

Wausau Trestleboard

Master's Message

A month has passed, and we are into 2020 and the new Masonic Year. Our new Officers and appointed Brethren are in their places. Now it's time to shake ourselves from the new responsibilities and get to work. As I sat in the East at my first Stated meeting, I was reminded of the quality of Mason's we have dedicated to Central Wisconsin. We have an opportunity to make a clear difference in the men around us in our worlds. Collectively we have "Good Men, Great Men" involved in our Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Zor Shrine and York Rite Bodies. Wausau Forest Lodge has the largest contingency that is actively involved in the Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite, many of us are actively involved in the Zor Shrine in various ways like parading, hospital Dad's or our very own breakfast with Santa, Brother Mat Shelton has begun to build the York Rite membership to where they were able to open the Royal Arch meeting for the first time in years. We have one of the strongest Masonic Lodges in Central Wisconsin.



Note to those that have not attended lodge in some time: We have been doing some great things at Forest Lodge. We continue to bring new Mason's in and conferring the highest quality of degree work. If you have not attended lodge in some time, please consider joining us. You are encouraged to come join us and be involved, even if you're supporting our Brothers from the side lines. If you need a ride to lodge, call and we will see that you get transportation.

Monthly Dinner: Our JW and the stewards are dedicated to see that we have refreshments! They will be providing dinner for the brothers at the second stated lodge meetings each month. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm for the 4th Wednesdays of each month. You are reminded to RSVP if you plan on attending the dinner. This is a great opportunity for all the brothers to engage in fellowship and camaraderie. Part of the process of "making good men better."

Quarterly Dinner: We had a wonderful time at our quarterly dinner on January 15th at Richard's Supper Club. Please join us with your lady for the next quarterly dinner on April 15th.

Personal note about your WM: In 1984 I enlisted into the United States Army as a Military Police Officer, I attended basic training and Military Police School at Ft McClellan, AL. January 1985 I reported to my first duty station in Frankfurt, Germany where I spent 2 years battling the Combat Engineers over whether or not you could spell "Whimp" without MP, usually the fight was on when you are 18 years old. I spent the last 8 months of my military experience at Ft Myers, VA guarding the gates for all the Generals that worked in Washington, DC. I had a great experience and was honorably discharged June 1987.

Kevin

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.

Birthdays – January 2020

The following brothers celebrate their birthdays for the month of January 2020.

February 4th – Patrick Hancock
February 4th – Luke Meyer
February 10th – Jerry Klein
February 20th – Jake Seever
February 21st – Robert Weirauch
February 24th – Arden Emmerich

Dates to Remember

February 11 - St. Omer Commandry Tiling at 7.00 P.M.

February 12 – Stated Communication – Tiling at 7.00 P.M.

February 20 – York Rite Tiling at 7.00 P.M.

February 26 – Stated Communication – Tiling at 6.00 P.M. followed by comradery and Dinner at 7.00 P.M.

Wisconsin Valley Auxiliary

Our next meeting is on February 14, 2020 at the Great Dane from 11.30 – 1.30. Our program will be presented by Thom Passow. He will be informing us about the American Legion Veteran Honor Banners for Wausau and providing us with an update on the new hospital in Minnesota. If anyone would have program ideas, please let me know at 715-573-6963. Gayle Tesch

Past Masters, Friends and Family Night

On Wednesday February 26, 2020 the Lodge is planning for an Open Night followed by a dinner for member's spouses, friends, and potential new membership. The function will commence at 6.00 pm with a tour of the Lodge Temple and other facets of the Lodge operations. At 7.00 pm a dinner prepared by our Junior Warden and his stewards will be provided. RSVP's are necessary for catering purposes. Our Worshipful Master, Brother Kevin Sorenson, his officers and members extend a hearty welcome to you to join us on this occasion.

Masonic Humor

Have you heard of the Lodge that was holding its meetings in the ball room of the local hotel while its building was undergoing renovations? One night a traveling salesman asked the desk clerk who all those men going into the room were. The desk clerk replied: "Oh, those are the Masons." The salesman said: "Oh, I've always wanted to join that lodge. Do you think they would let me in?" "Oh, no," said the clerk. "They're awful exclusive. Why, you see that poor guy standing outside the door with a sword? He's been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in!!!"