Wausau Trestleboard

Master's Message

Greetings from the East, brethren. I write this following a BUSY evening at Forest Lodge #130. The lodge was host to a mix of our longest-tenured brethren to a newly-made Entered Apprentice pictured with the grand Master. The evening began by welcoming our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Arby Humphrey and his Tiler, Worshipful Brother Duane Schultz, to Forest Lodge. We saw well-prepared examinations in both Fellowcraft and Master Mason delivered by Brothers Mark Partridge and Eric Hesbol. Well done to you both. Our lodge then initiated a new Mason in Brother Calvin Callahan with the assistance of many brethren taking on roles to perform a flawless degree. Brethren, spouses, and guests were then treated to the presentation of 50, 55, and 65-year service awards and pins to the brothers pictured below. It was so nice to see



Worshipful Master Jesse Furrer

each of these brothers and their families in the lodge. An incredible dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast



Bro James Builer (55 years), Bro Lavern Plantiko (50 years), Bro Keith Smith (65 years), MW:.L Arby Humphrey, Bro Donald Weinkauf (55 years), Bro Frederich Johnson (50 years), and W:.Dwane Schultz

pork, potatoes, carrots, salad, and a Masonic cake was enjoyed by all in attendance. A special THANK YOU again to Shirley Diehl, Quincy Kasper, Peter Rotter, and a host of others that assisted for the better part of the day to prepare this feast. Finally, we recognized brother Joe Barlow as our 2017 Master Mason of the Year for all his contributions to our lodge this past year and just for being Joe. Thank you, my friend.

During the evening, I had the opportunity to

spend time speaking with Most Worshipful Grand Master Humphrey. I explained how our lodge has grown especially over the last ten years specifically in the involvement of new brethren in our lodge activities. Admittedly I boasted about the quality of our degree work and talent we are blessed with. He completely agreed. While I don't wish to dwell specifically on one evening, I sincerely hope those in attendance last night saw some of the same things I did. A mix of brothers spanning many generations working and enjoying each other's company, friendship, and brotherhood. Our lodge was alive with degree work, recognitions, examinations, great food, smiles, laughter, and friendship. A microcosm (big word for me) of Masonry. Forest Lodge #130 is alive, well, and prospering my brothers. The year has much to offer. I look forward to seeing ALL our brethren jump in and be an integral part of our 2018 Masonic year. Jesse Furrer

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man." Brother Douglas MacArthur

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Dates to Remember

February 7 – Forest Lodge No 130 Stated Communication Tile 7:00 P.M. & Annual General Meeting.

February 8 – St Omer Commandery Stated Meeting 7.00 P.M.

February 14 – Special Meeting to raise Bro Mark Partridge to Master Mason tiling at 6.30 P.M. and dinner after the first section.

February 20 – York Rite Chapter and Council Stated Meeting 7.00 P.M.

February 21 – Forest Lodge No 130 Stated Communication Tile 7.00 P.M.

Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary

On Friday, February 9, 2018 the Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary will meet for a luncheon and meeting at The Palms. Lunch will start at 11:30 am with the meeting beginning approximately at 12:30 pm. The speaker for this meeting will be Mary Wilke, Sew Smart on Toy Sewing Machines. Also, to be noted: In the winter, an Auxiliary meeting will be cancelled if the Wausau School District has cancelled classes for that day due to weather conditions.

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 February.

February 1st – Wayne E. Schoepke February 4th – Patrick Hancock February 9th – Chad S Smith February 10th – Jerry Klein February 12th – Seth A Meltesen February 20th – Jake Seever February 21st – Robert F Weirauch February 24th – Arden J Emmerich February 25th – Quincy J Kasper

Valentine's Day

In addition to the Special Meeting to be convened on February 14th, to raise Bro Mark Partridge to Master Mason, the day is also the anniversary of Valentine's Day. In keeping with this event wives, significant others and friends are invited to attend the dinner provided. To facilitate catering RSVP's to Bro Barry Diehl on bdiehl.02@hotmail.com or 715 302 6185 is required no later than February 9, 2018.