

Wausau Trestleboard

Forest Lodge No. 130 Newsletter

August 2022

Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings from the East!

As the summer starts to wrap up, I hope everyone had a chance to get some rest and time to relax. We are coming into the second half of the year and there are plenty of things to be excited about. We have an outdoor Master Mason degree coming up soon on August 27, so mark your calendar and plan to attend a special event such as this. This event is open to all Master Masons. More information is found in this issue of the Trestleboard.



At some point in your Masonic journey, some of you may have thought ***"I am a Master Mason, now what?"*** I have reflected on why I became a Mason. I had no family members that were Masons. I had no friends that were Masons, "or so I thought"! My interest was sparked by a couple of my friends talking about their experiences as Masons, and during those discussions I decided this may be something for me, so I joined the Fraternity. Early on in my journey, I watched my Brothers, and tried to learn from them. What I found was that no two Brothers were alike. Some were rough ashlar, and some were perfect ashlar. Yes, each of us were different! As I grew in Masonry an important lesson emerged for me. Time is the limiting factor in this life; the more time I spend working on myself as a Mason, the more time I have to refine my own ashlar. I only get a finite number of strikes on the stone, so I needed to spend my time wisely, smoothing out my own ashlar, and work to fit it for the purposes of good. I am a Mason because I am responsible for that ashlar. Because when the time comes for me to surrender it, and my time in the quarry is over, my Masonic work will truly represent an important part of what I have done in my life.

It is a privilege for every Mason to be able to reflect upon their degrees, their journey in Masonry. It is a gift that non-Masons could never understand. I challenge each of you to attend all degrees that will be scheduled for the remainder of this year. By attending you will not only have an opportunity to refresh your understanding of each degree, but you will also discover deeper meanings of them.

Congratulations to Brother Keith Mathews on joining the ranks of Forest Lodge #130, when he was initiated an Entered Apprentice on July 13, 2022. On this momentous evening, Forest Lodge conferred its 8th Entered Apprentice degree for 2022. Watch your email for more degrees that may be conferred in August!

NOTE: At our stated meeting on June 22, 2022, the Brothers decided that we would keep the lights on during the summer. Instead of going dark during the summer months, Forest Lodge will continue to have stated meetings during the summer.

See you at Lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Rick Schnabel

Worshipful Master, 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.

Dates and Events for August

Aug 10: 7:00 PM Stated Meeting
Aug 24: 7:00 PM Stated Meeting
Aug 27: 11:00 AM Outdoor Master Mason Degree

Looking Ahead to September

Sep 1: 6:30 PM York Rite Council #22 Meeting
Sep 1: 8:00 PM York Rite St. Omer Commandery #19 Meeting
Sep 14: 7:00 PM Stated Meeting
Sep 28: 7:00 PM Stated Meeting – Past Master’s Night – Dinner at Lodge at 6:15 PM

Forest Lodge 130 - 2022 Officers

Worshipful Master	Rick Schnabel
Senior Warden	Lars Framness
Junior Warden	David Imlah, Jr
Treasurer	Kevin Sorenson
Secretary	Albie Kramer
Chaplain	Will MacKay
Senior Deacon	Barry Maxfield
Junior Deacon	Joe Barlow
Senior Steward	Matthew Meyers
Junior Steward	Ryan Wojciechowski
Counselor	Dan Maguire
Tiler	Steve Peterson

July 2022 Birthdays

08/05 Kevin Sorenson
08/08 Robert Bullock
08/13 Carlton Berg
08/20 Lars Framness
08/23 Peter Rotter
08/25 Brian Tomski
08/25 Mark Partridge

IN MEMORIAM

Brother John Walter Eldred

April 8, 1932 – June 8, 2022

Initiated an Entered Apprentice on February 12, 1974

Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on March 12, 1974

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 9, 1974

Brother Bruce Durand Furrer

July 26, 1935 – June 24, 2022

Initiated an Entered Apprentice on May 9, 1984

Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on January 30, 1985

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 15, 1985

Keith Mathews was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Forest Lodge #130 on July 13, 2022



Pictured Left to Right:
Jon Eberhardt
Barry Diehl
Aaron Wulk
Matthew Meyers Keith
Mathews
Jonathan Phelps
Rick Schnabel
Lars Framness
Jesse Furrer
Ryan Wojcicechowski
Dan Maguire
Stephen Kalmon
Jason Kotolski
Albie Kramer
Matt Zastrow
Richard Knechtel
Will MacKay
Jacob Szymik

White Lambskin Apron

When you were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, you were presented with a white lambskin apron, yours to wear throughout a useful and honorable life. To wear until that day when you shall come to the end of the trail, where the old worn road dips down into the valley of the shadow, and your spirit shall return to the All-Loving Father who gave it.



