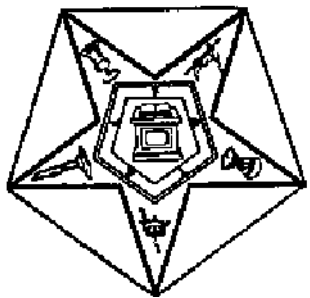
Thursday, November 15th

Two o'clock in the afternoon

*Refreshments and entertainment will
be provided for all to enjoy.*

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





Order of Eastern Star

100 Years Old & 82 Years in Eastern Star, Sister Cornell is Young in Spirit



Elizabeth Cornell

Melody Chapter is very proud of its centenarian, Elizabeth Cornell. Beth was born on an Iowa farm on June 29, 1907. On her 18th birthday, Beth was given a petition for Eastern Star and she joined immediately.

In 1967 Beth affiliated with Melody Chapter to continue her Eastern Star life. She has held many offices in Melody Chapter, including serving as Worthy Matron in 1972 and in 1976-77.

The Middleton Masonic Center was the site of her big birthday bash on June 30, 2007. Friends and relatives from many states joined her in her big celebration.

Chapter Calendar Dates

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

November – Re-obligation Month

- 3 - Northwest Club - Kinnickinnic, River Falls
- Carol Fick, Grand Organist Party - Crivitz
- 4 - Grand Representative Reception for Marguerite Bullis, Grand Representative to Connecticut at Acadia, Brookfield
- 5 - Star Cruisers - to be announced
- 7 - Appointed Officers Night - Starlite, Madison
- 8 - Honor Chaplain and Re-obligation night, Golden Rule, Wauwatosa
- Compass and Re-obligation night - Kenosha, Kenosha
- 9 - Triwaukee Area Club - Vega, Milwaukee
- 10 - Veteran's Celebration - Fort McCoy, Sparta
- Southeast Club - Pike, Kenosha
- 12 - Grand Representative Reception for Deloris Britt, Grand Representative to California at Onalaska, Onalaska
- Honor Secretaries and Treasurers - Acadia, Brookfield
- 13 - Sou'Westers - Miriam, Platteville
- Compass Night - Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington
- Warder, Sentinel, Marshal, Chaplain and Organist Night and honor veterans, West Allis, West Allis
- 14 - Star Point Night and Re-obligation night - Janesville, Janesville
- 15 - Compass Night - Melody, Middleton
- 16 - Honor Secretaries & Treasurers, Re-obligation Night, Vega, Milwaukee
- 17 - Madison Area Club - Middleton
- 26 - Compass Night - Acadia, Brookfield
- 27 - "Women of the Bible" with June Bjorklund - Oconomowoc-Hartland Chapter, Oconomowoc
- 28 - Western Stars - Sparta

December

- 1 - Gloria Widow, Grand Martha Party - Eagle River
- 2 - Grand Representative Reception for Jean Chadderton, Grand Representative to Saskatchewan at West Allis, West Allis
- 4 - Elected Officer Night - Electa, Milwaukee
- 5 - Compass Night- Starlite, Madison
- 7 - All-State Christmas Party- Wausau
- 8 - All-State Christmas Party - Madison
- 11 - Grand Representative Reception for Neil Schulze, Grand Representative to Kansas at Ozaukee, Port Washington
- 13 - Compass Night - Lila B. Graser Chapter, Sussex

Grand Chapter Website

While we have made significant headway in improving the Grand Chapter website, it is still a work in progress. This summer we experienced some major challenges with the service provider and the decision was made to move the site. That transition was not an easy one, nor a smooth one. To further complicate things, our only volunteer programmer has been experiencing some serious health problems. Due to those challenges we understand that you may have been frustrated with both the accessibility of the site, as well as how long updates seem to take in getting pushed to the website. Please understand the scope of what we are doing. Whenever a website is created or redesigned there is a lot of programming that takes place. It would normally take 8 weeks to put together a website like this. This programming is being done by a volunteer with a degree in Computer Science, and the updates are being done as soon as they can be.

