

# Wausau Trestleboard

## Master's Message

Greetings again from the East, Brethren. I hope this message finds each and every one of you well and in good spirits. As I get older and more entrenched in both work and family activities, days and weeks are hardly recognizable anymore as they roll into one another much faster than I would prefer. On that note, the sale of our lodge building is progressing quickly with a currently-scheduled close date of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Of course, anything can happen between now and then but to this point we have not hit any “snags.” The party accepting our offer has plans to turn the building into a music hall, brew pub, and coffee house to serve the greater Wausau area. I’m excited about the transition and hopefully you all are as well. It pains me to see our building as underutilized as it is given the amount of effort our Masonic brothers put into building the unique structure. At the same time, I look forward to assisting our lodge in establishing our new home for Forest Lodge #130. We will need ALL brothers to assist with our eventual move in the months to come. Allow me to offer a heartfelt “Thank you” to Brother Thom Passow for his tireless efforts to see that our new Masonic Temple meets our needs, is readily visible and attractive to the community, and places our lodge in a sound financial condition for decades to come. Thom has worked many hours on this project and deserves our gratitude for his efforts.



Worshipful Master  
Jesse Furrer

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This past stated meeting, Brother Peter Rotter was kind enough to address the lodge with a brief Masonic education lecture. As Brother Rotter is an attorney, he compared the solemn oath we take as Masons to that of a binding contract in the eyes of the law. It was interesting, and I wanted to share a few points with you all. (Peter, please excuse any formalities I may not have exactly correct.)

A binding contract requires an offer and acceptance; between competent parties; for a legal purpose; with mutual acceptance or a “meeting of the minds”; and some form of consideration (value) of the contract. Binding contracts are completed all the time by many people, formally or otherwise, and sometimes the parties do not even know they have entered into a

legal obligation. Well, when we stand in front of our lodge and make a solemn and sincere

promise in the presence of our almighty God, we are also making a binding obligation. Further, this is a life-long obligation. It of course is not one that should be taken lightly, and I for one find myself at times referencing that obligation or contract as I consider an action that I am thinking of taking or one that I may have already taken. The penalties of violating our obligation are symbolic in nature during our natural lives, but we all must account for our actions when called upon by our creator to do so. A unique and very true comparison between contractual law and the obligation we make to our brothers, ourselves, and our creator. Enjoy the balance of Summer my brothers.

WM Brother Jesse Furrer

***“Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it.” Brother Samuel Clemens aka “Mark Twain”***

### **Scottish Rite Breakfast Club**

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

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

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Chase Kasper  
August 5<sup>th</sup> – Kevin Sorenson  
August 6<sup>th</sup> – Russell Schoeneman  
August 8<sup>th</sup> – Robert Bullock  
August 13<sup>th</sup> – Carl Berg  
August 16<sup>st</sup> – Daniel Kerlin  
August 19<sup>th</sup> – Irvin Feit  
August 20<sup>th</sup> – Lars Framness  
August 23<sup>th</sup> – Peter Rotter  
August 24<sup>th</sup> – Anthony Wisniewski  
August 25<sup>th</sup> – Clem Dozer  
August 25<sup>th</sup> – Mark Partridge  
August 25<sup>th</sup> – Walter Riedl  
August 25<sup>th</sup> – Brian Tomski

#### **Dates to Remember**

**August 1** – Forest Lodge No 130 Stated  
Communication Tile 7:00 P.M. South at 6.30 P.M.

**August 9** – St Omer Commandery Stated Meeting  
7.00 P.M.

**August 15** – Forest Lodge No 130 Stated  
Communication Tile 7:00 P.M. South at 6.30 P.M.

**August 21** – York Rite Chapter and Council Stated  
Meeting 7.00 P.M.

**August 26** – Mosinee Car Show.

**September 15** – Lodge Summer Picnic

**September 19** – Past Master’s Night and presentation  
of Opening & Closing in an Australian Lodge.

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#### **Charities Questionnaire**

The various Survey Submissions for charities that have been returned to the Forest Lodge Secretary will be consolidated on a list and presented to the Lodge in the next Trestleboard.