

# Wausau Trestleboard

## Master's Message

As my time as Master of the Lodge ends, I have been reflecting on the last two years of my life as a Mason. The last two years have gone by quicker than I could have ever imagined.



Worshipful Master  
Jake Seever

### Forest Lodge 130 2018 Officers

Worshipful Master	Jesse Furrer
Senior Warden	Joe Barlow
Junior Warden	Quincy Kasper
Secretary/Treasurer	Barry Diehl
Chaplain	Jeffrey Kupperman
Senior Deacon	Kevin Sorenson
Junior Deacon	Mathew Shelton
Steward	Eric Hesbol
Steward	Ryan Wojciechowski
Tiler	Sean Locke
Counselor	Dan Maguire
Counselor	Quincy Kasper

This reflection has been filled with nothing but good feelings and happy memories. I really feel blessed to have had the opportunity to lead the Lodge. I am very proud of the progress and growth our Lodge has made. The time I have spent working with and getting

to know each of you better has been a wonderful experience. You really have become another extension of my family. The kindness, help and support that I have received from many of you is something that I will appreciate for the rest of my life. I have been able to see your different strengths and watch you grow as leaders with freemasonry. I have watched you pull together to make events and degrees happen. I have watched you come together when Brothers needed our Lodge the most. I have been part of many teams during my life, but this has been the

best team I have been a part of. I will really miss sitting in the east, but I am confident in the man that will be taking over. Jesse Furrer will be an amazing leader for our Lodge and I am excited for his term. I am sure that he will receive the same kindness, help and support that I did. Enjoy your time as Master Jesse, it will go by quickly. Thank you again Brothers for the opportunity, and I will never forget it.

Jake Seever

*"Help the next one in line, always stay humble and kind." ~ Tim McGraw*

## Message from The Worshipful Master Elect-2018

Brethren: "Thank You" for placing your trust and confidence in me to lead Forest Lodge #130 into what will surely amount to a busy 2018 Masonic year. There is much to consider as I begin to work on our calendar for next year, not the least of which is the strong possibility we will have the honor of helping to secure a new home for masonry in central Wisconsin should our building transition to a new owner. It is a great responsibility and one we will not take lightly. We have been called to set the stage for the next several generations of Freemasonry in Wausau and central Wisconsin. Look forward to and embrace the challenge. As Brother Matt Shelton has said: "As long as I'm with my brothers, I don't care where we meet." Well said Matt.

I'd like to see 2018 be a year of learning about each other as more than just Masons, but as brothers. How well do you really know the person sitting next to you in the lodge room? Do you know what his occupation is or what his hobbies are? Do you know who his family members are? Where does he live or where does he attend church? What is most important in his life and why did he choose to become a Mason? What unique skill sets does he offer to our lodge? Many of us cannot answer those basic questions about those we meet each month in our lodge room and call "Brother." I hope to see that change and will work diligently to provide opportunities for us to understand and enjoy each other better.

2018 will be busy for sure, but it will also be a time of much informal discussion in the lodge room and more frequent gatherings outside of lodge for those that wish to participate. Business is important, but we must also take time to relax and enjoy so many other things. I'll speak more about this later but for now, keep your calendar open for **January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15.....** Go do good things Brothers.

Jesse Furrer

*"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."* Bro. John Wayne

### Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary

The Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary will meet on Friday, December 8, 2017 at The Palms Supper Club for a luncheon and meeting. Lunch will start at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning approximately at 12:30 p.m. The speaker for this meeting will consist of the KC Country Christmas Duo, a local musical group performing Christmas Music.

#### Dates to Remember

**December 6** – Forest Lodge No 130  
Stated Communication Supper 6.30  
P.M., 7.00 P.M. Bro David Zuke raised  
to Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

**December 13** – Forest Lodge No 130 –  
Installation of Officers 6.00 P.M.

**December 14** – St Omer Commandery  
Stated Meeting 7.00 P.M.

**December 19** – York Rite Chapter and  
Council Stated Meeting 7.00 P.M.

**December 20** – Forest Lodge No 130  
Stated Communication Supper 6.30  
P.M., Tile 7.00 P.M.

#### Scottish Rite Breakfast Club

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

#### Birthdays

The following brothers celebrate their birthdays for the month of November:

December 1<sup>st</sup> – Gregory Schnelle

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Darrel Peterson

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jim Bitner

December 9<sup>th</sup> – Bruce Beyreis

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Donald Knapp

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Melvin Sandquist

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Nick Shanak

December 12<sup>h</sup> – Tom Nomady

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Rick Schnabel

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Kevin Neathery

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Dellar Gilbertson

### **Sickness or Distress**

Bro Stephen Williams is now located at the Benedictine Living Community, 1821 N 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401 and can be contacted on 715 675 9451.

### **Installation of Officers**



The installation of officers for the 2018 Masonic Year will be conducted on Wednesday December 13, 2018 commencing at 6.00 P.M. The Worshipful Master Elect, Bro Jesse Furrer, encourages strong participation, and in keeping with his primary objective, learning about each other more than just Masons, he invites one and all, including families, to join him at the Installation Banquet. The banquet is expected to commence circa 7.00 P.M. and is located at DALY's Restaurant, 307 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Wausau.

### **Wausau American Legion - Montgomery-Plant-Dudley Post 10 Honor Guard Recognition of Service Dinner to Veterans and Their Families Monday December 4, 2017 – Masonic Center Dining Room**

On December 4, 2017, the Wausau Masonic Center Association, ACACIA Philanthropy Foundation, and Forest Lodge No 130, F & A. M. are hosting a dinner in recognition of the service to veterans and their families that this unit of the Wausau American Legion provides.

The organizer of this event is seeking the help of 3-4 volunteers on Sunday 12/3/2017 for setting up the Dining Room and 5-6 volunteers on Monday 12/4/2017 for serving and cleanup. Those members willing to assist in this function should please contact Thom Passow: 715-842-7701 or E-mail thomF1130@gmail.com.

### **Forest Lodge 130 – Minutes of Meetings**

The minutes of meetings held by your lodge often include items of interest that concerns the whole membership; therefore, we intend to circulate these minutes as wide as possible. To achieve this, we will be utilizing electronic media in the form of e-mail attachments. As a means of updating our records, you are; therefore, requested to provide your current e-mail address and transmit it to <bdiehl.02@hotmail.com>. Additionally, this facility allows for the transmission of other items of interest that the whole membership should be made aware.

### **The Masonic Center Association Trustees - Building Update**

As you are aware, the Trustees have been offering the Masonic Center Building for Lease or Sale for the last four years. As of October 2016, we have not had any tenants in the lower level nor have we been able to secure any lease commitments.

We have received and accepted an offer to purchase which is going through various inspections and contingency requirements between the Purchaser and the Trustees. We will keep you informed as this process continues.

If the sale occurs, the Trustees will secure a new location, either through buying an existing building and renovation or building new. This new home for Masonry in Wausau will serve our fraternity into the future. *For the Trustees – Thom Passow*