We understand that getting updates out there is a major concern, and this is where we need your help. In order to better manage the information that comes in and needs to go out onto the website, we need everyone's help. We are asking that all information that you wish to go on the website be emailed to webmaster@wisconsinoes.org. This is the only email that information should be sent to. This helps to make sure that nothing gets lost and that it makes it onto the website as quickly as possible. The fastest way for us to handle this information is to cut and paste it from one document to another. Flyers with graphics and unusual fonts take up a lot of memory space, so we will not be posting the flyers. The calendar is just that, a calendar. Please make sure that you just send us the necessary details of your event: time, place and date.

We cannot promise that additional information, even if it is supplied, will be posted to the website. The regular mailings that come from your Chapter Secretary should be providing that information. Being able to just cut and paste from one location, means that we save a LOT of time. However, it also means that we will not be editing or revising your information, so it is essential that you check grammar and spelling. Further, we will not be taking information sent out on the OES Blast and transferring it to the website.

This is the official site of the Wisconsin Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Any updates or changes are subject to the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron. Dave Schreier - Webmaster <webmaster@wisconsinoes.org>

Grand Representative Receptions

November 4 - Acadia Chapter, Brookfield and Golden Rule Chapter, Wauwatosa - Reception honoring Marguerite Bullis, Grand Representative to Connecticut at the McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd, Brookfield. 2:00 p.m. Program (Elvis is coming) with refreshments to follow. RSVP to Cheri Brus, 2824 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53210, 414-445-4199, cbrus@wi.r.com

November 12 - Onalaska Chapter, Onalaska - Reception honoring Deloris Britt, Grand Representative to California at the Onalaska Masonic Center, 330 Main St, Onalaska during their 7:00 p.m. stated meeting.

December 2 - West Allis Chapter, West Allis - Reception honoring Jean Chadderton, Grand Representative to Saskatchewan at the West Allis Masonic Center, 7515 W. National Ave, West Allis. 1:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. RSVP to Pamela Weed, 232 N. 75th St., Apt. 2, Milwaukee, WI 53213, 414-476-7870

December 11 - Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington - Reception honoring Neil Schulze, Grand Representative to Kansas at the Ozaukee Masonic Center, 504 Grand Ave, Port Washington. 6:30 p.m. meeting with 7:30 p.m. program with refreshments to follow. Come dressed as your favorite Wizard of Oz character (women - dresses for the meeting, please). RSVP to Deb Morgenstern, 150 Teddy Ave, Hartford, WI 53027 (262) 673-2074, by December 6. djmorgee00@nconnect.net

PROFICIENCY TESTING

Wouldn't you like to hold a proficiency card or station certification? You now have a chance to take either test.

The station certification is done for the following stations: Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Chaplain, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa.

It's not too late to sign up! If you are interested, contact Karen Stauffer, PGM (920-233-7910) or Kris Engbring, AGM (608-244-8281) and let them know you are interested in either the proficiency test, station certification, or both.

Study guides are available. We are so pleased that so many Sisters and Brothers hold current cards for proficiency and certification. Won't you join them? Testing will be held:

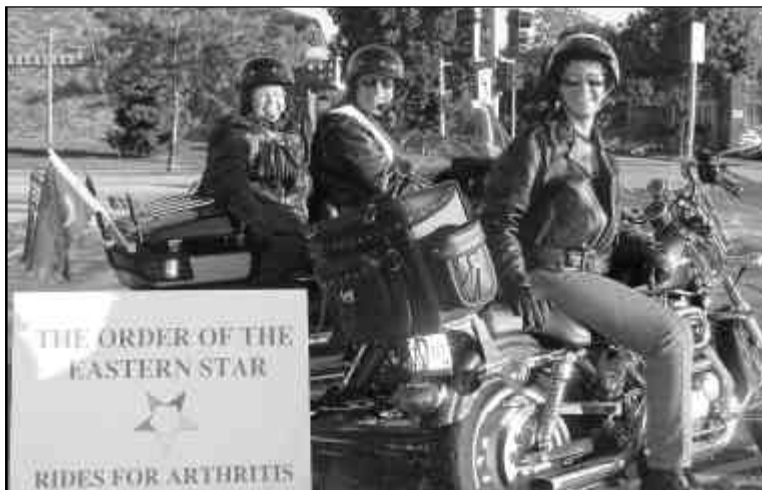
- Friday, November 2 at River Falls Masonic Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 10 at Sparta Masonic Center, 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 13 at Platteville Masonic Center 3 p.m., area club potluck at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 17 at Middleton Masonic Center after club meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Chapters with New Initiates (October-November)

