

Wausau Trestleboard

Forest Lodge No. 130 Newsletter

May 2022

Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings from the East!

Brethren, the world needs Freemasonry. There is no hiding from the current events that are taking place around the world. It seems that now, more than ever, everyone would benefit from the tenants of the craft. Faith, Hope, and Charity should be exemplified by every Mason in his daily life.

A Master's primary goal is to ensure the harmony of the Lodge. Even at the best of times, this is no small task. We have many diverse members from all walks of life, we should be proud of that, I certainly am. The age range for the members of our Lodge stretches 72 years, between our oldest (age 95) and youngest members (age 23). Our cultural diversity is truly a mosaic, and our altar clearly demonstrates that with multiple Holy Books to ponder. Officers and members have a crucial role in preserving the Lodge harmony. They are required to happily perform their duties, remember their obligation and observe the lessons derived from the square and compasses. By working together and keeping the long-term health of the Lodge as our primary focus, we can preserve it for generations to come.

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason." These were the words of our esteemed brother Benjamin Franklin, who was able to capture the essence of the Craft in these short sentences. I invite you to ponder upon the deep meaning of these wise words, and to find how they apply to your life, inside and outside of the Lodge.

Join me in congratulating our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother James Weeks, who received his Entered Apprentice degree on March 23rd. I also want to congratulate our three Brothers who were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on March 30th – Aaron Wulk, Stephen Kalmon, and Kyle McBath. And, our first Master Mason degree for 2022 was conferred upon Brother Matthew Meyers on April 20th. It is an exciting time at Forest Lodge, and I invite all of you to come see our lodge in action. We are very fortunate to have so many active and dedicated Brothers that makes us self-sufficient in degree work – in all three degrees. With that being said, we are always looking for more participants in the degree conferrals. Learning a degree lecture is an excellent way to continue "your" journey in Freemasonry. We have many members who are willing to help you learn.

Don't forget about our Ladies at the Table Banquet that will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, starting at 6:15 PM. We will be honoring our ladies and widows with a dinner at the Lodge, and giving 7 toasts that night to the ladies who are special in our lives. Encourage your lady (wife, girlfriend, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, friend) to attend. For catering purposes, **reservations are required**. Please contact WM Rick Schnabel on or before May 10th at 715-432-3152 to make your reservation!

And finally, I would like all my Brothers to remember that Masonry is not just a bunch of guys getting together two Wednesdays a month to hang out for a couple hours. Masonry is not reading meeting minutes of the past or voting to pay bills. Masonry is an unending journey of enlightenment through fellowship.

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 May 2022

May 4:	6:00 PM	Special Meeting - Master Mason Degree
May 5:	6:30 PM	York Rite Council #22 Meeting
May 5:	8:00 PM	York Rite St. Omer Commandery #19 Meeting
May 11:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting - Loud Shirt and Ugly Tie Night and School of Instruction
May 18:	6:15 PM	Ladies at the Table Banquet
May 22:	3:00 PM	Highway Cleanup (Ladies are Welcome)
		<i>*changed from the original scheduled date of April 24th</i>
May 25:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting - <i>we may have a Master Mason degree this night, and if so, we would start at 6:00 PM. Everyone will receive a communication if the time is changed.</i>

Looking Ahead to June

June 3-4:		Annual Communication in Madison
June 8:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting
June 9:	6:30 PM	York Rite Chapter #51 Meeting
June 9:	8:00 PM	York Rite St. Omer Commandery #19 Meeting
June 22:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting

**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

May 2022 Birthdays

05/06	DAVID I. ZUKE
05/12	PETER R. FAWCETT
05/16	WILLIAM T. SCHWEINLER
05/17	ROBERT A. PIEHL
05/19	JAMES D. FINCH
05/20	RONALD I. HOFFMAN
05/20	CHESTER C. BEMBENEK
05/24	HARLYN E. WOODWARD
05/28	CHARLES F. KERSTELL
05/28	KURT A. LIS
05/28	JON A. PARENT

Brothers, the Trestleboard is your Lodge Communication media and each and every one of you are invited to contribute. You can use it to advertise and communicate upcoming events, personal events, sale of goods, sporting events, and etcetera, indeed anything of interest. To include your contributions please inform the editor by the 15th of each month at the following address:

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James Weeks was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Forest Lodge on March 23, 2022



Pictured Left to Right: David Thomas, Aaron Wulk, Ryan Wojicechowski, Barry Maxfield, James Weeks, Tony Stange, Lars Framness, Rick Schnabel, Joe Barlow, David Imlah Jr., Matthew Meyers, Jonathan Phelps, Steve Peterson, Dan Maguire, Jesse Furrer, Barry Diehl, Matt Hughey (Madison), Kyle McBath. Missing from the picture is the photographer Kevin Sorenson (inset).



Brothers Rick Schnabel (left) and Rocky Woodward (right) presented a bouquet of flowers to Vera Abraham on her 100th birthday. Vera is the widow of Past Master William Abraham, who served as Worshipful Master of Forest Lodge #130 in 1960.

Brothers Aaron Wulk, Stephen Kalmon and Kyle McBath were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in Forest Lodge on March 30, 2022



Pictured Left to Right: Will MacKay, Matthew Meyers, Jacob Szymik (Island City - Minocqua), Peter Rotter, Stephen Kalmon, Albie Kramer, Ryan Wojciechowski, Steve Peterson, Rick Schnabel, Joe Barlow, Barry Maxfield, Lars Framness, Kyle McBath, Kevin Sorenson, Aaron Wulk.

HOBBY AND COLLECTOR'S NIGHT – APRIL 13th



Barry Maxfield displayed his antique snuffers



Lars Framness displayed coins from his coin collection



Rick Schnabel displayed stained glass projects he made



Steve Peterson displayed bamboo fly rods

Will MacKay talked about his antique Bible collection. Ryan Wojciechowski talked about his Mountain Dew collection. David Imlah Jr. talked about his train collection.

Matthew Meyers was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Forest Lodge on April 20, 2022



Pictured Left to Right: Barry Maxfield, Tony Stange, Ryan Wojicechowski, Rick Schnabel, Lars Framness, Mathew Meyers, Kevin Sorenson, Jake Seever, Joe Barlow, Jonathan Phelps, Steve Peterson, Dan Maguire, Albie Kramer, Barry Diehl



Dellar "Del" Gilbertson, 92, passed on March 9, 2022

Thomas Driscoll, 76, passed on April 8, 2022

YOU ARE INVITED



FOREST LODGE #130
presents our



Ladies at the Table Banquet

May 18th, 2022

At the Wausau Masonic Center, 3815 Fleet Drive, Wausau

DOORS OPEN AT 5:45 PM

DINNER STARTS AT 6:15 PM

COME JOIN US AS WE HONOR OUR LADIES AND WIDOWS
WITH A FORMAL DINNER AND 7 RITUALIZED TOASTS

There is no cost for the meal. For catering purposes, **please RSVP** to
Rick Schnabel at 715-432-3152 on or before May 10th, 2022.