

# Wausau Trestleboard

Forest Lodge No. 130 Newsletter

February 2022

## Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings from the East!

Since time immemorial, February is known for being a month dedicated to, and all about love. But February is not only about valentines and sweethearts; it can also be a month for self-care, fostering relationships with family and friends, and loving others.

Brothers, our Lodge has been successful because we work together to practice the three principle tenets of Free Masonry - **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth**. They define us as Masons and have made Forest Lodge a beacon of light in Central Wisconsin for the last 160 years. In 2022, we will continue to practice these tenets.



As Masons we strive for civility - among ourselves and with others. Sometimes that is not easy in today's world. Fortunately for us, our lessons provide the tools we need to practice it in our daily lives. It is my hope that we will continue to strive for civil discourse in the Lodge. I believe it is a fundamental demonstration of our **Brotherly Love** to each other and to the world.

**Relief** is the duty of all Masons, and in 2022 our Lodge will make a concerted effort to check up on the welfare of our brothers, widows and their families. It is important that they know Forest Lodge has not forgotten them and that we, as Masons, will always remember who they are.

And finally, **Truth**. Our Lodge will focus on applying our principles in all that we do. "Talking the talk and walking the walk". It is something that we as Masons strive for every day - when our words and actions agree. It is my hope that we will continue to use the tenets of Freemasonry to align our actions and our words, thereby making a positive impact on our community.

I want to congratulate Forest Lodge's newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Stephen Kalmon, as he begins his Masonic journey. Brother Kalmon was initiated at our stated meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

At our stated meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will plan to have a Masonic Spelling Bee. This should be a fun event at our meeting, and an educational opportunity. There is nothing that you have to prepare for, just come and have fun!

I have designated the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> as Square and Compasses Week. This is a time for you to show off your Lodge symbols to the public - shirts, pins, hats, rings, etc. Wear them proudly and see how many people approach you asking what they mean.

At our stated meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a guest speaker from Patriot K9s of Wisconsin will be joining us to explain their program - which helps veterans win the war against suicide, PTSD, Military Sexual Assault, Traumatic Brain Injury - by training them to have a service dog, at no cost to the veteran.

If you haven't been coming to Lodge regularly, you've been missing out. We have fun and interesting activities planned for the upcoming months - please plan to join us.

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 February 2022**

February 3:	6:30 PM	York Rite Chapter #51 Meeting
February 3:	8:00 PM	York Rite St. Omer Commandery #19 Meeting
February 9:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting – Masonic Spelling Bee
February 13-19:		Square and Compasses Week
February 23:	7:00 PM	Guest Speaker from Patriot K9s of Wisconsin
February 27:	12:00 PM	St. Omer Commandery School of Instruction (Wausau)

#### **Looking Ahead to March 2022**

March 3:	6:30 PM	York Rite Chapter #51 Meeting
March 3:	8:00 PM	York Rite St. Omer Commandery #19 Meeting
March 9:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting – Checker Tournament
March 23:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting – Reobligation Night – EA and FC

### **NOTE**

**Degree work always take precedence over any activity that is scheduled on the 2022 Lodge calendar. If there is a change in plans, you will be notified in advance.**

#### **Forest Lodge 130 - 2022 Officers**

Worshipful Master	Rick Schnabel
Senior Warden	Lars Framness
Junior Warden	David Imlah, Jr
Treasurer	Barry Diehl
Secretary	Albie Kramer
Chaplain	Will MacKay
Senior Deacon	Barry Maxfield
Junior Deacon	Joe Barlow
Senior Steward	Kevin Sorenson
Junior Steward	Ryan Wojciechowski
Counselor	Dan Maguire
Tiler	Steve Peterson

#### **February 2022 Birthdays**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** – Patrick Hancock  
**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – Chad Smith  
**February 10<sup>th</sup>** – Gerald Klein  
**February 10<sup>th</sup>** – Paul Klocko  
**February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Jacob Seever  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>** – Robert Weirauch  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>** – Arden Emmerich

# 2021 Mason of the Year



Brother Will Mackay was named 2021 Mason of the Year for Forest Lodge #130. Pictured left to right: Worshipful Master Rick Schnabel; Mason of the Year Will Mackay; Past Master Ryan Wojciechowski



Pictured left to right: Lars Framness, Len Pederson (#330), Rick Rausch (#330), Joe Barlow, Rick Schnabel, Kevin Sorenson, Barry Maxfield, Dick Hanson (#330), Albie Kramer, Jacob Szymik (#330), Jerry Koudelka (#330). Missing from the picture is Richard Jarvis (Wautoma Lodge #148) who also attended the meeting.



On January 19th, officers of Forest Lodge #130 travelled to Minocqua to surprise the Brothers of Island City Lodge #330 at their stated meeting.





Lodge members using their sense of **FEELING** for a Christmas activity at the Lodge.



Winners of the Christmas activity were (left to right):  
 Lars Framness – 3<sup>rd</sup> place;  
 Barry Maxfield – 1<sup>st</sup> place;  
 Worshipful Master  
 Rick Schnabel;  
 Kevin Sorenson – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Stephen Kalmon was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Forest Lodge on January 12, 2022



Pictured Left to right: Thom Passow, Lars Framness, Jesse Furrer, Barry Maxfield, Kevin Sorenson, Barry Diehl, Stephen Kalmon, Joe Barlow, Rocky Woodward, Jonathan Phelps, David Imlah, Ryan Wojciechowski, Steve Peterson, Brandon Vlasak, Rick Schnabel, Albie Kramer, Will Mackay

For those Brothers who do not live in the Wausau area, or who have not been to Lodge recently, here are some pictures of our new Lodge building located at 3815 Fleet Dr, Wausau, WI



Front of the building on a winter night



Hall leading to Lodge room





Lodge room looking East



Lodge room looking West



Dining room facing East to the kitchen



Dining room facing West



Kitchen

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