

Wausau Trestleboard

Master's Message

Happy New Year Brothers, I am humbled at the opportunity to serve as the WM for Forest Lodge #130. I look forward to the chance to serve to continue our growth. Growth only comes as we all move forward together standing tall as Mason's in our community where we work, play and gather with those outside of our fraternity.



We are sitting in a great place coming out of 2019. We sold our lodge, had temporary lodge meetings in Merrill, purchased a new building, remodeled the new building, and brought 8 new good men into our fraternity. This work for 2019 was all led by our Past Master Joe Barlow. He did a tremendous job putting the craft to work and giving them proper instruction. He has put our lodge in a good place and he should be congratulated for his efforts. He says he's ready to step out of the east, but I think he gloried in telling his tales in the monthly Trestleboard, and honestly we will miss the stories too. I'm not so sure my Trestleboard messages will be as "snappy" as his, but I will do my best.

On December 18th we all gathered at our installation and I was reminded of why we are a great fraternity. It is great to be surrounded by great friends and Brothers. While sitting in the east there

Forest Lodge 130 - 2020 Officers

Worshipful Master	Kevin Sorenson
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Counselor	Joe Barlow

was an overwhelming feeling of responsibility and even a little scariness. Kind of the same feeling I had when my first son, Philip, was born. Having had no experience with babies and the huge responsibility that was ahead of me, believe me, I was scared!!! As all of you know that as parents, that scariness quickly fades. As Philip was born and I laid my eyes on him for the first time, it was no longer time for nervousness but a time to get to work. Then my son Austin was born and finally Thomas. Most of their time growing up I was a single father of three boys. At the time I worked at the Portage County Sheriff's Office so that time

period was challenging but also rewarding. Now I can sit back and see the fruits of my labors, Philip, Austin & Thomas are 27, 26, and 24 years old. Luckily, I have been patrolled and they are independent now. The nervousness has passed, reality has kicked in and I am the Master of Forest Lodge 130. It's time to get to work. It's time for all of us to do our parts in building Masonry in Central Wisconsin. It's time for all of us to be as active as our cable tow allows. If we do that now, we can sit back and see the fruits of our labors someday.

I would ask all the Brothers reading this that have not attended lodge in a long time to consider joining us again. Having talked with long time Masons that haven't attended in a while feel they may not

know anyone and that they may not be accepted. This is the farthest from the truth. We have a great group of Masons and we are growing. We can use your experience and welcome you back into lodge. This will be an exciting year; I am looking forward to working with everyone. Feel free to contact me anytime, 715-581-0553 or sorensonkevinr@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
 Kevin R Sorenson, WM
 Forest Lodge #130

Scottish Rite Breakfast Club

Meet for breakfast at the Log Cabin Restaurant at 7:00 A.M. on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays each month.

Birthdays – January 2020

The following brothers celebrate their birthdays for the month of January 2020.

- January 12th** – Joe Barlow
- January 12th** – Richard Gee
- January 13th** – Francis Wickeham
- January 14th** – David Johnson
- January 17th** – Stephen Williams
- January 20th** – Frederich Johnston
- January 20th** – Dakota Wisniewski-Rhoades
- January 24th** – Abraham Kurth
- January 25th** - Mathew Shelton
- January 27th** – William Brown
- January 28th** – Barry Diehl
- January 28th** – Steven Peterson
- January 28th** – Richard Sauer

Dates to Remember

- January 8** – Stated Communication – Tiling at 7.00 P.M.
- January 14** – St. Omer Commandry Tiling at 7.00 P.M.
- January 15** – Quarterly Dinner at Richard’s Supper Club – Drinks 6.00pm, Dinner at 6.30pm. Payment to Brother Secretary as payment will be made by Lodge check. Significant Others are welcome.
- January 16** – York Rite Tiling at 7.00 P.M.
- January 22**– Stated Communication – Tiling at 7.00 P.M.

Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary

Our January 10, 2020 meeting will be at the Great Dane from 11:30 – 1:30. The program will be Kelly Price, Executive Director – Center for the Visual Arts.
 Gayle Tesch

Christmas Meeting



Installation of 2020 Officers



**Mason of the Year
 Brother Lars Framness**

