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A Word from the East



Matt Elliott, Kennel Master, giving K-9 Diesel "Quiet Counsel" at JSS Shield.



❖ *Brother Matt Elliott, Worshipful Master*

A Word from the West



As I write this it is Easter weekend and the weather is warm (warm for early April) and sunny. My family and I, like bears coming out of their caves after hibernation, have come outside and begin to work and play.

The lodge, just like nature, is beginning again anew after a long winter. Not that we go dark or quit doing work, but energy always seems higher as well as the natural excitement of the new Masonic year as it builds momentum.

There is not a lot on the master's trestleboard this month (though a degree may be added), but we need to look forward and start planning for May with the high school scholarship presentations, Memorial Day parade, maybe some Fellowcraft Degrees, and a visit from our Worshipful Master.

❖ *Brother Carl Peterson, Senior Warden*

Something to Think About

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's!!



First, we survived being born to mothers
Who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing,
Tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs
covered with bright colored lead-base paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles,
Locks on doors or cabinets and when we rode
Our bikes, we had baseball caps not helmets on our heads.

As infants & children,
We would ride in cars with no car seats,
No booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no
brakes.

Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day
Was always a special treat.

We drank water
From the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends,
From one bottle and no one actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon.
We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar.
And, we weren't overweight.
WHY?

Because we were
Always outside playing...that's why!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day,
As long as we were back when the
Street lights came on.

No one was able
To reach us all day. And, we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps
And then ride them down the hill, only to find out
We forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes
a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's and X-boxes.
There were no video games, no 150 channels on cable,
No video movies or DVD's, no surround-sound or CD's,
No cell phones,
No personal computers, no Internet and no chat rooms.

WE HAD FRIENDS

And we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth
And there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt,
And the worms did not live in us
Forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays,
Made up games with sticks and tennis balls and,
Although we were told it would happen,
We did not put out very many eyes..

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and
Knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just
Walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team.
Those who didn't had to learn to deal
With disappointment.
Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law
Was unheard of..
They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best
Risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever.

The past 50 years
Have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.
We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility,
and we learned how to deal with it all.

If YOU are one of them?
CONGRATULATIONS!
You might want to share this with others
who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the
lawyers and the government regulated so much of our lives
for our own good.

While you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know
how brave and lucky their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house
with scissors, doesn't it ?

💎 *Submitted by Brother Tim Barthels, P.M.*

Newly Raised Master Mason



We raised Brother Rick Seidemann to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the evening of March 9th. Present and assisting in the ceremony were Brother David Tainter our District Deputy and Brother Pat Storrs, the Grand Tiler. For the occasion Rick wore a French and Indian War era replica British soldier's uniform. Rick takes inspiration for freemasonry from the mobile military lodges which were prevalent in that period in time. Please welcome him to our ranks!

Open House/Friends Night



We had a busy Open House/Friends Night last month with 30-some people in attendance including seven prospective members. Visitors watched an inspirational speech by Brother Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus which was presented by Brother Bob Roth. Bob also spoke of what he loved so much about freemasonry and welcomed questions. We've already received a petition from the evening and look forward to doing some more degrees.

City Welcome Signs



You may have noticed something new driving into the city... the Masons are now on the welcome signs! You might say Freemasonry just got a little less secret in Sheboygan. Many thanks to those involved with getting these signs up.

Lighter Side of Masonry



A mason who had just been installed as Master of his lodge and was duly attending all the functions he could was having a hard time with his wife who said... "All those masters-in-office have to do is click their fingers and you would be there wouldn't you?"

.....I wish I was a master!"

After due thought, he said... "So do I dear..... we swap them for a new one every year!!"

Trestleboard of Upcoming Events

Stated Meeting, Tuesday, April 6th, 5:30 P.M..

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

Port Washington Chapter No. 98, Royal Arch Masons, Thursday, April 8th, 7:30 P.M.

Blue Lodge Breakfast, Saturday, April 17th, 8 A.M.
Pancakes, sausage, and coffee. The cost of the breakfast is \$5.

Stated Meeting-Lodge of Instruction, Tuesday, April 20th, 5:30 P.M.

