Wausau Trestleboard

Master's Message

Greetings brothers, another month has flown by and the rest of the year has no plans on slowing down. My first month as master was very eventful; we had our first social event at Dale's Weston Lanes. Our next social event will be held at the lodge as a movie night, bring friends and family, it will be a good time. As I stated in January I will be focusing each month of my year in the east to the twelve points of the scout law. The second point is *loyal*. Loyalty in Freemasonry means to me that even though I may have failed or let a brother down, when I need brotherly love, they extend their hand and ask "how can I help." Loyalty in freemasonry is one of the many



distinguishing characteristics of a good man, a man who is willing to help without asking for a reward in return.

When was the title "Grand Master" Created?

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"Grand Master" has become, almost universally, the prestigious highest officer title in the Masonic Fraternity worldwide. When it was used initially, like many of the ancient traditions and practices, it is difficult to make a positive answer to the question. Some studies and opinions; however, agree that the title of Grand Master for the presiding officer was first used in A.D. 926, at a General Assembly held at York. According to Masonic tradition, that first General Assembly was called by Prince Edwin, the son of King Athelstane. This tradition appears in all early manuscripts of the fraternity. The Regius Manuscript or Halliwel Poem is the earliest of these manuscripts,

and is dated around 1390, centuries after the event, and includes the first use of the "Grand Master" as the presiding officer.

Social Media

Brothers, the Trestleboard is your Lodge Communication media and each and every one of you are invited to contribute. You can use it to advertise and communicate upcoming events, personal events, sale of goods, sporting events, and etcetera, indeed anything of interest. To include your contributions please inform the editor by the 20th of each month at the following address:

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Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary Shadow Ball

Since 1996, when the Charity Ball was replaced by the Shadow Ball, fundraising has realized an aggregate of \$91,000 that has helped change the lives of children who are patients of the Shriner's Hospital in Minneapolis. Attached is a circular from the Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary.

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.



Dates to Remember

February 9 – St. Omer Commandry – Tiling 7.00 PM

February 10 – Stated Communication - Tiling 7.00 PM.

February 18 – York Rite – Tiling 7.00 PM

February 21 - Lodge Calendar - Social Movie Night.

February 24 – Stated Communication & Conferral to FC

Birthdays – February 2021

The following brothers celebrate birthdays for the month of February 2021.

February 4th – Patrick Hancock

February 10th – Jerry Klein

February 20th – Jake Seever

February 21st – Robert Weirauch

February 24th – Arden Emmerich

Masonic Humor

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives. Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to the Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As it so happened, Bill went to heaven first and one night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him. Bob called out, "Is that you Bill? "Yes was the reply and I am honoring our agreement. "Oh my What's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

Bill replied, "It's like nothing you could imagine. The lodge here is fantastic Better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth. The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have heaps of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."

Bob's eyes teared up, "Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?" "Well" said Bill "I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday." "That's fantastic" said Bob, "What's the bad news?" "Your name is on the list to be Senior Deacon" said Bill.

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February 1, 2021

Dear Auxiliary Members and Friends,

In 1996, members of Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary replaced the annual Charity Ball with the Shadow Ball, a dance-less dance to raise money for Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Minnesota.

This is the 26th year for the Shadow Ball, which, since its inception with your help, raised \$91,000.00 to help change the lives of the children who are patients at the Shriner's Hospital in Minneapolis.

The need for wheelchairs and other special equipment continues for the youngsters, including nearly 100 special children from central and northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula who are being cared for at the hospital.

Annually the WGA4Kids reports equipment provided to the patients including manual and power wheelchairs; chair repairs, refurbishes and growth kits; walkers; crutches; bath chairs and benches; and durable medical equipment costs more than \$400,000.00.

Part of the cost is made up through monetary gifts to the Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary through memorials, honorariums, and this annual campaign.

Your donation is tax-deductible. Please write a check payable to:

WISCONSIN VALLEY AUXILIARY SHADOW BALL

And send it in the enclosed envelope to:

Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary P O Box 302 Wausau, WI 54402-0302

Thank you for your help in keeping the wheelchairs rolling for these special children.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sieglaff

Shadow Ball Chairman

Brs/enclosures