Then, and only then, will you relinquish it, and it shall be laid upon the casket containing your mortal body and buried. Until that day – and may it be many years ahead – wear that apron with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

Do you know where your white lambskin apron is?

Does your family know where your white lambskin apron is?

Is it your wish to have a Masonic memorial service?

I would encourage every Brother from Forest Lodge #130 to fill out the **Request for Masonic Funeral** form (located on the last page of this Trestleboard), and mail it back to Forest Lodge. We will keep the form on file, and when that time arises, the information that you documented can be relayed back to your family.

Outdoor Master Mason Degree on Saturday, August 27th

You are invited to attend



Forest Lodge No. 130
Outdoor Master Mason
Degree
Saturday, August 27, 2022
LODGE Tiled at 11:00 AM

Itinerary for the day

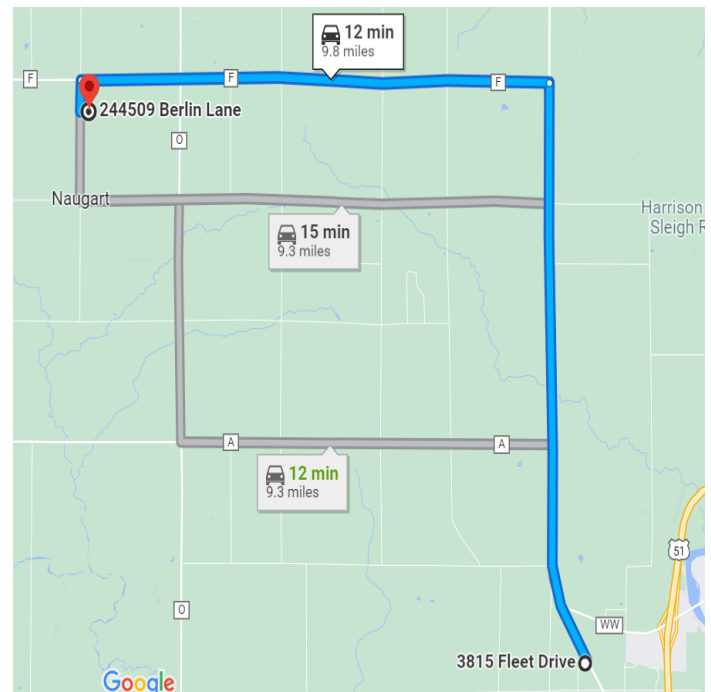
- Open Lodge in the MM degree (11:00 AM)
- First Section of MM degree (11:15 AM)
- Break for Lunch (12:00 PM)
- Second Section of the degree (1:00 PM)
- Historical Lecture
- Third Section Lecture
- Charge
- Walking Bible Poem
- Apron Address
- Bible Presentation
- Additional Presentations to the Candidate
- Close in the MM degree
(we should be done by 4:00 PM)

Dress Code: Casual Attire

Weather: In case of heavy rain, the degree will be move to Forest Lodge #130, 3815 Fleet Drive, Wausau, WI. Please bring an umbrella or rain poncho in case of light rain.

Additional: Please bring sun screen and bug spray with you

This map shows the location of the outdoor degree site from Forest Lodge #130 (3815 Fleet Drive, Wausau)



Reservations are required for lunch, and can be made by calling or texting Worshipful Master Rick Schnabel at 715-432-3152, or by email: rickschnabel33@hotmail.com

Request for Masonic Funeral

TO MY SURVIVORS - Upon my death, please notify the following Masonic organizations of which I am a member.

(My lodge can be contacted by calling the current Secretary or the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, F.&A.M., 1-262-965-2200).

Lodge Name: _____ Number: _____

Lodge Secretary: _____

Lodge Telephone No: _____

Other Organizations I am a Member of:

- Scottish Rite – Valley of _____
- York Rite _____
- Shrine – Temple _____
- Order of Eastern Star _____
- Amaranth _____
- Red Cross of Constantine _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

I hereby request a Masonic Memorial Service: Yes ____ No ____

My Masonic Apron may be found at _____
(Note: Your Apron should accompany you in cremation or burial)

My Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please complete and mail this form to: **Forest Lodge #130**
PO Box 892
Wausau, WI 54402