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The Master's Words

Greetings from the East!

Brethren,

It is my sad and solemn duty to report the passing of Brother Brad Sellers. Brother Brad was the second Master Mason raised since Unity Lodge was chartered. He will be sorely missed among the workmen and our condolences are extended to his wife Karole and his family.

The Lodge has raised Brother Gus Orozco to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Also welcome our newest brother passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, Craig Houston. Please take time to congratulate them the next time you see them

I have to extend a special Thank You to Brother Joe Layne for filling in for me on June 4th while I was at the Annual Communication. The Grand Lodge Annual Communication was held in Madison again this year. Below are the results of the votes on resolutions.

Resolution 1-09 to adopt the annual budget was adopted.

Resolution 2-09 to provide for per-capita tax was adopted with NO increase.

Resolution 3-09 to designate the place to hold the Annual Communication was adopted. Once again, in Madison in 2010.

Resolution 4-09 to eliminate the reading of names of Brethren to be suspended was defeated.

Resolution 5-09 to qualify lodge officers to serve in more than on position was tabled until 2010.

Resolution 6-09 to clarify "Sabbath Day" was adopted as amended.

Resolution 7-09 to modify alcoholic beverages in lodges was not entertained by the Grand Master.

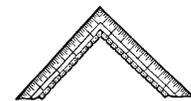
On June 13th we held our Anniversary and Awards Dinner. There were 44 brothers, spouses and friends in attendance at the dinner. After dinner everyone moved to the lodge room where pins, wallet cards, and certificates were presented to members with 55 years in

Masonry down thru 25 years. Each of the 55 year recipients gave a brief account of their most memorable Masonic event. All enjoyed the special cake and coffee afterward.

I have decided that we will not perform any degree work during July and August. The degrees may start in September after our first meeting and the lodge shows that it is capable of putting on the degree.

Also brethren, if you are in arrears of payment of your dues, PLEASE, rectify the situation by again becoming a Master Mason in Good Standing. The past changes to the Masonic Code require the Lodge to process you as delinquent on August 31st and dropped from the Grand Lodge on November 30th of the year. I have heard brothers say that it takes 3 years before a brother is dropped, this is not true. Current code requires the Lodge to notify Grand Lodge at 11 months the names of brothers who are not current. Please send your dues in.

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

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From the Secretary's Desk

IN MEMORIUM: The roll of the workmen has been called and Brothers William Calder and Brad Sellers answer not!!

On May 28th, Brother Gus Orozco received his M.M. degree and on June 6th, Brother Craig Houston received his F.C. degree.

On June 4th, Brother Jim Kreuser received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award for outstanding service to youth and Free Masonry. A dedicated member of Unity Lodge #367 and devoted Scouting leader of the Southeast Wisconsin Council # 634, Boy Scouts of America. This award originates from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Brother Roger Heffron, the Secreary & Treasurer of Kenosha Lodge #47 presented the award. Brother Jim was surprised and thanked everyone.

Brother Gus has been working hard inside the lodge and Brother Gene has been burning up a lot of gas with the lawn mower . Brother Vince---Thank You for fixing the mail box and putting it in a very nice spot. We expect to paint the outside of the lodge building in the next month. Some outside work has to be done first.

Pins & awards were presented on Saturday, June 13. To the Brothers that weren't present, we will get them to you.

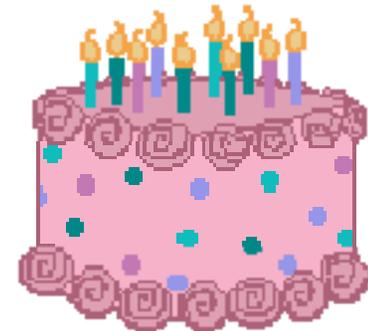
Nice to see P,M, Mike Galayda back in lodge again. Remember Wednesday mornings: Coffee, rolls and you never know what else

Your Secretary,
Harold "Babe" Kreuser



July Birthdays

- 07/01 Dean C. Sukus
- 07/01 Jerry E. Davis
- 07/01 Mark P. Filwett
- 07/02 Phillip L. Wade
- 07/05 Pat R. Kuhner
- 07/05 Robert F. Hamilton
- 07/05 Brian E. Snavely
- 07/07 James O. Glover
- 07/09 Early G. Crane
- 07/09 Robert J. Klein
- 07/09 Jeffrey B. Woosley
- 07/09 Craig C. Houston
- 07/11 Ralph C. Leese
- 07/12 Leonard Clark
- 07/14 Timothy J. Krueger
- 07/15 Steven H. Davidson
- 07/17 Christopher P. Peters
- 07/18 Harold F. Kreuser
- 07/18 Robert J. Burgermeister
- 07/20 Norman E. Greening
- 07/21 Russell A. Gename
- 07/22 Dennis A. Johnson Sr
- 07/24 Daniel R. Angotti Sr
- 07/29 Clarence D. Gerlach
- 07/31 Samuel B. Purse

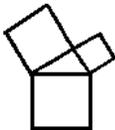


The Editor

Won't you join in helping us save Lodge \$\$? Send your E-Mail address to me and you will get your TB much sooner via E-Mail. "Save A Tree – Subscribe to the "E-Edition".

Fraternally,

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Dates to Remember

June 2009

June 20 Shrine Circus at Temper High School

July 2 – NO Meeting

July 16 – Stated Meeting 7:00 PM

August 6 – NO Meeting

August 20 – Stated Meeting 7:00 PM

August 13 Combined Lodge Picnic at Unity

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

July Masonic Anniversaries

Eulis L. Oswalt
Billy S. Owens
Richard M. Youells
Milton O. Bergerson
Randall C. Holton
Gary V. Shuler
A. Paul Martin
John N. Krahn
Christopher P. Peters
Michael Galayda



They All Came Just For Me

By: Bro. Richard L. Jenkins
For the brothers of Cass Lodge 412, Griswold Iowa.

Something big is going on here.
Or so I thought that night,
As the Masons came to gather round
the Great and lesser lights.

One from here and one from there
From places far and wide,
They came to do, I knew not what,
As they gathered there inside.

But from each man I was greeted
With a smile and voice of cheer.
One said, "so you're the candidate.
The reason that we're here."

I scarcely knew just what he meant,
For this was my "first degree."
There must be much for them to do
Before they got to me.

Surely these guys would not travel
for the sake of just one man.
Yes, there must be much for them to do,
Before my part began.

The "Brother Tiler" was my company
As I waited at the door
To step into this brand new realm
I had not known before.

They shared with me the three Great Lights
and some tools of the trade,
That I might learn a thing or two
of how a man be better made.

When at last I had been seated
In this brotherhood of men
The Master then began to bring
The meeting to an end.

And with all things then completed,
They stayed a little more,
To eat and drink and share a laugh
Before heading toward the door.

But as we left I understood
And then began to see.
That they all came for one reason.
They all came just for me.

Dear brothers I pray every lodge
Will make new ones like me,
Feel as welcome as these brothers did,
When they held my First Degree.

Thank you, Brothers!

