

# The Trestleboard

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## The Master's Words

Greetings from the East my brothers!

I want to start out by saying a big thank you to the brothers and friends that came to the Valentine/Sweetheart Dinner at the Fireside Restaurant in February. Special thanks go out to Babe Kreuser for helping set up the dinner.

We are looking forward to an MM on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> for Brother Mike Vastano. We are also looking forward to 2 FC and another MM in the near future.

The next lodge event will be St. Pats' Day dinner. The Lodge is planning to travel to Washburn Lodge to support their St. Patrick Day Dinner. Details will be announced in Lodge and we will notify the brothers by Phonevite with information.

The Trustees are looking into a monitored security and fire protection system for the Lodge. We are planning a dinning room painting party for some time during the month of March.

Are any of the brothers familiar with the Wii game system? How about a Wii game night at the Lodge? If you are, let the Master know and we will set up a time and place. Let the games begin.

Please keep the following brothers and family members in your prayers, Gordon Charlton who is rehabbing at home, Vince Shuler, Edie Layne, and Cheryl Budwick.

Fraternally, Hobart (Joe) Layne, WM



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## From the Secretary's Desk

Our condolences go out to Brother Bob Hall at the loss of his wife, Carol and also to Brother Jim Gename at the loss of his wife, Joyce. Our condolences also go out to Brother Anastasios Kokkinakis and his wife, Mary on the loss of their son, Dean. Bro. Lee Swett passed away on Saturday, February 13.

The first meeting of the month which is the first Thursday, we have a dinner at 6 P.M. Advance notice would be nice for the cook to know. Call any officer listed and let him know you are planning to attend. I wonder when W.M. Joe Layne is going to have his favorite menu {road kill}. I'll let you know about it in plenty of time.

This year, we will present the following members with Masonic pins for the many years of belonging to the Fraternity: 25 years---Michael Galayda, Robert S. Stone, Rickey J. Widmar. 30 years---Steven H. Davidson, Larry A. Day, Charles D. Estill, Harold S. Nelson, Gary D. Thomas, Randall F. Upright. 35 years---Robert W. Haggarty, Jr., Pat Kuhner, Louis P. Metallo 40 years---Guy Benvenuti, Milton Olger Bergerson, Charles Wayne Brown, Jerry Joe Brown, Bruce Christianson, James E. Hansen, Harold E. Scherer. 45 years---Roger L. Falcon, Edward J. Jelinek, Roger R. Kreuzscher, Gordon Charlton. 50 years---Clair C. Faulkner. 55 years---Gerald S. Hansen, Bruce T. Haubrich, Paul L. Whiteside....60 years---Sydney C. Batten, George E. McGilligan, Steve Rumachik.

We have the traveling gavel at our lodge. Brother Wayne Budwick, P.M. and several brothers claimed it a while back. On Feb. 25, Brother Michael Vastano will receive his M.M. degree. Try and make it for the meeting.

Thanks Brothers for keeping the lodge looking good and the odd jobs done around here. Remember every Wednesday morning, coffee & rolls and you never know what else.

Your Secretary,,Harold (Babe) Kreuser



Unity Lodge captured the travelling gavel from Southern Lakes Lodge on November 23. Where will it go from here?



**Bro. Randy Holton will take orders for Custom Made Unity Lodge #367 rings.. Price will be from \$84 to \$100, depending on how many are ordered, and as a bonus, the ring comes with a Unity Lodge #367 lapel pin. The rings are made of high-grade stainless steel and are very durable. They can not be re-sized, so make sure you have an accurate ring size before ordering. The design is very similar to the Unity logo above. Please call Randy at 262-455-5564 or send him an email note at rholton@gmail.com if you are interested.**



# MARCH

## March Birthdays

- 03/02 Leon L. Robillard
- 03/05 David J. Sebetic
- 03/07 Bruce A. Christianson
- 03/13 Gary V. Shuler
- 03/13 Keith R. Matus
- 03/14 Roger A. Mertes
- 03/14 Thomas Hamilton
- 03/16 Donald G. Roeder
- 03/21 Roger L. Falcon
- 03/25 Paul L. Garcia
- 03/30 Steve Rumachik
- 03/30 Christopher D. Van Damme
- 03/31 Paul L. Whiteside
- 03/31 Eugene C. Travis, Jr



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## The Editor

Editors are not perfect. Once in a while we make mistakes. Last month I really screwed up the spelling of Bro. Olaf Burgoarsohn's name. Please accept my sincere apology.

