



Wausau Trestleboard

Forest Lodge No. 130 Newsletter
December 2022

Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings from the East!

Drum roll trumpets, PLEASE!

It is with a heavy heart that I started working on my final Trestleboard for Forest Lodge. And while I was sad to descend those three steps in the East one final time as Worshipful Master on November 16th, I take solace in the amazing, forward-thinking leadership that our lodge has in its future. I feel a deep sense of gratitude that you, the members of Forest Lodge, allowed me to serve you as Master during this past year. I hope that I have served you worthily, being faithful to the trust you reposed in me. This has been the greatest honor and privilege bestowed on me as a Mason. Because of you, I have become a better Mason and a better Man. And I am eternally grateful, to you, for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I had a great time, and I hope all of you enjoyed your time as well this year. We were busy with a lot of work, but we also had plenty of time for fun, and extracurricular activities to join in on as well. My personal thanks go out to the entire Lodge, for your support and contributions during this past year. Without it, the work of the Master would be much more difficult to accomplish. And without the support of my wife Deb, I could not have completed my Masonic duties in the East.



I want to congratulate all of the new officers that were elected on November 9th, to serve Forest Lodge in 2023. I look forward to seeing all of you in your new stations and places in January!

I would like to welcome and congratulate our newest Entered Apprentices, Brother Ross Kramer who was initiated on October 24th, and Brother Jacob Mertzig who was initiated on October 26th. May your journey be full of Masonic Light and Brotherly Love.

I want to say how amazed I was with all of our new Brothers who completed their Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason examinations in Lodge this year. As I sat in the East watching their proficiency, or stood face to face with them as a mentor, I was impressed, not just with their ability to learn the work, but also the gleam in their eyes. There is nothing more satisfying than knowing that a Brother understands the ritual, and has dwelled on its lessons.

Congratulations to Brother Barry Maxfield on being named Mason of the Year for Forest Lodge in 2022. This award was presented to Brother Barry for his high standards of friendship, fellowship, Brotherly love, and service to the craft. He has demonstrated a willingness to serve, not only in Forest Lodge, but Masonry in general. This is one of the highest honors any Mason, in any Lodge, can ever receive.

Forest Lodge is having a holiday party on Friday, December 9th, at the **Living Room on Main** in Mosinee. More detailed information is found later in this Trestleboard. I hope to see you all there!

That's all for me folks! I wish you all a great holiday season. Next year you can find me sitting on the sidelines. Stick around, I know we're going to have a wonderful time.

See you at Lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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 December

Dec 1:	6:30 PM	York Rite Chapter #51 Meeting - Election of Officers for 2023
Dec 1:	8:00 PM	York Rite St. Omer Commandery #19 Meeting
Dec 9:	6:00 PM	Forest Lodge Holiday Party
Dec 14:	7:00 PM	Installation of Officers
Dec 28:		No Meeting

Looking Ahead to January

Jan 5:	6:30 PM	York Rite Council #22 Meeting
Jan 5:	8:00 PM	York Rite St. Omer Commandery #19 Meeting
Jan 11:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting
Jan 25:	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting

Forest Lodge 130 - 2022 Officers

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

December 2022 Birthdays

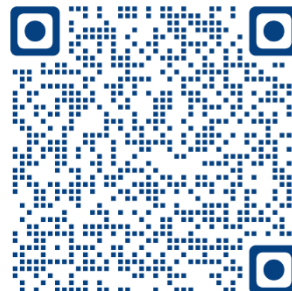
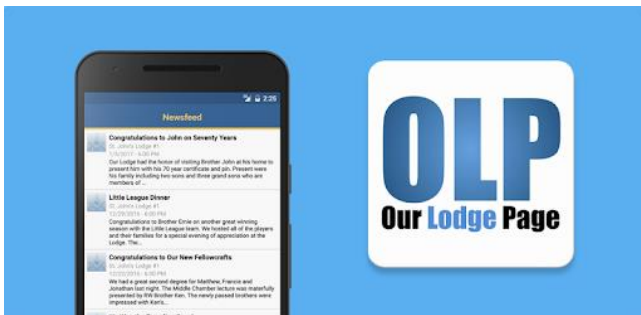
12/01 GREGORY SCHNELLE
 12/03 JAMES BITNER
 12/09 BRUCE BEYREIS
 12/12 TOM NOMADY
 12/15 RICK SCHNABEL
 12/23 RICK RAUSCH
 12/26 GARY MARTEN

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You will have access to the Lodge calendar, access to Lodge Brother's contact information, and pay your dues online.