Bristol Chapter, Bristol
Dodgeville Chapter, Dodgeville
Electa Chapter, Milwaukee
Frederic Chapter, Frederic
Martha Washington Chapter, Green Bay
Melody Chapter, Middleton
Miriam Chapter, Platteville
Pike Chapter, Kenosha
Superior Chapter, Superior

Grand Representative Appointments

Duane Norgard, Frederic Chapter - Missouri



Star Motorcycling for Arthritis Research

Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Twardy (left, in her leathers) along with her driver, Brother Don Jensen, are greeted by Sister Laurie Sass (right) at the West Allis Masonic Center as they prepare to leave on their ride.

Mission Accomplished: Joint Venture Motorcycle Ride Surprisingly Successful

WEST ALLIS - With amazing participation from members of the Order of the Eastern Star all around the state, the 2007-2008 Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron's Joint Venture Ride for Arthritis Research, cruised to completion September 28-30. During the three-day weekend, our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Laurie Twardy, and her driver Brother Don Jensen traveled well over 800 miles and made stops at 16 cities, to greet members and collect donations for the Arthritis Foundation of Wisconsin and the Arthritis Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Day 1 - Friday was a beautiful fall day in southeastern Wisconsin. Our gang roared out at 8 am with several followers, and the "Led by His Light" chase vehicle, carrying Brother Paul Twardy, Sister Maria Jensen and Sister Dorothy Sario. An unscheduled stop was added to the itinerary, as the rebels with a cause, took a few minutes to visit the Wisconsin Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation in West Allis. They were greeted with cheers, photos were taken and the air was alive with excitement. But with so many miles yet to go, and so many people still to meet, our bikers headed back to the highway. Members and friends from a number of OES Chapters turned out to welcome the Harley Huggers in Kenosha, Janesville and Middleton. WGM Laurie was interviewed by a local radio station and Wisconsin Assemblywoman Sheryl Albers was on hand to show her support in Reedsburg. With a song composed by Sister Roxanne Gnatzig, they were back on the bikes, in time to zoom over to Tomah, and then on to La Crosse, where the first day of the ride came to a close.

Day 2 - Not much rest for the road weary! A cloudy day at the onset, it rained and rained, and really rained on Saturday. There was truly thunder in the valley, as the Big Iron from Milwaukee cruised northward. It was wet but the spirit of the mission never dampened. The previous day's momentum held strong, even when our WGM had to ride a while in the van, during the worst of the downpour. Greeted by local law enforcement, our gang had the honor of a police escort from the outskirts of Ellsworth to the Masonic Center. Brother Don continued to coax his Harley between raindrops, sans the WGM at times, between Chippewa Falls, Owen and Cecil. At last, all arrived at Mason Woods, and even though the weather was still uncooperative, a cookout was held in the sheltered area at the park. There were many well-wishers to make contributions and pledges to aid individuals with arthritis throughout 2007 and 2008. OES members were treated to a tour of the Mason Woods campus before the day was done and enjoyed the fraternal friendship of the residents.

Day 3 - Gentle breezes and clear skies were on tap for the last leg of the Ride. A hearty breakfast at the motel in Shawano (p); dry leathers (p); helmets (p); the Harley Hog was gassed up and everyone was raring to hit the road. The riders were pleased to pull off the road for visits in Green Bay, Appleton, Fond du Lac and Brookfield. At every stop there were OES members and scrumptious treats (warm apple cake, fresh from the oven, it just doesn't get any better)! There were so many smiling faces, so many generous donations, and many, many navy-blue ribbons were tied around the wrists of everyone in attendance. Then it was back to West Allis, where the journey came to an end, just as it had started. There were hugs; there was laughter; there were signs and banners and cheers; there was Granny Audrey posing for pics, sitting sidesaddle on the Chopper.

