

The Trestleboard

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*"In politics
nothing is
accidental.
If something
happens,
be assured
it was planned
this way."*

*- Franklin D.
Roosevelt*

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The Master's Words

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

I would to congratulate **Brother Tom Sbarounis** on his excellent Fellowcraft examination on May 27th and on his being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 17th.

Brother Mike Koscinski did both the examination as well as the conferral.

I had the opportunity to attend our Grand Lodges 164th annual communication in Madison. This was held June 6th and 7th. For a first timer, this was an experience. Our Grand Master, **Brother J. B. Van Hollen** and his officers put on a Master Mason degree which was very well done. All committee reports for the Grand Lodge were accepted as read. The resolutions however, were not all approved. A copy of them is posted in the lodge for your review. The resolution

submitted by Lodge #47 regarding the use of alcohol failed to pass.

Our awards night on June 26th has not been held as of this writing, but I will give an account in the next Trestleboard.

We are also working with the other Kenosha Lodges to have a summer cook-out in August. We will keep you posted.

Again, unless degree work is required, we will be dark for July and August.

*Sincerely and Fraternally,
Mike Galayda
Worshipful Master*



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- 2) The Coon Creek Watershed, west of LaCrosse, selected in 1933, was our nation's first large-scale soil and water conservation project.
- 3) According to the 1991 survey of hunting and fishing, there were 746,900 people in Wisconsin who hunt.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Lodge is slowing down for July and August but if we have someone who wants to have a degree put on, we certainly will oblige.

To keep in contact with members, we are always open on Wednesday mornings to chat, have coffee and to do odd jobs.

We were well represented at Grand Lodge by three heavy weights this year, WM Mike Galayda, SW Wayne Budwick and JW Johnny Walker.

Brother Jim Gename reported that we are going to have our roof replaced by the company (Morton Builders) that erected the building years ago, at no cost to us. The Brothers who were in charge picked a good company and they deserve a lot of credit. At this time I would like to thank all the Brothers of past years gone by and present who gave so much time, money and effort so we have a Lodge that we can really be proud of.

We are having our picnic on Saturday, August 16th starting at 2 pm, rain or shine. Every family is asked to bring a dish to pass and the Lodge will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs. This invitation is to the families of all members of Unity Lodge #367, Kenosha Lodge #47, Sunrise Lodge # 359 and Washburn Lodge #145. Let's have a big party.

Have a great summer!

Harold "Babe" Kreuser, Secretary



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Trestleboard

Due Date is 15th of the Month

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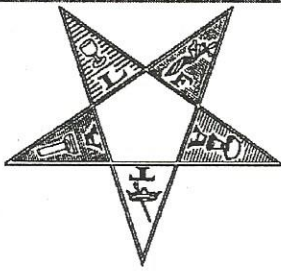
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Pike Chapter is facing some serious challenges this year. We do not have a Worthy Matron, nor do we have a full corps of officers. I am very fortunate that several Past Matrons have agreed to pro term the office of Worthy Matron, at least through December. Without an installed Worthy Matron and a more active membership, it will be very difficult to continue to maintain Pike Chapter.

I have committed to working with the current Officers to have a membership drive. We will be trying to identify prospective members who may have an interest in the Order and may have the energy and enthusiasm to help revitalize Pike Chapter. However, we cannot do this alone.

If you have been inactive and do not wish to see Pike Chapter close, this may be your last chance to step up and help us. Consider being an active officer. Identify prospective members from your family and friends who would be active members.

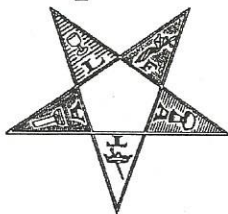
With out your help we cannot succeed.

The Worthy Grand Matron has been informed of our situation and I will be asking her to have a representative from the Surrenders and Consolidations Committee in attendance at our meeting on July 21st. This will be for information only. If we cannot increase our active membership, we must be informed and prepared to take other action. It is my goal to have a decision made by December 1st as to the future of Pike Chapter, so we may properly act prior to Grand Chapter 2009.

I do dislike being the bearer of sad tidings; however we cannot continue to ignore this situation. If you, as a member of this Chapter, are not willing or able to help turn things around, how can you expect the Chapter to continue to exist?

Fraternally yours,
Craig Wepprecht
Worthy Patron

Pike Chapter No. 285

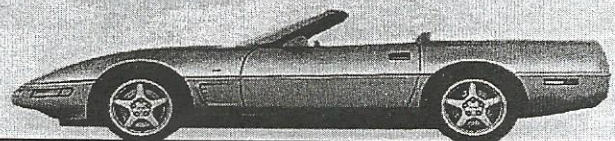


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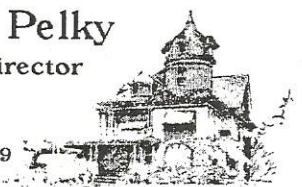
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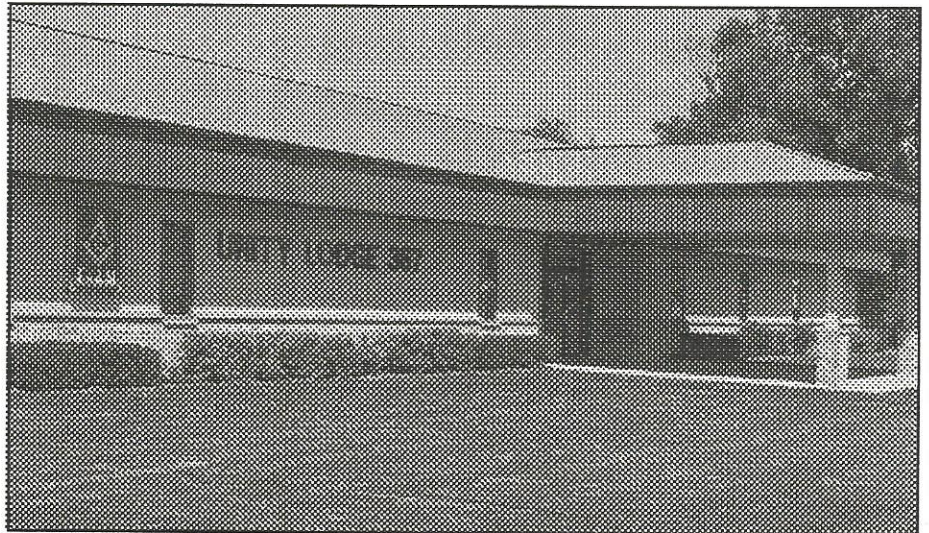
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