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The Master's Words

Greetings from the East my brothers!

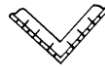
Come join us at our picnic on August 14th starting at 1pm. The Lodge will furnish meat, corn and beverage. Please bring a dish to pass.

Food will start being served at 2pm and go until???

Please keep the following brothers and family members in your prayers, Milt Bergerson, Joe & Edie Layne, Cheryl Budwick and the Jim Adams family.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Fraternally, Hobart (Joe) Layne, WM



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From the Secretary's Desk

Remember last winter, when we were snowed in and it was very cold. How we were wishing it would warm up soon? Today the temperature hit 90 degrees. Most people are moving slower or staying inside with the air conditioner working full blast. We shouldn't complain because look at what is happening in other states.

Our picnic date is set for Saturday, August 14 at the lodge rain or shine. Our W.M. Joe will give us the details.

Our lodge is still on the grow and it is because we belong to a fine group of men who can get things done when ever the need comes along.

A special THANK YOU to Brother Milt (Olger, the Norwegian) and his wife, Glenda for purchasing six tables for the lodge. Another nice thing I noticed this past month; a brother won the 50-50 drawing at the Shrine event. He donated half of his winnings to the Shrine Hospital. Thanks, Wilhelm.

I was checking our membership records and there are still 17 members who haven't paid their 2010 dues. Multiply that by 55 and you can see how much the lodge is owed. Enough said.

Remember every Wednesday morning, coffee & rolls & you never know what else and it also is a cool place to be.

Thank you, Lee for the B-card.
Your Secretary, Harold (Babe) Kreuser



Plan Ahead!

Unity Lodge #367 Picnic!

August 14 1 PM



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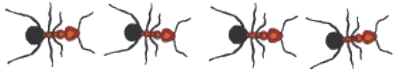
August Birthdays

08/01 Gary D. Thomas
08/06 Richard L. Cross
08/06 Gary E. Armstrong
08/09 Roger C. Strouf
08/11 Darrell D. Brewer
08/13 Nicolas V. Cuervo
08/14 Charles D. Estill
08/17 Aragorn T. Wold
08/18 O. M Best
08/19 Fred R. Ekornaas
08/19 Gustavo E. Orozco
08/22 Terrance E. Heeter
08/23 Douglas R. Sawyer
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A side view of a silver convertible car with the top down.



The Editor

We're never quite content with the weather in Wisconsin. In January we will be wishing for some of this heat, but right now I wish I could use my snow blower instead of the lawn mower.

Recent storms have caused some damage around Kenosha and took my trailer's awning off in a flash. Unity Lodge is still standing strong, however. Come and see...

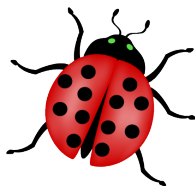
See you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

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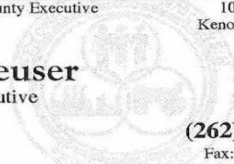
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July-August 2010

July 22 – Special FC Degree 6:30 PM

August 5 – Stated Meeting 7 PM

August 14 – Lodge Picnic 1 PM

August 19 – DARK NO MEETING

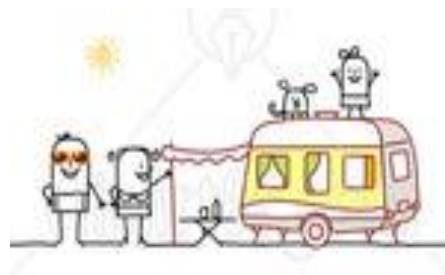
Every Wednesday – Lodge Clean Up with coffee and rolls 8 AM, and Degree Practice 10 AM.

August Masonic Anniversaries

William J. Shelley
John K. Shannon
Leonard Clark
Kenneth E. Hagen
Norman E. Greening
Gary E. Armstrong
Casper H. Hanson
Robert W. Haggarty Jr
Clarence E. Mielke



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So Mote It Be!

Written by Ron Merk Education Officer: Vancouver & Quadra #3 Victoria, BC Canada

No Lodge is ever opened or closed without using "So Mote It Be!" and no Mason would embark on any great or important undertaking without invoking the aid of the Deity. That request for aid would be concluded with "So Mote It Be!".

It's easy to define "So Mote It Be", much harder to tell you why Masons prefer it.

I suppose it could be as simple as tradition. "Amen, So Mote It Be" is the final phrase in our oldest known written document. (Regius Poem circa 1300s) Certainly tradition is important and for this reason alone the phrase deserves usage in our Lodges but the phrase is given more reverence and use than mere tradition dictates. There seems to be a much deeper meaning and force driving its use by the Brethren.

In simple terms "So Mote It Be!" can be described as the Masonic version of Amen! We use it in that sense to close prayer within the Lodge. In order to appreciate the significance of "So Mote It Be!", I found it necessary to more fully understand Amen.

Amen can be literally interpreted to mean "so be it". The Ancient Hebrews ended their prayer with a affirmative exclamation of " So Be It! So Be It! So May It Be!" Literally translated in our not so distance Anglo-Saxon past this phrase would have been delivered as "Amen! Amen! So Mote It Be!" We've further shortened it depending on who you're with as either "Amen" or "So Mote It Be".

To me, Amen seems to have become a word that suggests a passive acceptance of God's will. "Mote" on the other hand comes from the Anglo-Saxon verb "motan" meaning will or may. My belief is that the use of an action verb is significant in the understanding of why Masons prefer "So Mote It Be!" Using "So Mote It Be!" delivers an active assent of man to God's purpose. It is not meant to be a dumb resignation or blind submission, but rather a wise reconciliation to the will of the G.A.O.T.U. Masons using it are continuing the original intent of express a dynamic acceptance of this relationship with God. Is it any wonder we opt for its use in our Lodges.

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