



Wausau Trestleboard

Forest Lodge No. 130 Newsletter
October 2022

Worshipful Master's Message

Welcome to the beginning of the close, the first month of the last quarter of the year. Fall is here. The kids are back in full swing with school, and the trees have begun to lose their leaves.

As I sat down to write my message for the October Trestleboard, I stared at a blank piece of paper and wondered what I wanted to say? After all, the Trestleboard is my opportunity, as Worshipful Master, to “speak” directly to all members of our lodge.

This year has been very interesting and rewarding for me. It has been a year of adapting to changes, facing challenges and lots of work. I had, before the year started, prepared a detailed plan with a fine list of things that I wanted to accomplish. My plan was not followed to the ‘T’, basically because of the influx of petitions, and other degree work already in process. This was a great problem to have! I couldn’t have been more blessed than to welcome all of the fine men who joined our Lodge during 2022 – and they are still knocking at our door!

I hope that some of the messages I relayed to you during the year have struck a chord with you. I’ve shared some of my most intimate thoughts with you, both in the Trestleboard and at our Lodge meetings. I hope that you were able to get to know me “a little more”. Looking back, I talked (1) about strengthening our brotherhood and comradery, igniting a flame in our hearts and in the hearts of new candidates, which is the same light we all seek; (2) practicing the three principle tenets of Free Masonry - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; (3) that we must first subdue our passions, before passing judgement onto others, believing that this is a first step toward unity and brotherly love; (4) how Masonry is an unending journey of enlightenment through fellowship; (5) about ensuring the harmony of the Lodge; (6) I’ve reflected on why I became a Mason, and how my Masonic work will truly represent an important part of what I have done in my life. I have talked about all these things and more, because they are all very important to me. I am very proud to be a member of the largest and oldest fraternity in the world, and to be part of a group of men who join together because there are things we want to do in the world, and there are things we want to do "inside our own minds." I enjoy being together with men I can trust, men who I respect, and men who are my closest friends.

On August 24th, we had the privilege to welcome Brother Sam Koppela into our Fraternity, when he was initiated an Entered Apprentice. I also want to congratulate Brother Stephen Kalmon on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 27th at an outdoor degree; a rainy, muddy, challenging, and most enjoyable day. It was a pleasure to see so many Brothers working together, building and dismantling a rustic outdoor Lodge. A great time was had by all. On September 21st we welcomed our newest member to the Fraternity when Brother Kelly Coyle was initiated an Entered Apprentice. Congratulations! Keep watching your email messages from me, as we have more candidates being interviewed and degrees to be conferred.

Our District Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 8th, in Merrill at Virginia Falls Lodge. **PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND, WE NEED TO HAVE GOOD REPRESENTATION AT THIS MEETING.** Breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM, and the meeting will start at 9:00 AM. Additional activities may also take place after the meeting ends! Let me know if you are able to attend this very important meeting.

See you at Lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
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 October

Oct 6:	6:30 PM	York Rite Chapter #51 Meeting
Oct 6:	8:00 PM	York Rite St. Omer Commandery #19 Meeting
Oct 8:	8:00 AM	Volleyball Tournament at Wausau East (concession stand)
Oct 8:	9:00 AM	District Meeting at Virginia Falls Lodge in Merrill (8:00 AM Breakfast)
Oct 12:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting
Oct 26:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting

Looking Ahead to November

Nov 3:	6:30 PM	York Rite Council #22 Meeting
Nov 3:	8:00 PM	York Rite St. Omer Commandery #19 Meeting
Nov 9:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting – Election of Officers for 2023
Nov 16:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting
Nov 23:		NOTE: No meeting due to Thanksgiving
Nov 26:	9:00 AM	Shriners Breakfast with Santa at the Wausau Labor Temple

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 Wojicechowski
Counselor	Dan Maguire
Tiler	Steve Peterson

