



THE MASTER'S WORD

Brethren,

Much discussion has taken place within Freemasonry over the decades concerning membership declines. The tearing of hair and gnashing of teeth has become a frequent occurrence and obsession. Various leaders within the Craft have tried all sorts of remedies to turn this decline around. "Friends Nights," billboards, bumper stickers, freezing dues for 20 years, etc. have all failed to stem the tide. In our jurisdiction alone we have had Grand Lodge leaders conducting Masonic road shows and handing out petitions to strangers. I even read a suggestion that we openly court (recruit?) returning troops to fill our lodges.

Here are some interesting numbers that illustrate the slide, compliments of the Masonic Service Association. The peak year of Masonic membership in the US was 1959, when there were 4.1 million Masons among us. To put this number in relative terms, for every 22 American males, 1 was a Mason. Our kind was quite common in those days for sure. Starting in 1960, American Masonic membership dropped for *51 consecutive years*. In 2010, the number stands at 1.37 million which represents less than one-half of a percent of the US population.

Here is one man's conclusion: I am glad. I am happy. What makes a man feel special? To be part of something *UN*common, to be in possession of something that is rare. If my back yard were strewn with diamonds, they would be deemed worthless. The cement of brotherly love gets spread mighty thin when it needs to cover 500 members in one lodge.

I will not recruit, I will not cajole, and I will not even ask a man to join this lodge. My actions, words, character, and the men I associate with are my billboard and bumper sticker. I and your officers have been entrusted to keep this good thing going, not to grow a mediocre thing, and we take this duty very seriously.

I thank you all for keeping this thing precious, valuable, and uncommon.

Kevin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commandery Easter Observance	Sat., Mar 30 at Lake Lodge. 5pm
Stated Meeting	Thurs., Apr. 4. Dinner 6:15, Meeting 7:30
Lodge Visit	Tues., Apr. 9. Visit to Mukwonago Lodge. 7pm meeting
Stated Meeting	Thurs., Apr. 18. Dinner 6:15, Meeting 7:30
Royal Arch Degrees	Sat., May 11. 8:30 a.m. Racine Masonic Temple

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WAUKESHA COMMANDERY #23

I wish to thank all of the Sir Knights who participated and assisted in the preparation for the 2013 Inspection. I know a lot of hard work and practice went into getting ready for this year. I especially wish to thank Sharon Handeland who worked so diligently to make our banquet a success.

As Easter will be right upon us by the time you receive this, I want to wish everyone a happy Easter. Hopefully Spring will finally get here. I also want to remind everyone that the Easter Observance this year will be on Saturday, March 30th at Lake Lodge, sponsored by Ivanhoe Commandery and the Milwaukee Valley of the Rose Croix. It will commence at 5:00PM with dinner to follow. The cost of the dinner will be \$15.00 per person. R.S.V.P. to Mick Olson at 414-764-7953 or mick290@att.net as soon as possible. (hopefully you receive this prior to this event)

Lastly, if any of you have E-mail and would like to receive your color version Temple Topics electronically, please contact Eric Western at: eric@waukeshalodge.org. It will save on what is quickly becoming a great expense to the Lodge in printing and mailing costs. Thanks for your cooperation on this issue.

Courteously yours,
S.K. Terry Brown, Commander




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WAUKESHA CHAPTER #37 ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Dear Companions

Our Stated meeting will be on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 P.M. We will do business and talk about upcoming Degree work. Several important messages.

(1) On Saturday, May 11, 2013 all four Royal Arch Degrees will be conferred at 8:30 A.M. Starting time at Racine Masonic Temple. Two Degrees will be conferred by Grand Royal Arch of Illinois and two by Wisconsin Grand Royal Arch. Should be a large and well attended event in one of the most beautiful Masonic Temples in Wisconsin.

(2) Waukesha Lodge is trying to use Electronic communication as much as possible. If you have a computer and an E-mail address, please notify Eric Western or myself so we can relay the information. Right now, Temple Topics are mailed in black and white, on E-mail, your Temple Topics are partly in color.

Walter Lohman wlohms@yahoo.com
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The best to you after a rough February and March. So Spring, where are you?
Regards
Walt Lohman, High Priest



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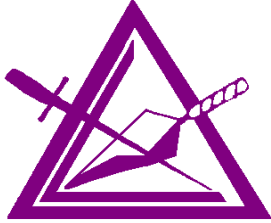
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Companions,
 The last Temple Topics that was mailed was all wrong but I will not apologize for that. As you well know the message must be submitted in the middle of the month and our Stated is scheduled for the Fourth (4th) Wednesday of the month. Well, in February Mother Nature decided to have a Snow Storm on the day before and the day of our Stated Meeting. There were some of us who could not get out of our drive-ways so the meeting was canceled.




Companion James Lovett is rescheduled to receive the Select Master Degree on Wednesday, March 27th. for those of you who receive your Temple Topics by E-mail you will have time to schedule attendance and witness the Degree Work. Your Officers do very good work and would like your support.

April will bring Election of Officers and again we ask for your support and attendance.

The Grand Conclave of the York Rite of Wisconsin will occur June 19th thru 22nd with Council day on Thursday June 20, 2013. If you have not been attending Grand Conclave you are missing a chance to visit with and get acquainted with active York Rite Masons from all over Wisconsin. I urge your attendance at Grand Conclave.

Fraternally Yours,
 Homer Armagost,
 TIM Waukesha Council # 29 R & SM



Waukesha Masonic Lodge #37 ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING "The Del Berger Open"


Date: Saturday, June 22, 2013 **Registration:** 8:00 am
Shot-gun Start: 9:00 am **Cost:** \$75.00 / golfer
 (includes 18-holes w/cart, lunch and donation)

Come join the Waukesha Freemasons for 18 holes of golf and lunch.
 Proceeds will benefit The Waukesha Lodge High School Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships each year to a deserving student from each of the four Waukesha High Schools.

Make checks payable to: **Hole sponsors:** \$300.00 will include a sign on a hole
 Waukesha Masonic Lodge **Prize sponsors:** \$100.00 will include signage at the prize table
 C/o Kim Michalowski
 108 Maple Avenue
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Questions and information: Kim Michalowski: 262-893-4360
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Registration due by June 10, 2013



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APRIL MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Raise Date</u>	<u>Raising Lodge</u>
<i>Dennis F Holmes</i>	1	4/26/2012	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Donald D Skarda</i>	3	4/22/2010	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>William F Kramer</i>	4	4/30/2009	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Kim T Michalowski</i>	4	4/30/2009	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Edward Kodai</i>	9	4/22/2004	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Edward J William</i>	13	4/27/2000	<i>Peoria</i>
<i>Dave A Karolczak</i>	15	4/4/1998	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Todd T Taylor</i>	15	4/9/1998	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Christopher Barth Lohman</i>	16	4/17/1997	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Neil M Williams</i>	16	4/3/1997	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Charles Otto Chaloupka</i>	23	4/12/1990	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Timothy Dean Diedrich</i>	24	4/27/1989	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Robert Charles Druhn</i>	33	4/19/1980	<i>Nathan Hale</i>
<i>Wayne Keith Haylett</i>	45	4/1/1968	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Bradner Charles Rahn</i>	49	4/16/1964	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Richard D Cultice</i>	61	4/17/1952	<i>Waukesha</i>
<i>Paul Elwood Davies</i>	61	4/10/1952	<i>Waukesha</i>

Be sure to attend the second stated meeting this month to celebrate your Anniversary!