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The Master's Words

Greetings Brothers!

Our Worshipful Master, Mike Galayda has some health problems and most likely will not return to Lodge for the balance of his term. I will step into the East as Acting Worshipful Master until a new Master is installed on Dec 6th. Bro. Wayne Budwick

Sickness and Distress;

Mike Galayda, Bobby Gober, Joe Layne, Joyce Gename, Marge Charlton.
Please keep these brothers and sisters in your prayers.

We have had a couple of out of state visitors during the last few meetings. Please don't forget to introduce yourself to any visitors you see at lodge. They are just as bashful as some of us are. Offer to sit with them and guide them through our meetings. A hand extended in friendship with a smile it is the brotherly thing to do.

Around the Lodge:

The lodge roof is being replaced Oct. 20th and 21st. The old and broken wooden children's high chairs have been replaced.

A new dry erase/cork board has been installed in the entrance to the lobby.

The AED is being replaced due to a manufacturers recall. Several stock pots were purchased at a restaurant auction. New shelving was added to the furnace room for needed additional storage.

New shelving has been built for the lodge library. (Yes, we have one, but it's a secret.)

The broken blinds have been replaced in the women's bathroom and the dining room.

Literature racks have been placed in the lobby to keep papers from blowing on the floor.

Thank you to the brothers that took some initiative and did this work, but don't forget to get approval from the Trustees or the Master so there is not a conflict with existing plans.

On Oct. 9th the Lodge held a School of Instruction. Worshipful Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgon was our instructor for the night. Thanks to Bro. John Walker for preparing the lasagna dinner we had before the meeting. Thanks to Bro. Pat Kuhner for coordinating all the brothers into an excellent team that presented the 1st and 2nd sections of the Master Mason degree! Thanks Brothers, another job well done by Unity Lodge.

We also received favorable committee reports for 2 new EAs. We have one committee report pending, and a committee was assigned to a 4th. That means 4 new EAs in process. We have one Fellowcraft waiting for a degree date to be set, 4 EA, and 7 FC that are in various states of limbo

from previous years. Right now we potentially have 28 degree nights to be held. If we start this week at 1 per week with breaks for Christmas and New Years, we will be done the last week of March 2009!!!

Oct. 16th at 7 PM the Lodge will present two EA degrees. Brothers, please show them that you value and respect them and all our brothers by attending all the possible degrees you can during the year. Help us to live up to our Lodges name, UNITY!

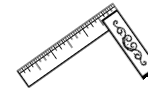
I have heard it said many times that the Lodge needs to do some kind of fund raisers. Well brothers, here is your chance to shine! On Oct. 18th and 19th, the Lodge will be holding a FUND RAISER! We are manning the hot dog wagon at Spiegelhoff's Super Value on 80th Street. The booth must be attended from 10 am until 3 PM. I will be there at 9:00 AM to get it set up both days. Brothers John Walker, Vince Shuler, and Don Hall volunteered to man the booth on Saturday. Bro. John and I will man the booth on Sunday.

It's your turn to volunteer for an event.

Please call the lodge phone at 657-5575 to hear announcements of degree nights and calendar changes. Also check our web site.

So my brothers, the next time you hear "We never do anything around here", hand them this column, point at the top and ask them to read it out loud and then ask them which events they participated in? Which parts do they want to participate in?

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Wayne Budwick
Acting Worshipful Master



WANTED: Group photos of Unity Lodge officers. We are missing all years of Unity.



From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers,

Another season is upon us. We can just about forget cutting the grass behind our lodge building and put the lawn mowers in storage again and get the snow blower back in our little shed. Storage space is terrible but thanks to Brother Gary Heiberg, Sr. He has been letting us store things at his place of business. We have to get a building fund started soon or at least, plan on some sort of fund raiser to get the wheels turning.

Everyone has received their notice of their 2009 dues by now and have received some in the mail already. I certainly would like to see them all in before the Christmas season. I still have a couple of Johnnie-come-latelys for our 2008 dues. Perpetual membership is a great thing. We have 38 living members and two who have application blanks to fill out.

Another thanks to Brother Milt Bergerson for cleaning up the floor in the dining area and cutting the grass. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and to all the deer hunters, I wish you the best of luck also. Remember every Wednesday morning for coffee and also every other Thursday evening for degree work for the next couple of months. Stated meetings on the 2nd & 4th Thursday 7 PM. Trustees meet 4th Thursday at 6 PM

Take Care & Enjoy Life,
Your Secretary,
Harold "Babe" Kreuser



The Editor

Our first experience with Click2Mail went pretty well. I sent the Trestleboard off to them on September 23, and it was delivered to my mailbox in about two weeks.

We now have 29 recipients who have opted to receive the TB via E-mail. Thanks to all of you for saving Unity some money. Any others who wish to begin getting the Trestleboard electronically, please send me an email message. By the way, if you choose E-mail, you will receive the Trestleboard about two weeks earlier than the "old fashioned", paper way.