The 2007-2008 Joint Venture Ride was fun - it was also an enormously successful opportunity to collect funds to support arthritis research in Wisconsin. Admiration and sincere thanks are extended to Brother Neil and Sister Debbie Schulze for their devotion behind the wheel. They traveled the entire route and allowed their van to serve as the alternate sag wagon, when the official chase vehicle broke down in Green Bay. Publicity about this event was outstanding and the word is definitely out all around the state: the Order of Eastern Star is "on the road again." Hopefully in our efforts to do good work and have some fun, OES memberships will increase. Thanks to all who helped to make the Joint Venture Project memorable!

Additional donations will gladly be accepted through March 2008. Plan to check out the albums of snapshots taken along the way, at Grand Chapter in Stevens Point this May. Now that you've got your motors running, will you be ready to "Catch a Wave?" Stay tuned for further details.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS

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

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

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

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There at Beginning
Restorative Aide Cheryl Haese began working at the old infirmary and helped move residents to the new facility when it opened in 1982. She helps to “keep people moving.” At Left: Our Masonic Center for Health & Rehabilitation in Dousman. Capacity is 84 residents.

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

October 2007

- 30 District 7 School of Instruction, Lodi Valley Lodge 7 p.m.
- 30 District 2 Fall Meeting, Menomonie Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 31 District 11 Fall Meeting, Waukesha Lodge, Waukesha

November 2007

- 3 Tartan Ball, Tripoli Shrine Temple - Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
- 3 Fraternal Relations' Three Pillars-Dousman Open House Tours. Tours will begin at 10 a.m. Lodges or individuals wishing to attend are invited to call Mary Millard to make a reservation at her toll-free number, 800-848-5306.
- 8 Grand Master's Tour of Zablocki VA Center, Milwaukee, 3 p.m. (GM)
- 8 Zablocki VA MSA Volunteer Recognition Dinner , Alioto's at Burleigh & Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. (GM)
- 8 GL Progressive Line Officer Meeting, Madison, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 25th Anniversary of the Masonic Center for Health & Rehabilitation (Masonic Health Care Center) 2 p.m., Three Pillars Senior Living Community, Dousman.
- 29 Southwestern York Rite Association Annual Meeting & Election, Sun Prairie Masonic Center, 7 p.m.

December 2007

- 7 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting (GM) Madison Concourse Hotel & Madison Masonic Center
- 8 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Madison, 9 a.m.
- 9 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Madison, 8:30 a.m.
- 11 Santa Klaus Raffel II fund raiser sponsored by West Bend Lodge No. 138, 6 p.m., West Bend Clairemont Inn. Grand Prize is \$1,000. Other cash awards & Silent Auction. Only 150 tickets will be sold! Price is \$100 per ticket & includes two meals. See ad & registration coupon on page 3.
- 13 WMBAB at Grand Masonic Center, Dousman (GM)
- 8 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843, Annual Meeting & Election of Officers, Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No. 42, Oconomowoc.

Please Note: events listed here are drawn from the Grand Lodge Web Site and reader requests. To have events listed in this calendar please e-mail the date and a brief description to any of the following: Grand Secretary DeWolf at <mdewolf@charter.net> or <grandsecretarywi@charter.net>; Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor Stonecipher at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net> or to the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman, attention Cheryl, at <cheryl@wisc-freemasonry.org>.

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Dodge County Lodge No. 72's Woods Scholars

Beaver Dam High School scholarship recipients Robyn Armon, Alexander Campbell, Melisa Noe (standing, left to right), Susan Noe, Katelyn Stangl and Laura McDonald (seated) gathered for this group picture prior to Dodge County Lodge's second annual Wilson C. and Edna P. Woods Masonic Scholarship awards presentation dinner held May 17 at Old Hickory Country Club in Beaver Dam. Alexander Campbell is the grandson of Robert and Harriet Campbell. Robert Campbell is Past Master of Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge. See accompanying stories about the Woods scholarships on pages 1 and 4 of this issue. Also included in this issue are pictures of the Lodge-Foundation scholarship recipients which are on pages 6, 7 and 8.

– Photo by William Stonecipher, Editor