

The Trestleboard

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The Master's Words

A few things that I did in March that might be of interest to our readers...

Bill Barnes and I visited Don Roeder on his 99th birthday. Bill took pictures which are in the Masonic Journal. Two petitions were read on the 15th. On Thursday, March 22nd, Our JW, Gerry Hansen conferred the EA degree on Gregory Mach. Bill Hahnfeldt from Wilmot Lodge helped with the lectures. A big thank you is in order for our Lodge Counselor, Randy Holton. He is doing an outstanding job. Our newest MM, Jerry Slater (my Grandson) did his proficiency on April 5th and I rated him as very satisfactory. I appointed him Junior Steward and also Trustee for one year to fill out Wayne Budwick's term. Our Fish Fry on April 12th was a huge success. Thanks to Vince Shuler for the fish, Joe Layne for the cooking, JW Gerry and helpers for the set up and clean up.

We will confer the EA degree on Kenneth Schoen on April 19th. JW Gerry will confer. On April 26th we will confer the FC degree on Bro. Gregory Mach. Lodge will open at 6:30 for both.

Sad news was announced at the Fish Fry. Sister Dona-Rae Baumgart passed away suddenly. She was Worthy Matron, OES Chapter 92. Dona-Rae and I also served as WM and WP for Pike Chapter, OES in 2002-2003.

S&F,
Gordie
Worshipful Master

From The South

Hello again from the South-

Such a deal I have for you! This is in reference to our Table Lodge that will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 PM for the unbelievable price of \$10 per person. I held the price down to inspire all of you to take advantage of this and then you can say that your Lodge is giving you something for your dues. This will be a catered dinner. Also, think of some special event that we can toast, too...a person, etc. This event will be informal, so come with a good joke or saying that we all can enjoy and make for a good evening. Call me by Sunday, May 6, at 262-770-3214 if you are coming. But, what the heck, just call and we can talk for a while. There will be no dress code...just come.

Our next dinner will be the Past Masters/Awards night on Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 PM.

See you in lodge,
Gerry
Junior Warden



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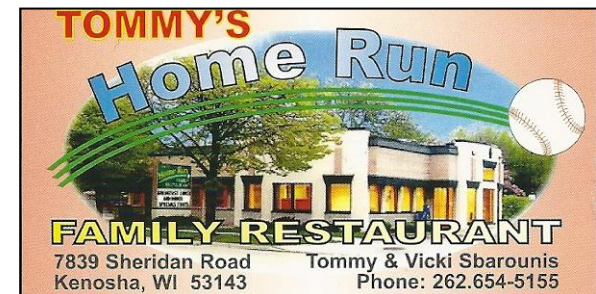
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From the Secretary's Desk

Recently in the Kenosha news, there was an obituary of a former member of Southport Lodge who resided at Green Lake, WI. Brother Fleetwood Miller passed on to that Celestial Lodge above. He was a very active member. May he rest in peace.

Wanted: Someone to help Brother Olger Bergerson cut the grass. Brother Gene Welter resigned and he did a very good job for years.

We are having a fish fry on April 12. The fish are provided by Brother Vince Shuler. I guess the fish just jump into his boat when they see him coming. The cook in charge is Brother Joe Layne. Lee Holton is supplying the Cole Slaw and Tartar Sauce.

The lodge received a very nice plaque with the American flag enclosed which was carried by Brother 1st Lt. Aaron Pomerening when the troops were on patrol in Afghanistan. It will be near the American flag which was flown over the USS Arizona and given to the lodge by Brother Vincent Desantis.

We have to thank a lot of brothers who have cleaned up the lodge and keep it operating at 99%. Ben Saucedo, Gus Orozco, Jim Gename, Olger Bergerson, Randy Holton, Bob Burgermeister, Tom Hamilton, Gerald Hansen and Bill Shelley who also donated a lot of money towards the lodge.

This is a reminder to members of our lodge who do not have their 2012 dues card. Check your wallet, the card is white, 2011 was green. Grand Lodge may send you a letter. Let's take care of it now.

Remember every Wednesday morning coffee, rolls and you never know what else...

