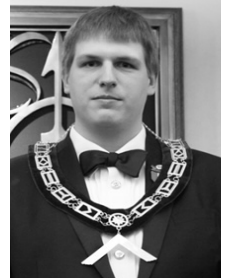


Wausau Trestleboard

Master's Message

They say "April showers bring May flowers". Well we had plenty of rain, and some snow and hail as well, so May should be perfect for Wisconsin standards. In April I have seen great progress as a brotherhood dealing with the pandemic. I had the opportunity to participate in

the first Master Mason degree to be done in the entire state for that past year. It showed me how much brothers come together to help one another to make things happen and to be safe as well, I have high hopes the Grand Master will soon allow us to open and conduct degrees in the Master Mason degrees. And I hope that means the supporting bodies opening up as well, it has been almost two years since I got to participate in a Scottish Rite degree. At home my son is two months old now and he has grown like a weed and I have learned so much. When I am not changing diapers or dealing with a screaming child, I often wonder what kind of father I will be as he gets older, what lessons he will learn from me and what bad habits get



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inherited from me. One thing I learned for sure is time is important; since Jesse was born I have been busy with work, the baby and finding time for my Masonic brothers. I know it is chaotic now but I know it will be better soon and in the future I will look back and wonder where the time went. Cherish every moment, good, bad or stressful. Each moment is a treasure even if you don't think so at the moment.

The Lambskin

by

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The wearing of "aprons" dates back almost to the beginning of time itself. On entering the Masonic Fraternity, each new member becomes a brother and is presented a Lambskin or White Leather Apron. The apron is given along with a lengthy explanation of its Masonic meaning. From that time forward the Brother wears the white apron in regular meetings, special ceremonies, and even, if he so chooses to be placed on his coffin which shall contain his earthly remains, and with them be laid beneath the silent clods of the valley." We are taught that the white apron is an ever present reminder of a "purity of life and rectitude of conduct, a never ending argument for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for purer actions." But do we really give thought to the other meanings, applications, and lessons that the white apron holds for each of us?

As we all know, aprons are worn by a number of individuals, both male and female for different purposes. A lady wears an apron when cooking to prevent staining to her clothing. Workmen often wear aprons to protect their clothing. A medical doctor, dentist, or patient may wear an apron to protect from harmful X-Rays or medical usages. Even children wear aprons to protect their clothing when working with paints, or other materials. The list goes on and on for the

Dates to Remember

- May 6 – Wausau Council #22 – Tiling at 7.00 PM.
- May 12 – Stated Communication - Tiling 7.00 PM.
- May 22 – Social Event – Clay Pigeon Shooting
- May 26 - Stated Communication – Tiling 7.00 PM.

Birthdays – May 2021

The following brothers celebrate birthdays for the month of May 2021.

May 6th – David Zuke
May 12th – Peter Fawcett
May 16th – William Schweinler
May 19th – James Finch
May 20th – Chester Bembenek
May 20th – Ronald Hoffman
May 24th – Harlyne Woodward
May 28th – Charles Kerstell
May 28th – Kurt Lis

many usages of the apron. Aprons were also worn by the workmen of King Solomon’s Temple to perform the setting of brick and stone work using mortar. So it would be fair to say that “the apron is an article which protects an individual.”

We as Free and Accepted Masons, can take our meaning of the Lambskin or white apron even further. In Biblical usage, the lamb has been deemed as the symbol of innocence and purity, and thus we should strive to make every effort to pattern our lives and actions in a pure and spotless way which is pleasing to God and for others to see. The building of King Solomon’s Temple has been said by a number of noted authors to have been a magnificent structure of architecture even by today’s standards. As workmen in the building of King Solomon’s Temple wore their aprons to protect their clothing; therefore, it is altogether fitting and proper that we as Masons should wear our aprons 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in our minds and hearts, as

a constant reminder to make every effort to guard and protect ourselves from harm and evil and to make our lives and actions as spotless as the white apron.

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.

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Quite often our Fraternity is accused of being a “Secret” organization. I think there is several ways to explain or justify why people may think that, but recently it occurred to me that one of the reasons for appearing to be a “Secret” organization is because of our “Humility”. For centuries the Masonic Fraternity has engaged in charity, volunteering, paying it forward and just everyday helping those that can’t help themselves. These random acts of kindness went on without making announcements, press conferences, press releases



and fanfare. These deeds were done for the simple act of helping another human being and the self-satisfaction of being able to help. I was recently reading about one of my favorite Masonic Brothers, Brother Benjamin Franklin. He has certainly written on many subjects, but the one that struck me was on “Humility.” Through our humility the real message of what we believe and what we strive for rings true to those around us. If there is ever a conflict between what you say and what you do, the message that the majority of people will get is by what you do. I read these quotes from Brother Franklin:

“There is perhaps no one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Beat it down, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases”

“A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle”

“In success be moderate. Humility makes great men twice honorable”

“To be humble to superiors is a duty, to equals courtesy, to inferiors nobleness”

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