

# *Wausau Trestleboard*

## **Master's Message**

Snow covered greetings from the East my brethren. While patience is a virtue, having to use my snow blower and shovel multiple times in mid-April causes one's patience to wear mighty thin. Most of you have now clearly received our Grand Master's theme for his term that the world needs more good men. Specifically, more Masons.

The Grand Lodge has even developed a new advertising campaign (yes, advertising Masonry) built around the slogan: "Not just a man but a Mason." It's powerful, but what does it mean? Think about it...what makes you different as a Mason than other good men? Many would reply their obligation to the fraternity makes them different. Others would argue the way in which they conduct themselves makes them different. Others may have a different answer. All would be correct. As Masons, we have accepted an obligation and attempt to act according to a certain level of conduct that hopefully improves ourselves and helps those around us. So, now you are saying why did we put this guy in the East? He's telling us things we already

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Worshipful Master  
Jesse Furrer

know! Well, that's true but with this month's message, I'm asking you all to consider what is going on around us every day, why our Grand Master's message is so important, and why our obligation and actions are so critical in the world today.

I'm not known to be subtle, so here goes: At any given time, we can turn on the television or go to the movies and see countless graphic murder simulations and yet we are shocked when a man kills dozens at a music festival. Video games allow our kids to graphically "kill" hundreds or thousands of times over with no consequences yet we cannot understand why young people seek the limelight by killing their classmates. "Soft drugs" such as marijuana have become a laughing joke in the media and our elected politicians have succeeded in making the drug legal in a rising number of jurisdictions, yet we scramble for a response to our country's addiction to meth, opioids, and other hard drugs.

### **Dates to Remember**

**May 2** – Forest Lodge No 130 Stated Communication Tile 7:00 P.M. South at 6.30 P.M.

**May 10** – St Omer Commandery Stated Meeting 7.00 P.M.

**May 15** – York Rite Chapter and Council Stated Meeting 7.00 P.M.

**May 16** – Forest Lodge No 130 Stated Communication Tile 7:00 P.M. South at 6.30 P.M.

**May 23** – Highway Cleanup at 5.00 P.M. and Texas Roadhouse afterwards

The pornography industry has been mainstreamed to the point that anyone accessing the internet expects a barrage of material that would truly have been shocking a mere 25 years ago. There is a clear movement in our society toward dependency and away from the rewards of success through hard work and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Now that I have everyone either upset, depressed, or both, know all is not yet lost. I just returned from our local business exposition and spoke to a young 16-year-old who has recently started his own asphalt sealing company. He had just won the Junior Achievement Entrepreneur of the Year award this past year. He created, set up, and attended his own booth for the EXPO and later that day was driving to Milwaukee to present his company to 600 attendees at a ceremony in his honor. Now that, my brothers, is someone for anyone to look up to and emulate. Perhaps he will someday be part of our fraternity. By the way, his name is Charles Rose and he owns Action Asphalt Maintenance in Wausau. I plan to have him seal my driveway later this year.

*"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." Bro. Winston Churchill*

### **Scottish Rite Breakfast Club**

Meets for breakfast at 7.00 A.M. on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday at Perkins

### **Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary**

On Friday, May 11, 2018 the Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary will meet for a luncheon and meeting at The Palms. Lunch will start at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning approximately at 12:30 p.m. The

agenda for the May meeting will be a report from two representatives from our Auxiliary who will be attending the Annual WGA 4 Kids meeting to be held on Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24 in Minneapolis. We will not meet June, July and August. I will send info regarding September meeting later in the summer.

#### **Birthdays**

The following brothers celebrate their birthdays for the month of May 2018.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Jon Dake  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – David Zuke  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Peter Fawcett  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>** – William Schweinler  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – James Finch  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Chester Bembeneck  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Harlyn Woodward  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Charles Kerstell  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Kurt Lis  
**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Brian Nelson

#### **Memorial Day Parade**

The City of Wausau Veterans' Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 2018 commencing at 10.45 A.M. at Marathon Park and concluding at the former VFW Building. Please join us as we honor fallen comrades. Contact Jesse Furrer at [JesseFurrer@spectruminsgroup.com](mailto:JesseFurrer@spectruminsgroup.com) or 715 573 8667.

#### **Charities**

This is a reminder that the questionnaire canvassing for charities of your choice is required by May 31, 2018. Currently very few have responded. Support of charitable institutions is a key objective of our craft and should be encouraged.

