

TEMPLE TOPICS

WAUKESHA MASONIC LODGE #37



THE MASTER'S WORD

Greetings, brethren, and a Happy New Year to all!

First off, I want to tell all of you how thrilled I am to take my turn in the East. I am quite excited to serve the lodge for the next 12 months, and I thank you for the opportunity. Your officers have been discussing this upcoming year for quite a while, so we are quite glad that the world did NOT end.

Installation of officers was held at the lodge on December 14. My brother, friend and outgoing Worshipful Master Michael Vassar kindly installed all of us. It was great having Mike install the officers and not some stranger who knows us only in passing. A fine job was done by PM Dale Hartung in the role of Marshal. Dale did a lot of heavy lifting for the installation, since he also tweaked the ceremony to reflect a closed installation. Thanks to all who attended, and congratulations to the 2013 officers.

Looking ahead to 2013 at #37 (officers' wish-list):

- An emphasis on Masonic education, discussion, and debate
- Internally focused lodge
 - ◊ Charity and relief by Masons and for Masons
 - ◊ Mentoring of younger/newer masons
 - ◊ Candor and honesty with each other
 - ◊ Fellowship and friendship
- Guarding the West Gate
- Lodge visitations
- Table lodges



The officer group is a tightly-knit and progressive bunch. We have been sharing Masonic articles, books, and ideas for some time as well as reading up on the Masonic Code and Lodge Handbook. As a general rule, we have turned our sights to the past — when Masonry was a “mutual aid” society and place of debate and learning.

More to come; I hope to see you at lodge.
Kevin Lowman, W.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stated Meeting	Thurs., Jan 3. Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30
Stated Meeting	Thurs., Jan 17. Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30
York Rite: Royal Master Degree	Wed., Jan 23, 2013. 7:30 PM
Degree Work (TBD)	Thurs., Jan 24.
George Washington Dinner	Sat, Feb 23 at 6:30, venue TBA
York Rite: Select Master Degree	Wed., Feb 27, 2013. 7:30 PM

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WAUKESHA COMMANDERY #23

Sir Knights:

We hope that all had a great Holiday season and are ready to return to the York Rite meetings. Waukesha Commandery will be having their Homecoming and Inspection on Saturday March 16, 2013. More Information will be coming in the mail soon. Please set this day aside to be with us on this special occasion.

As of this writing, there will be a number of Sir Knights who have not paid their dues, finding themselves suspended as a result of not submitting the dues by December 31, 2012. We can not impress the fact enough that Waukesha Commandery does not have the money to pay dues for those who do not submit them to the Recorder.

We hope that you will set some time aside in the future and attend one or more of our meetings which is held on the second Monday of each Month.

Courteously yours,
S.K. Terry Brown, Commander




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WAUKESHA CHAPTER #37 ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Dear Companions,

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our January meeting will be on Monday January 14, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. We will discuss and act on business and talk about upcoming events and Degree work.

As we celebrate the New Year, let us resolve to do things that we should and do them right. As a procrastinator, I remember what a successful full-of-life friend of mine said, "Successful people make it happen now". Let us see if it works.

The Best,
Walter Lohman, High Priest



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ELEVATOR SPEECH

The following is a excerpt from a speech given at the 2012 Annual Communication by MW Past Grand Master of Iowa Jack Butler.

Have you ever heard of an elevator speech? You have about 7-11 seconds, you get on the elevator with somebody and they say, 'Oh, I see you are a Mason. How does that work?' You have 7-11 seconds, as the elevator doors close and you ride up the elevator to give an answer. Think. Think. 'Oh yah, we take good men and make them better.' And they look at you. I recommend that you give them the secrets of Freemasonry. Tell them you are going to pull the curtain aside, you are going to reveal several secrets right there, right now in that elevator. What you are going to tell them is, "I am going to give you

a little taste of Freemasonry and I am going to do it in six words, six short words.' And basically you have all used these words. As a matter of fact you have used these words not once but twice. You promised with these six words. You promised that you would regulate your life by these six words and you promised it twice. You were kneeling at the altar of Freemasonry, you were hood-winked, but you announced in a loud voice to everyone within earshot, just like all the rest of us did, with six words you were going to direct your life. The first three you told them what you were going to do, the second three you told them what you were not going to do.

