



Wausau Trestleboard

Forest Lodge No. 130 Newsletter
October 2023

Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings from the East!

We find ourselves in the heart of October, Halloween is fast approaching, there are only a couple of months left in the year, and we are in the home stretch. I think that the year has gone pretty well so far, but the best part is that it's not over yet.

District #3 recently held its Fall Meeting and one of the topics that was presented had to do with a service and assistance program that Grand Lodge administers. It provides another opportunity for us as Masons to follow through with our obligation. In that it is a way for us to make sure that our poor, worthy, distressed brothers have a way to get the help, both financially, in the short-term, and otherwise, that they need when they are going through challenging times. It is our way at a state level of providing a hand up and not a handout. Now, that can be hard for some of our Brothers. Why is that? It is because they are proud, right? They may find themselves in a situation where they do not want Brothers of our Lodge to know all of the details of the struggles that they are facing. If you go to the Wisconsin Masonic Charities portion of our website (<https://wimasoniccharities.com/wisconsin-masonic-service-and-assistance/>) there is an online form for them to complete to get the ball rolling. Information needed involves the type and amount of help you are seeking, your Masonic affiliation and your Masonic references. And you may request the assistance on someone else's behalf. These are applications for grants and not loans. They do not need to go to the local Lodge for the help that they need, if that is what is holding them back. Now, there is some help that can not be provided. Two examples are legal fees and most credit card debt. Now, I say MOST credit card debt. Some, in rare circumstances, can be addressed. If a brother's lady is in an accident far from home and he needs to stay in a hotel and puts that on a credit card, well, that can get consideration. It's something urgent and he may not have any other options at the time. But general credit card debt can not be helped directly. But recommendations can be made for financial services and planners to be involved in assisting Brothers that need help with getting a plan developed to reduce the burden of that sort of debt. Also, consistent with our obligation, it is not just our Brothers that this program is open to. Our widows and orphans are also eligible for help from the Service and Assistance Program. Keep it in mind, Brothers. You never know who may need it.



Take care everyone! Have a Happy October, enjoy whatever Fright Night movie marathons are on, haunted houses that are in the area, and push Masonry forward!

See you at Lodge!

Lars Framness

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 October

October 5- Chapter & Commandery stated communication

October 11- Stated meeting

October 25- Stated meeting- Shrine night

Looking Ahead to November

November 2- Council & Commandery stated communication

November 8- Stated meeting

November 15- Past Master Night

November 24- Breakfast with Santa

Forest Lodge #130 - 2023 Officers

Worshipful Master	Lars Framness
Senior Warden	David Imlah, Jr
Junior Warden	Barry Maxfield
Treasurer	Kevin Sorenson
Secretary	Albie Kramer
Chaplain	Brett Abbey
Senior Deacon	Matthew Meyers
Junior Deacon	Jason Kotolski
Senior Steward	Stephen Kalmon
Junior Steward	Kyle McBath
Counselor	Dan Maguire
Tiler	Ryan Wojciechowski

October Birthdays

Thom Garton 10-1

Sam Koppela 10-4

John Giroulx 10-9

Dave Imlah 10-10

Ryan Wojciechowski 10-18

Charles Van Heest 10-26

Thom Passow 10-27

Jon Guth 10-29

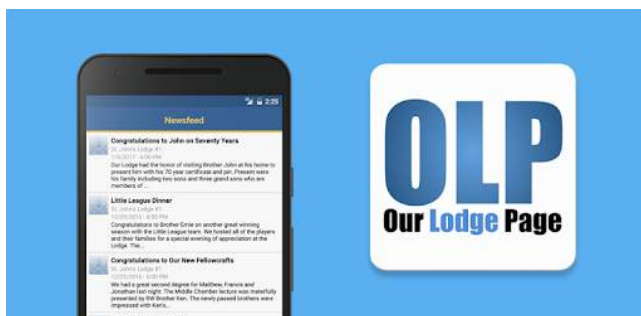
Brett Milbradt 10-29

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RHINELANDER MASONIC LODGE 242
AND THE NICOLET PLAYERS PRESENT:

FRIGHT FACTORY



LOCATED AT
23 E. DAVENPORT ST.
ONE BLOCK WEST OF
THE COURT HOUSE

RHINELANDER

\$10 ON SALE
AT THE ENTRANCE
NO ADVANCE SALES
OR RESERVATIONS

NOT RECOMMENDED
FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10

CHILDREN UNDER 14 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

OCTOBER 6-7
OCTOBER 13-14
OCTOBER 20-21
OCTOBER 27-28
7:00PM - 10:00PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS

Brother Tony Tiling the lodge with the help of Harley.





Brother Dave talking about communications at the district 3 meeting.





Brother Rick talking about Brotherhood at the district 3 meeting.