Your Secretary, Harold (Babe) Kreuser



From The West

Greetings My Brothers,

As Spring has sprung, and we find ourselves with many choices of activities, remember your lodge. It can always use your help. Those couple hours you share, mean so much to its well-being, and affords us new insight. Giving a hand here and there, contributes to the whole of the lodge. We, as Men and Masons can only improve with the sharing of your knowledge and experience. The Master's Trestleboard has plenty for work ahead, and with Spring, the building maintenance is abundant. Take the plunge in our pool and enjoy the warmth of fellowship.

S&F,

Bill
Senior Warden



INFORMATION

Check around...if you have any yarn around the house, get it to Jim Gename so that he can keep Fran Rice supplied with materials to knit more lap robes for the kids at the Shrine Hospitals.



The roll of the workmen has been called, and Bro. Don Roeder answers not. Bro. Don, PM, passed away on May 14th. Bro. Don celebrated his 99th birthday on March 16th and was the oldest Brother of Unity Lodge.



May Birthdays

05/02 Rickey J. Widmar
05/03 Roger L. Gename
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 Michael J. Stancato
05/19 Adrian Vivero
05/20 James E. Kreuser
05/22 Vincent S. Tillona
05/24 Alan R. Vittori
05/26 James C. Pittman
05/27 Larry A. Day
05/27 William Barton
05/30 Danny R. Boxx
05/31 Hugh K. Sherron
05/31 Richard G. Williams

Happy Birthday!

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KEITH R. MATUS
President







The Editor

I am part of a small committee working on getting signed agreements with other groups that use our building. It's interesting and arduous work, and all for the "good of the Lodge". We need to have all the rules spelled out and agreed to. As we get things accomplished, I will report them to you here.

I'll see you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

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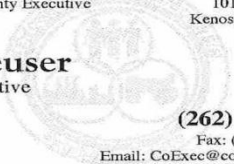
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Dates to Remember

April-May 2012

Apr 19 - Stated Meeting & EA Degree 6:30 PM

Apr 26 – Special FC Degree 6:30 PM

May 3 – Stated Meeting 7 PM (Dinner @ 6 PM)

May 7 – Trustees Meeting 6 PM

May 10 – Table Lodge 6:30 PM

May 13 – Mother’s Day (Call your Mom!)

May 17 – Stated Meeting 7 PM

May 28 – Memorial Day

Every Wednesday – Lodge Clean Up with coffee and rolls 8 AM, and Degree Practice 10 AM.

May Masonic Anniversaries

Claire C. Faulkner
Clifford W. Bailey
James G. Kruse
Jerry J. Brown
Robert D. Hall
Terrance E. Heeter
Bobby L. Gober
Larry A. Day
Frederick C. Duprey
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The Tiler

An officer of a Symbolic Lodge, whose duty is to guard the door of the Lodge, and to permit no one to pass in who is not duly qualified, and who has not the permission of the Master. A necessary qualification of a Tiler is, therefore, that he should be a Master Mason. Although the Lodge may be opened in an inferior Degree, no one who has not advanced to the Third Degree can legally discharge the functions of Tiler. As the Tiler is always compensated for his services, he is considered, in some sense, as the servant of the Lodge. It is, therefore, his duty to prepare the Lodge for its meetings, to arrange the furniture in its proper place, and to make all other arrangements for the convenience of the Lodge. The Tiler need not be a member of the Lodge which he tiles; and in fact, in large cities, one Brother very often performs the duties of Tiler of several Lodges.

This is a very important office, and, like that of the Master and Wardens, owes its existence, not to any conventional regulations, but to the very landmarks of the order; for, from the peculiar nature of our Institution, it is evident that there never could have been a meeting of Freemasons for Masonic purposes, unless a Tiler had been present to guard the Lodge from intrusion. The title is derived from the Operative Art; for as in Operative Masonry the Tiler, when the edifice is erected, finishes and covers it with the roof of tiles, so in Speculative Masonry, when the Lodge is duly organized, the Tiler closes the door and covers the sacred precincts from all intrusion.

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