Fraternally,

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November Birthdays

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Spencer J. Howe
Edward H. Schiller
Bruce H. Eggert
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Eugene J. Welter
Thomas A. Eide
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Pike Chapter #285 Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At our October 6th meeting, a resolution was presented to consolidate Pike Chapter with Kenosha Chapter. Those living in state should have received a letter giving some details and explaining that we would consider this resolution at the October 20th meeting. As I write this message, the October 20th meeting is still several days away and I hope that the turn out will be good so all opinions can be voiced on the Chapter floor. It can be a sad time for a Chapter when they consider consolidation. However, we must get past the sad feelings and move on to a new place, a place where we realize that we could be entering an exciting time as members of the Order of the Eastern Star. If the Chapter votes to consolidate, it means we will be creating a bigger group at Kenosha Chapter, which should lead to more activities. I hope that whatever decision is made, that we, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, will keep the vision of the Order in our minds and continue to work for the good of the Order. Please note that if we do decide to consolidate, it would not take effect until the end of the Chapter year.

During the months of November and December, we will collect food items for the Food Pantry and mittens, hats and scarves for the grade schools. These are projects we have done jointly in the past with our Sisters and Brothers of our neighboring Chapters and our efforts have always been appreciated. So please bring non-perishable food items or winter hats/mittens to the meetings on November 3rd, November 17th or December 1st.

December 1st will be our Holiday meeting, so please come dressed appropriately. We will have a gift exchange that evening, so if you would like to participate, please bring a gift valued around \$10.

We will hold a special meeting on December 15th for Sister Dona-Rae Baumgart's Grand Representative Party. Sister Josephine Irvine is the Chairperson for the event and she has been working with the members of Pike and Kenosha to arrange a fun filled evening. The program will start at 7:00 PM. RSVP to Sister Josephine by December 8th.

Looking forward, Sister Cheryl Budwick's Grand Representative Party will be on March 2nd, 2009.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Fraternally yours,
Craig Wepprecht, WP



Dates to Remember

October

- 16- TWO EA Degrees, 7 PM
- 23 – Stated Meeting (**ELECTIONS**) 7 PM
- 30 – District meeting at Burlington Lodge, 6 PM Dinner, 7 PM Meeting

November

- 1 - Masonic Education Seminar, Waukesha Lodge # 37.
- 3 - OES Pike Chapter #285 7:30 PM
- 5 - Honor Masons Night by Kenosha DeMolay. Dinner 5:30 PM Meeting 7 PM
- 11 – Kenosha Shrine Club Officers Meeting 6 PM
- 13 – Hungry Mason Dinner at 6 PM
- 13 – Stated Meeting 7 PM
- 17 - OES Pike Chapter #285 7:30 PM
- 27 - **Lodge Dark NO STATED MEETING (Thanksgiving)**
- Every Wednesday** – Donuts, Coffee and Philosophy at 8 AM, Lodge Clean Up 9 AM, and Degree Practice 10 AM.

November Masonic Anniversaries

John J. Schappert
Stephen E. Hunt
Oral E. Congdon Jr.
Edward H. Schiller
Paul L. Whiteside
Gerald S. Hansen
Alvin F. Pryse Jr.
Richard D. Sadlon
Ronald E. Nelson
Anastasios Kokkinakis
Pat R. Kuhner
Joseph P. Fanfarillo
Jeffrey B. Woosley
Thomas Hamilton
Mark E. Goertler
Thomas R. Walker

SOME RESEARCH ON THE JEWELS OF A LODGE

A Lodge of Master Masons has six jewels, which are part of the furnishings of the Lodge. The six jewels of the Masonic Lodge are the square, the level, and the plumb, the rough ashlar, the perfect ashlar, and the trestle or tracing board.

The square teaches morality. The level points out the ideal of equality among enlightened builders. The plumb line teaches rectitude of conduct and symbolizes the upright life. The rough ashlar is a stone in its natural state as taken from the quarry. It represents the natural man of good character and ability. The perfect ashlar is a stone which has been squared and polished. It symbolizes the education of an enlightened man. The trestle board symbolizes not only the Volume of Sacred Law which is a Mason's "spiritual trestle board" but the plans and purposes of universal brotherhood.

Grand Lodges in the United States define the square, level, and plumb as the immovable jewels of the lodge because they are appointed to particular parts of the lodge. The Square to the East, the Level to the West and the Plumb in the South.

The movable jewels, so called because they are not confined to any particular part of the Lodge are the Rough Ashlar, the Perfect Ashlar, and the Trestle Board. In reality, of course, every one of the jewels of a Masonic lodge has both an ordinary and a symbolic meaning. Certainly the square, the level and the plumb may be described as immovable because each is appropriate to a particular station in the lodge and should always be found there. But they are also movable in the ritualistic sense because they are carried from place to place by the officers during the conferring of degrees.

Every Master Mason is constantly admonished to meet act and part by virtue of those symbols which are defined as immovable in the United States. To practice the tenets of his profession a Mason must carry the jewels within his heart and intellect. In other words, he must carry the symbols from one activity to another throughout his lifetime. At the same time he must make the ideas which the jewels represent the immovable, the fixed and constant principles of his conduct.

