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Officers for 2009

Worshipful Master Tim Bartels

Senior Warden Matt Elliott

Junior Warden Carl Peterson

Senior Deacon Ed Dierkes

Junior Deacon Ron Nelson

Senior Steward Aubrey Heape

Junior Steward Edwin Steffes

Secretary-Treasurer Job Hou-Seye

Chaplain Derrick Rupp, PM

Councilor Harold "Pete" Peterson, PM

Organist Wes Wassell, PM

A Word from the South

Brethren,

Please accept my apologies for getting the trestleboard out after the first week in November. As you will see by the contents, the end of October and beginning of November have been very busy around the Lodge.

✦ *Brother Carl Peterson, Junior Warden*

Councilor's Light

[Posting work, continued.]

Posting: Question Ten. – You might consider learning (memorizing) the obligations if you are going to continue posting. There are several in the Grand Lodge line that are considering this change of requirement since the obligation is the defining section of the degree conferred. Our current Grand Master has recently talked about the good this could do in anchoring the understanding of each degree. It also makes good sense to me as a permanent reminder of what changes we agreed to make in our life and choices as a result of that voluntary oath.

Posting: Summary. – The Wisconsin Plan was adopted to give the neophytes cause to ponder the philosophy of Freemasonry more than the liturgy of Freemasonry. It is important to remember that both the philosophy and the liturgy of Freemasonry are equally important to the practice of our gentle Craft. The former posting catechism was centered entirely on the liturgy and omitted the philosophical. We are more than recitation of liturgy. We are also more than a philosophy. Our posting should reflect who and what we are.

The Brothers that do the posting ought also to spend time with the candidates as they are initially presented the Wisconsin Plan notebook for the first time. The book should ideally be given in sections that include only the material appropriate for the state of advance already experienced. There are four divisions to be given as follows: upon election, after Initiation, after Passing and after Raising. The Wisconsin Plan calls for some discussion of each division with the candidate in preparation for his progress to the next step in the rite of passage.

The relationship between the neophyte and the posting Brother can be known as mentoring. The mentor is more than a teacher only. He is an advisor, counselor and companion to the neophyte. We need to consider neophyte here instead of candidate, because the mentor should not abandon the neophyte until the neophyte is ready to become a mentor himself. Grow strong together and prosper, my Brother.

✦ *Brother Harold Peterson, P.M., K.Y.C.H.*

Lodge Halloween Party



The adult costume party on Halloween night, planned by Bro. Matt Elliott, was a huge success! Thirty-some people, all in costume, attended and all had a great time. The lobby and the game room were decorated, and there was plenty of food and drink on hand as well.

What better place to spend Halloween than in the dark halls of the Sheboygan Masonic Mansion!

Installation of 2010 Officers



Due his schedule being expedited unexpectedly, and his being sent to Iraq, WM-elect Matt Elliott and the 2010 officers were installed after our stated meeting on Tuesday the 3rd.

Installing Master was our MWGM Craig Campbell, installing Marshal was Grand Tiler/District Lecturer Pat Storrs, and installing Chaplain was District Deputy Dave Tainter.

The officers for 2010 are: WM Matt Elliott, SW Carl Peterson, JW Ed Dierkes, S/T Job Hou-Seye, SD Ron Nelson, JD Aubrey Heape, SS Edwin Steffes, JS Steve Belongie, Tiler Rick Butler, and the trustees Derrick Rupp, Jack Wirtz, Tim Barthels, Dick Linde, and Aubrey Heape.

We are looking forward to a great Masonic year in 2010!

District #10 Meeting



The fall District #10 meeting is taking place at the Sheboygan Masonic Mansion on Wednesday, November 11th. There is an optional meal at 6:00 P.M. for \$10. At 7:00 P.M. the programs will start.

The women's program includes a tour of the historic Weill Center and a coffee tasting led by local roasters Tom and Diane Trester of Vida Coffee.

The men's program opens with reports from our district officers, then moves to break-out sessions for officers and members hosted by various district and Grand Lodge officers.

We hope to see you there!

Lighter Side of Masonry



“King Arthur’s Lodge Night“

One night King Arthur was out to Lodge with his knights at another castle within his realm. Queen Guinevere insisted that he be home before midnight or else she would raise the drawbridge and he would have to spend the night with the serfs.

The meeting went late and as he was hurtling home on his horse trying to get back before midnight he saw the drawbridge begin to rise. As they reached the drawbridge the horse jumped, and seeing he was not going to make such a huge leap. As they were falling toward the watery mess Arthur muttered, “So moat (mote) it be.”

Trestleboard of Upcoming Events

Stated Meeting-Master's Word, Tuesday, November 3rd, 5:30 P.M.

Public Installation of 2010 Officers, Tuesday, November 3rd, 6:30 P.M.

District #10 Meeting, Sheboygan Masonic Mansion, Wednesday, November 11th
Dinner 6:00 P.M., Programs 7:00 P.M.

Sheboygan Council No. 38, Royal and Select Masters and Sheboygan Commandery No. 32, Wednesday, November 4th, 7:00 P.M.

Port Washington Chapter No. 98, Royal Arch Masons, Thursday, November 12th, 7:30 P.M.

Stated Meeting-Masonic Academy, Tuesday, November 17th, 5:30 P.M.

Special Communication-Master Mason Degree, Saturday, November 21st, 8:00 A.M.
Come and join in the raising of Bro. Randall Richter II. We are still looking to fill a few parts for this degree.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th
Happy Thanksgiving!