I'm thinking of having some "golf shirts" made up with the Unity Lodge logo embroidered on them. Interested? Let me know.

See you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

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## Dates to Remember

February – March 2010

February 18 – Stated Meeting 7 PM  
February 23 – Degree Practice (MM) 7 PM  
February 25 – Special MM 7 PM

March 1 – Trustees Meeting 7 PM  
March 4 – Stated Meeting 7 PM (Dinner @ 6PM)  
March 8 – Officers Meeting 7 PM  
March 18 – Stated Meeting 7 PM

Every Wednesday – Lodge Clean Up with coffee and rolls 8 AM, and Degree Practice 10 AM.

### March Masonic Anniversaries

Adriaan Tencate  
Roger R. Kreuzscher  
Clarence D. Gerlach  
James O. Glover  
Harold E. Scherer  
Raymond G. Andersen Jr  
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**Trestleboard Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Please submit articles via email to: [webmaster@kenoshamasons.com](mailto:webmaster@kenoshamasons.com)**

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### Discrimination by Bob Dixon, MPS

I belong to a Freemasonry mailing list available over the Internet. There's a wealth of available information and opinion on Masonic subjects, and I can't imagine being a Mason without access to this list.

On the list, a discussion went on over a period of days about a particular elementary school which refused the offer of a Masonic Cornerstone for their new building. Among their concerns was that Freemasonry discriminated against women and atheists, and they felt it inappropriate for a public school to be associated with such a group.

As a result of the discussion, I was forced to conclude, sadly, that Freemasonry "does" discriminate on the basis of sex and religion. Because of this, I decided that I should leave Freemasonry, find an organization that "does not" practice any form of discrimination, and join it.

I first thought of the Girl Scouts. I was raised by my mother, and I appreciate women and the cultivation of domestic skills. But I am not a girl and I am too old.

Maybe the Boy Scouts. I was a Scout once, and I am sure they would take me back. I peaked out at First Class, and I would like to start over as a Tenderfoot and see if I can get my Eagle this time. Unfortunately, I am still too old.

Maybe one of the churches in my community. But, no, these churches will only allow me to be a member if I adhere to their particular doctrine and standards of behavior. This is clearly discriminating on the basis of religious belief.

Maybe I could go to college again and join a sorority. After all, I do feel more comfortable among women than men. But sororities don't accept men, and colleges don't accept those that are too stupid to pass the courses and too poor to pay the tuition.

Possibly the elementary school whose leaders felt that Masons discriminate. Surely they wouldn't discriminate, and I always did enjoy naps and coloring. Haven't had a good glass of chocolate milk in ages. But alas, I am still too old and have too much education.

After this, I resolved to go home to my sweet family and forget the whole thing. Except that my family discriminates against people who are not my blood relatives or friends of the existing members. Not just anyone off the street can join us at the dinner table, and this is clearly exclusionary.

Perhaps I could live in a vacant lot, not bothering anyone. But, again, my community discriminates against those who can't afford housing. People are just not allowed to live in the open. Stores refuse to serve those who can't pay. Certainly an intolerable situation.

Still, I resolved to give up "all" organizations who discriminate, no matter how difficult this is. A matter of principle, after all. I will live in the woods, by myself, where my pure standards can be best appreciated. But, alas, "even nature" discriminates, against the sick and the weak. When I get old or sick I will quickly be eaten by some animal stronger than I am.

Oh my! Maybe the Masons aren't so bad after all . . . the suppers are pretty good and they don't eat you when you get old.

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