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## The Master's Words

I found this article in "Masonic Magazine" and thought it was worth passing on. It was written by George Stamp. The Masonic Magazine was a quarterly publication that ran from September 2005 until June of 2007.

Does your apron still fit?

When a new Master Mason is raised, the Worshipful Master grants the Senior Warden the authority to invest the newly Raised brother with the "distinguishing badge of a Master Mason." Taking pride in his duty, the Senior Warden makes sure that the new apron fits the invested brother just right. It is snug, square and neat.

The Brethren of the Lodge stand in admiration of this newly raised Brother who is standing there proudly donned in his perfect fitting "badge of honor." The newly raised Master Mason takes pride in putting away that apron as he heads home, elated and happy, if not somewhat overwhelmed by the lessons he has learned about his new apron and the craft.

Then what happens?

For some the study of Freemasonry, the practice of its rituals, and the contemplation of the lessons learned become a lifelong pursuit. The badge of honor with which they were invested is but the beginning of a long and wonderful Masonic journey for them.

Some Brethren keep the same apron for the rest of their lives doing their best to make sure they always fit the apron. By helping whenever needed, being good men and upright citizens, exemplary husbands and fathers; their conduct as men and Masons ensures that they always fit the apron.

Some truly dedicated craftsmen seem to fit the apron so well that other, more colorful, aprons start to seek them out. These are the Masons that other Masons revere as our leaders and who, by following their example; all Masons become better men. This type of dedicated Mason fits every apron they will ever wear.

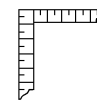
For some however that "Badge of Honor" once so proudly worn and carefully put away after each meeting, begins to get a little loose on them. They stop attending Lodge for any number of reasons or they do not want to do the duties they were charged to fulfill when they were first given their apron.

Perhaps they only joined for the apron, or the right to say they belong to the Masonic Fraternity. This type of Brother will pay his dues to keep up his membership thinking he is doing his part, but sadly will do nothing more. It is often said, "we get more out of Masonry than we put into it," which is obvious to those many members who get so much out of Freemasonry and yet put little or nothing back. One cannot continuously make withdrawals from the Bank of Freemasonry without being willing to make at least the occasional deposit. These members do not fit their aprons. Most of us know how well our apron fits when we put it on. Sometimes the apron belt needs to be stretched but sometimes we need to stretch too. The question should not be how well does our apron fit us, but how well do we fit our Masonic apron.

Brethren, how do you fit your apron?

If you are finding it a little too loose these days then change what you have to so you may fit the apron once again. Stretch yourself a bit instead of stretching the belt. As we all learned as apprentices, "being the badge of innocence and the bond of friendship. I strongly recommend you ever to wear and consider it as such; and be assured that if you never disgrace that badge it will never disgrace you."

Fraternally yours,  
Wayne Budwick  
Worshipful Master  
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**WANTED: Group photos of Unity Lodge officers. We are missing all years of Unity.**

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## From The West

Golf Season is upon us and Brothers of Unity Lodge will be playing at UNI 12:30 every Thursday. Come and join in the fun!

Joe Layne  
Senior Warden



## From The South

All is well in the South. Be sure to join us for Pizza at 6:00 on May 7!

John Walker  
Junior Warden

## From the Secretary's Desk

Unity Lodge is having a celebration day on Saturday, June 13, 2009 in the afternoon. We have been united as a lodge for 5 years. Pike and Southport are history. We will have a lunch catered, I am informed and then we will also present pins to veteran members as follows:

25 years: David Sebetic, Robert Stoebe, Eugene Welter, Bobby Gober, Phillip Wade

30 years: John Antaramian, Thomas Christiansen, George Easton, Russell Gename, Bobby Gober, Dennis A. Johnson, Sr., Hobert (Joe) Layne, James P. Layne, David Sebetic

35 years: John Gray, Casper Hanson, Roy A. Holle, Anastasios Kokkinakis, Gary Shuler

40 years: Thomas A. Eide, Kenneth Robinson, Hugh Sherron, Richard M. Youells

45 years: Martin Davidson, Jerry Funk, Kenneth Hagen, Charles Houston, Steve Hunt, Joe McClelland, Roger A. Mertes, Billy S. Owens, Adriaan Tencate, William Yenawine

50 years: Steve Rumachik, Eulis L. Oswald, James M. Hoover, James Gename

55 years: Steve Rumachik, Edward H. Schiller, Harold F. Kreuser

May 7th will be our 1st meeting of the month and the menu for the evening is going to be different kinds of pizzas. Last month we had Jambalaya and it was very tasty and the chef was Bob Burgermeister. This month will be John Walker.

