

The Trestleboard

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The Master's Words

Happy New Year to all!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. I wish you and your family the best for the New Year. The 2009 Officers and I would like to welcome our newly elected Junior Warden; **John Walker**.

Remember every Wednesday morning to come for coffee, social time and Lodge clean up and maintenance at 8am. If you are able to lift a donut to your mouth, you should be able to help with some of the weekly clean-up. The trustees will start meeting on a different night and the lodge may also be meeting on new nights starting in January. The change to the by-laws will be voted on at the Jan. 8th meeting.

On Tuesday evening of each week for the past year I have worked with brothers to prepare them for their Posting. I am currently working with an FC and I am extending an offer to any FC that wants to work together with us as a group in addition to their regular posting, may join us on Tuesday nights. Please call me and let me know if you are interested.

Brothers, now is your chance to make a difference in 2009. We are still looking to appoint a Lodge Counselor. If you are interested in the future of our Lodge and want to make a difference in the education of our brothers, please contact me so we can fill this important position.

Also, the Lodge needs your input on the following committees. Please volunteer for those you have an interest in, or be appointed to some that may not interest you.

Visitation; Auditing; Grounds Development; By-Laws; Funeral; Attendance; Education; Ritual; Refreshment; Publicity

Benevolence Fund

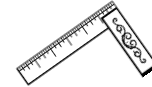
We are starting something new for Unity Lodge. This time of year we will ask that the brothers who are able, to make a donation to the Unity Lodge Benevolence Fund. This fund will be used to provide relief for distressed, worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans. This fund is overseen by the Worshipful Master and Wardens of the Lodge, who will direct the Treasurer to make appropriate payments. All actions of the Benevolence Fund are held in strictest confidence. Your donation to the Benevolence Fund will help ensure that we are able to provide assistance as needed. Please forward your

check made payable to Unity Lodge #367 Benevolence Fund.

Sickness and Distress

Mike Galayda and Bruce Christianson have had recent health problems. Please keep them and all our brothers and sisters in your prayers during the New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Wayne Budwick
Worshipful Master



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



Pike Chapter No. 285



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From the Secretary's Desk

I hope Santa was good to everyone this year, 2008. This is the first article for 2009. We had our election of officers and installation on Saturday, Dec. 6 and our first meeting with new officers on Dec. 11, which went very well. Pike chapter Order Eastern Star is leaving our lodge. They are going to the Star at Lodge #47. I want to thank the members for the fine donations to our lodge. We will miss you. Good Luck. At this time I would also like to thank Pat Belongia for a large amount of money given to the lodge in honor of Brother Ken Belongia. All members should know that their dues for 2009 should be paid by Dec. 31, 2008. If not paid by August, they will be suspended for non-payment of dues. Not by our choice but by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. This year we are suspending 2 members. An amendment to change our meeting nights from the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights to the 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings was made and we will be voting on this change in January. Will keep you informed. Remember, we still meet on Wednesday mornings for coffee, rolls & chitchat. Meet our new members and some very old members. Take care & see you in lodge.

Your Secretary,
Harold "Babe" Kreuser



Trestleboard Deadline is the 15th of every month. Please submit articles via email to: webmaster@kenoshamasons.com

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The Editor

Happy New Year!

We seem to have most of the bugs in our new Trestleboard worked out. First Class mailing is the way to go for those who can't receive it via E-mail. More than 40 Brethren have helped the cause by opting out of paper copies. If you can receive E-mail, you can help us save more Lodge \$\$\$. Send me your E-mail address and you will get the Trestleboard as soon as it's completed.

Fraternally,

Bob Burgermeister
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December Birthdays

01/01 Randy M. Spivey
01/03 Larry J. La Point
01/07 Bruce M. Hoening
01/09 Bruce J. Hannah
01/11 James M. Suksi
01/11 Wayne A. Budwick
01/11 Randall F. Upright
01/13 Jimmie R. Thomas
01/13 Louis J. Zagame
01/16 Jack E. Vernezze
01/17 Kenneth E. Hagen
01/17 Robert G. Schnaare
01/17 George H. Easton
01/18 James L. Shaffer
01/19 James M. Hoover
01/19 Peter J. West
01/20 Jon P. Strecker
01/24 William C. Yenawine
01/25 Donald L. Hall
01/27 Gerald S. Hansen
01/27 Billy S. Owens
01/28 James G. Kruse
01/31 Woodrow Hanzalik



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Pike Chapter #285 Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that we will all have a prosperous New Year. Please remember that Pike Chapter is dark in January and February. Our next meeting will be March 2nd, 2009. The meeting that evening will start at 5:30 PM to be followed by the Grand Representative Party for Sister Cheryl Budwick. I look forward to seeing everyone that evening.

The consolidation with Kenosha Chapter #92 is progressing. We are waiting to hear back from Grand Chapter. We expect that the consolidation will take place sometime in March 2009.

Fraternally yours,
Craig Wepprecht
Worthy Patron

December Masonic Anniversaries

Kenneth J. Belongia
Marlin M. Dunham
Donald G. Roeder
Jerry E. Davis
Kenneth A. Robinson
Louis J. Zagame
Vincent Desantis
Eddie R. Lofton
Dennis A. Johnson Sr
Robert T. Stoebe
Richard A. Carey
James E. Kreuser
Terry A. Griffiths
Mark P. Filwett
Charles D. Estill
James C. Pittman



Dates to Remember

December 2008

25 - Christmas Day, no meeting

January 2009

- 6 FC Instruction 5pm
- 6 Officer Meeting 6pm
- 8 Hungry Mason 6pm, Stated Meeting 7pm;
By-Law change vote
- 13 FC Instruction 5pm;
Capture Gavel @ Geneva Lakes #44 7pm
- 15 EA Degree/Practice
- 20 FC Instruction 5pm
- 22 Trustees 6pm? and Stated Meeting 7pm
- 27 FC Instruction 5pm
- 29 District 11 Area 1 meeting will be held at Unity Lodge. Dinner will be included and will be served at 6:00 PM. This meeting has been set up for all the new officers in Area 1 to have an opportunity to meet each other. Also there will be education on the Masonic Code of Wisconsin. The meeting is open to all Masons and all the officers should plan on attending. Please let Wayne know that you plan to attend.

February 2009

- 3 FC Instruction 5pm
- 10 FC Instruction 5pm
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday Day/ Degree Practice
- 14 Valentine's Day/Sweetheart Day Dinner
brothers and wives invited.
- 17 FC Instruction 5pm
- 24 FC Instruction 5pm
- 26 Brotherhood Night

Every Wednesday – Donuts, Coffee and Philosophy at 8 AM, Lodge Clean Up 9 AM, and Degree Practice 10 AM.



Brethren, on 12/11/2008 a motion was made and seconded as follows; Motion to amend the by-laws from:

Section IV

Communications and order of business
Stated Communications – The communications of this Lodge will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

To read:

Section IV

Communications and order of business
Stated Communications – The communications of this Lodge will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

The vote on this motion will be held at Unity Lodge #367 during the January 8, 2009 stated meeting.

Wayne Budwick
WM