October 2022 Birthdays

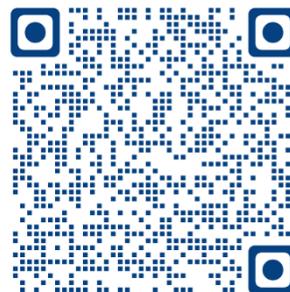
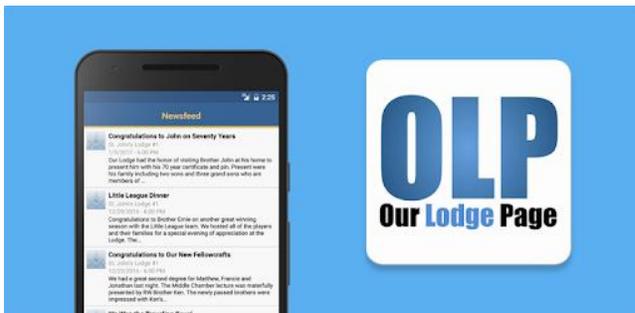
10/01	Thomas Garton
10/03	Ronald Updike
10/09	John Giroulx
10/10	David Imlah
10/16	Timothy Rheinschmidt
10/18	Ryan Wojicechowski
10/21	Lavern Plantiko
10/26	Charles Van Heest
10/27	Thomas Passow
10/29	Jon Guth
10/29	Brett Milbradt

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Masonic Jeopardy Night was held on September 14, 2022



Team	Score	Time	Points
Solomon	210	40	840
Hiram	220	90	40
Abiff	330	20	-10
	840	40	40
	90	70	80
	50	120	110
	90	80	140
	120	160	120
	140	180	130
	160	190	30

REGULATION	THE 2 WORK	4 LETTER WORDS	COLORS	ORANGE APPAREL	NUMBERS
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X



Team "Hiram" took 1st place, and the **GOLD** medal

Barry Maxfield
Lars Framness
Albie Kramer

Team "Solomon" took 2nd place, and the **SILVER** medal

Matthew Meyers
Joe Barlow
Ken Olm

Team "Abiff" took 3rd place, and the **BRONZE** medal

Dan Maguire
Richard Knechtel
Ryan Wojcicechowski



Worshipful Master Rick Schnabel presents Brother Matthew Meyers with a certificate, certifying that he had completed all of his Masonic examinations (for EA, FC and MM).

Brother Sam Koppela was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Forest Lodge #130 on August 24, 2022



Pictured Left to Right:
Keith Mathews
Aaron Wulk
Stephen Britton
Rick Schnabel
Barry Maxfield
Ryan Wojcechowski
Sam Koppela
Joe Barlow
David Imlah Jr.
Albie Kramer
Richard Knechtel
Lars Framness
Dan Maguire

Brother Kelly Coyle was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Forest Lodge #130 on September 21, 2022



Pictured Left to Right:
Corey Nowak
Jesse Furrer
Matthew Meyers
Barry Maxfield
Ryan Wojcechowski
Kelly Coyle
Lars Framness
Rick Schnabel
Stephen Britton
Sam Koppela
Steve Peterson
Tony Stange
Richard Knechtel
Jerry Klein
Albie Kramer

Brother Stephen Kalmon was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in an outdoor degree on August 27, 2022



Pictured Left to Right:

Dan Maguire
David Imlah Jr.
Ryan Wojciechowski
Rick Schnabel
Stephen Kalmon
Barry Maxfield
Tony Stange
Matthew Meyers
Kevin Sorenson
Joe Barlow
Tony Budaj
Corey Nowak
Jake Seever
Lars Framness



A special thanks to Brother Barry Maxfield, who offered a section of his 160 acres of land for our outdoor Master Mason degree. He worked diligently through the summer to keep the wooded trail leading to the selected location clear of branches, and mowing the area for our rustic lodge room. It was the perfect setting for a Master Mason degree. Thanks to Brother Tony Budaj from Phillips for lending us the rustic furniture and benches used to define our Lodge room area.

More photos from the Master Mason outdoor degree on August 27, 2022