I have also been asked to remind brothers who are ill or going to the hospital to let us know so we can inform the brethren. I noticed Brother Royce Ingraham working up a good sweat this past week putting in new fans in the rest rooms.

This is a final reminder to all members who are negligent in paying their dues and Grand Lodge assessments. Suspension begins when you are eight months in arrears. This is already the 5th month.

We still meet every Wednesday morning for coffee, rolls and you never know what else.

Your Secretary,  
Harold "Babe" Kreuser



## May Birthdays

05/02 Rickey J. Widmar  
05/03 Roger L. Gename  
05/06 Casper H. Hanson  
05/09 David K. York  
05/09 Charles J. Richter  
05/09 Nicholas P. Austin  
05/10 Louis H. Vandermoon  
05/13 Wilhelm Sterba  
05/13 Douglas J. Moorhouse  
05/19 Lee J. Swett  
05/19 Michael J. Stancato  
05/20 James E. Kreuser  
05/21 Martin P. Davidson  
05/22 Vincent S. Tillona  
05/23 John D. Walker  
05/24 Alan R. Vittori  
05/26 James C. Pittman  
05/27 Larry A. Day  
05/30 Danye R. Boxx  
05/31 Hugh K. Sherron  
05/31 Richard G. Williams



Sister Roberta Little passed away on Monday, April 13. She was Worthy Matron at Union Grove and Conductress at Bristol Chapters of OES. Sister Roberta was loved by all of us who knew her, and she will be remembered for her bubbly personality and willingness to take any station that needed to be filed at the surrounding Chapters.

Our loving concern and sympathy is extended to her husband, Bro. Harold and their sons, Paul (wife, Linda) and Tony. Also to her grandchildren Vince & Jenny. Roberta's funeral service will be held on Monday, April 20 at the Proko Funeral Home with a 2:00 p.m. visitation; 3:00 p.m. Eastern Star service followed by the Church Service.



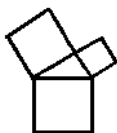
## The Editor

Your response to our request for current contact information has been gratifying. Many of you have sent in updates and we have been updating the Grand Lodge data as they are received. Please continue to send them in. See the last column of this TB. If you have already sent current information, no need to do it again.

We are up to sixty-three "electronic" members. Every month we add a few more. Won't you join in helping us save Lodge \$\$ ? Send your E-Mail address to me and you will get your TB much sooner via E-Mail. "Save A Tree – Subscribe to the "E-Edition".

Fraternally,

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## Dates to Remember May 2009

- 5 FC Instruction 5pm & Officers Meeting 6pm  
**7 Pizza Dinner 6pm MEETING 7PM**  
10 Mothers Day  
12 FC Instruction 5pm  
18 Trustees 8pm  
19 FC Instruction 5pm  
**21 STATED MEETING 7PM**  
26 FC Instruction 5pm  
June 13 Lodge Anniversary and Awards  
June 20 Shrine Circus at Temper High School  
August 13 Combined Lodge Picnic at Unity  
**Every Wednesday** – Donuts, Coffee and Philosophy at  
8 AM, Lodge Clean Up 9 AM, and Degree Practice 10  
AM.

### May Masonic Anniversaries

Wayne A. Budwick  
Samual B. Purse  
Claire C. Faulkner  
Clifford W. Bailey  
James G. Kruse  
Jerry J. Brown  
Robert D. Hall  
J. Michael Koscinski  
Terrance E. Heeter  
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Eric D. Mellor  
Stephen P. Latham  
James R. Schweitzer  
Gregory C. Zgorzelski



Brethren:

A recent examination of our roster and records has revealed that we are not very accurate, especially on certain items. We really need to get current telephone numbers for many of you, and would like to add E-Mail addresses to our records. In addition, some of the address information is not up to date. Please help us get more current by sending the following back to the Lodge, either in an envelope, or via E-Mail (that costs less). Send your current information to Worshipful Master, Unity Lodge #367, 4320 Washington Rd., Kenosha, WI 53144-4250 or [wm@kenoshamasons.com](mailto:wm@kenoshamasons.com)

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Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a "Snowbird", please provide your "Winter" address and the dates you will be there.

(If you have already sent your current information, no need to do it again)