The first three words you said you were going to help, aid and assist, and you made it clear that you were going to help, aid and assist. If you think about

that and take those three words, rearrange them and make them aid, help and assist and take the first letter in each one it's a-ha. It's kind of a revelation. If you remember our ancient brother Pythagoras discovering the answer to his forty-seventh problem he shrieked, 'Eureka!' Well, when you decide to aid help and assist, that's an a-ha moment for you. It should be an a-ha moment for anybody you are talking to. When you say, I promised and all the men who are Masons promised that they will aid, help and assist, that is a revelation, but you also want to tell them in that 7-11 seconds, we have also promised, he promised, the Grand Master promised the Past Grand Masters all promised, the visiting dignitaries, all the Masters of the lodges and the

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Companions,

We hope that the Christmas Holiday season was wonderful at your home. It was very good on Fieldhack Drive. Barb & I were blessed with visits from all of our Family. We had the True Joy of the Christmas Season at our home. Now we start the New Year of 2013 with Great Hope and Expectations.

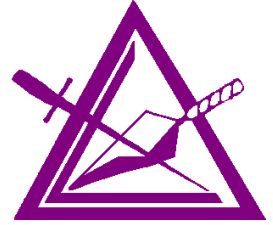
Your Council will start the year on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013 with the presentation of the ROYAL MASTER DEGREE. We will open with the Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM and proceed to the ROYAL MASTER after a brief Stated Meeting. We need your support on the side lines and we need Three (3) ruffians for the pantomime at the end of the First Section. These are non speaking parts but very necessary for a good presentation.

February will be the SELECT MASTER DEGREE on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th. Please reserve these dates on your calendar to support your Council. The Moral Lessons presented are basic in support of the Master Mason Degree. We cannot often see or take part in this work.

Please be sure to invite a newly made Master Mason to continue his Masonic Education by joining the York Rite of Freemasonry.

Homer Armagost, TIM

Calendar: January 23, 2013 Royal Master Degree 7:30 PM
 February 27, 2013 Select Master Degree 7:30 PM



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secretaries and everybody promised they would never cheat, wrong or defraud. Now think of those six words, 'I promised that I would help, aid and assist, I promised I would never cheat, wrong or defraud.' Think of the character that actually describes in six short words. Who do you want to spend your time with? I want to spend my time with men who have adopted those words into their lives, who live their lives by those six words that



they will help, aid and assist and they will not cheat, wrong or defraud. Not just each other, anybody. They will help, aid and assist anybody that needs it, they will never cheat, wrong or defraud anybody, no matter who they are or where they are at. I believe these are truly God's great men, the salt of the earth.

These are the leaders of all that are wholesome and good and positive about life. At some point in time each of us will be faced with making some decisions and we will have to decide what is easy or what is right. Think back, six words promised not once but twice, I will help, aid and assist, I will not cheat, wrong or defraud. That decision becomes mentally easier because Masons don't choose to do it because it's easy. They choose to do it because it's right. Brothers, that's why we are here today. We are here together, reinforcing our commitments. We are continuing to remind ourselves, and each other, of our pledges and in so doing, we continue to become Masons.

DINNER MENU

January 3rd:

- Burgundy Pork Tenderloin
- Horseradish Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Sesame Green Beans



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JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Raise Date</u>	<u>Raising Lodge</u>
<i>Scott J Cowan</i>	9	1/29/2004	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Nicholas Michael Damron</i>	3	1/14/2010	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Irving R Dietscher</i>	56	1/10/1957	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Charles H Ellman</i>	10	1/30/2003	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Patrick D Keller</i>	29	1/12/1984	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>John Wood Krinke</i>	10	1/30/2003	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>William Joseph Loshuertos</i>	55	1/28/1958	<i>Mission</i>
<i>Kevin L Lowman</i>	5	1/31/2008	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Christopher M Luedke</i>	8	1/12/2005	<i>Oconomowoc-Hartland</i>
<i>Frank C Mc Nabb</i>	54	1/20/1959	<i>Michigan</i>
<i>Ralph Stewart Polhamus Jr</i>	21	1/28/1992	<i>Pitman</i>