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Brother Ross Kramer was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Forest Lodge #130 on October 24, 2022



Pictured Left to Right:
Joe Barlow
Aaron Wulk
Barry Maxfield
Ryan Wojcechowski
Matthew Meyers
Ross Kramer
Jason Kotolski
Steve Peterson
Rick Schnabel
Lars Framness
Albie Kramer
David Imlah Jr.
Dakota Rhoades

Brother Jacob Mertzig was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Forest Lodge #130 on October 26, 2022



Pictured Left to Right:
Barry Maxfield
Jon Eberhardt
Matthew Meyers
Keith Matthews
Rick Schnabel
Jason Kotolski
Ryan Wojcechowski
Jacob Mertzig
Joe Barlow
Lars Framness
David Imlah Jr.
Steve Peterson
Albie Kramer
Mark Partridge
Tony Stange

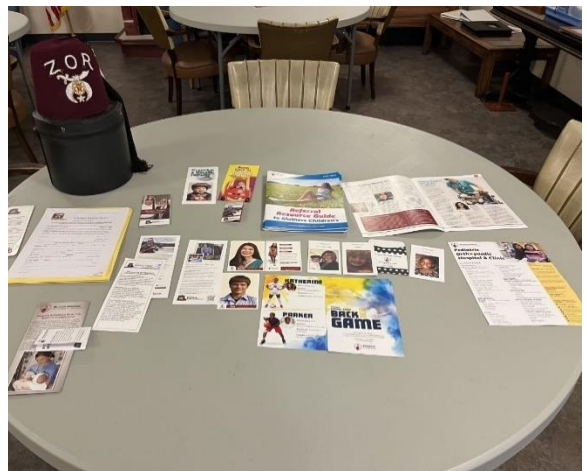


Worshipful Master Rick Schnabel presented Brother Aaron Wulk with a certificate, certifying that he had completed all of his Masonic examinations (for Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason).

Brother David Imlah showed the Brothers of the Lodge a genuine Scottish apron and sash. He received it from a man whose grandfather knew David's grandfather in Scotland.



Brother Steve Peterson gave a presentation to the Lodge on the Shrine.



Marshfield Entered Apprentice Degrees



Seven Brothers from Forest Lodge #130 attended three Entered Apprentice Degrees in Marshfield on November 5th. Brother Lars Framness was able to confer the EA Degree for his younger Brother Chris. Lars' father Doug was the Senior Warden for the degree.



Mason of the Year – 2022



Brother Barry Maxfield (left) received the Mason of the Year for 2022 from Forest Lodge #130. Presenting the award is Worshipful Master Rick Schnabel. The Mason of The Year Award is presented to a **Brother Mason**, who epitomizes the highest standard of friendship, fellowship, brotherly love, and service to the craft. The Brother receiving this award, has demonstrated a willingness to serve, not only in his individual Lodge, but Masonry in general, through his conduct and actions during the preceding years. His dedication and service to this Lodge, and the fraternity in general, should stand as an example of conduct, to be emulated by his Lodge Brothers. As a Lodge, and through this award, we honor the recipient as a valued member of our Lodge, and it goes without saying that the "Mason of the Year" award is, without doubt, one of the highest honors any Mason, in any Lodge, can ever receive.

FOREST LODGE HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 9th, 2022

Private Party

Location: Being held at the *Living Room on Main*, 202 Main Street, Mosinee

This bar is owned by a Brother of Forest Lodge

If you haven't been there, it's an awesome place

Cash Bar – Credit Cards Accepted

Starts at 6:00 PM – stay as long as you want, bar time closes at 2:30 AM

FOOD

The Lodge is furnishing pizzas at around 6:30 PM

Please RSVP so that enough food can be ordered

Contact Rick Schnabel at 715-432-31532 (or rickschnabel33@hotmail.com)

Anybody can bring a snack or hors d'oeuvres for everyone to share

WHO IS INVITED?

Open to all Masons, their lady, and adult friends that you are close to you – they do not have to be a Mason

Pool tables, darts, poker machines are available at the bar

On street parking only, do not park in the lot behind the bar