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A Word from the East



(Brother Matt will be home in first weeks March)

Pictures from Bro. Elliott taken on the job in Iraq.



✦ *Brother Matt Elliott, Worshipful Master*

A Word from the West



At the table lodge last month Bro. Dick Linde and I performed a Carl Claudy "Old Tiler Talk" skit called "Gift of the Magi".

The story has our young and naïve brother rejecting the "gift", rejecting appointment to the lodge line. Later this year it will be my job to appoint the positions for 2011 and we have quite a number of new masons to consider. Carl Claudy's message rings true: I won't be looking for bodies to fill chairs, I will be looking for men who will be committed to Freemasonry, who will learn and grow in the chairs, and in seven years become the Worshipful Master of Sheboygan #11. Holding an officers position is work sometimes, but the Masonic wages you earn will make it worth it.

❖ *Brother Carl Peterson, Senior Warden*

From the South



This one of those days when south and its implied warmth is a welcomed notion. Sheboygan had not reached double digits of temperature by noon. Sadly, it has become necessary to fill the office of Junior Warden due to the untimely departure of the Brother you elected to that Station.

I hope you will find my credentials suitably qualify me for the post. I will be asking the first line signors to do the bulk of my labor as Candidate Counselor.

I was raised in W. K. Ricksecker Lodge No. 606 F & AM of Ohio on May 25, 1993 and affiliated with Sheboygan Lodge No. 11 F & AM of Wisconsin shortly after moving to Sheboygan in 1999. I served Sheboygan Lodge as Master in 2001. I am active in the Scottish and York Rites in Wisconsin and am a member of Priory No. 16, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. I enjoy doing Masonic research when I can find the time and I have written a few papers on that research. My other lodge memberships include Cassia Lodge in Plymouth and Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 where I have also served as Master. I look forward to the year with you, but I do not desire to advance to the East from this chair at this time. Only my first line signor would have envisioned the progress Freemasonry has led me through. He would not be surprised to see me installed as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin in June of this year. I didn't even see it coming when we moved to Wisconsin. It is still the fun it was in 1993. Freemasonry is a vital and very accommodating organism that rewards the industrious beyond their imaginings.

❖ *Brother Harold Peterson, Junior Warden, K.Y.C.H.*

DeMolay Training



The DeMolay Sweetheart Weekend is taking place in Appleton at the Paper Valley Hotel February 19th – 21st. On Saturday the 20th we have been invited to participate in Adult Advisor training at 12:00 noon until 3-3:30. If you have an interest in being an Adult Advisor please contact Bro. Carl Peterson of this lodge, or Bro.

Robert Messer (<mailto:dirofdev@widemolay.org>). He has also offered that if you wish to attend the banquet that evening the cost would be covered. Please act quickly as they are finalizing plans.

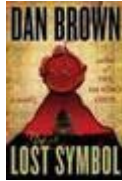
We have a carpool being formed so contact Bro. Carl if you wish to get a ride as well.

Lots of Degrees



There are four degrees scheduled for February! It's exciting to have this much work being done. Come out to lodge and welcome our candidates!

Letter from Dan Brown



This came from the Masonic Information Center
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Introduction:

The letter from Dan Brown reproduced, was sent to the Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite on the occasion of their 2009 Supreme Council session. Mr. Brown had been invited to address the guests attending but, because of the release of his new book, "The Lost Symbol", he was necessarily involved with activities relating to that event.

Letter from Dan Brown

October 6,2009

Guests of the Southern Jurisdiction,

It is my great honor to be invited to greet you via this letter. I had hoped I might be able to join you in person tonight, but the launch of my novel, *The Lost Symbol*, has me far from Washington.

In the past few weeks, as you might imagine, I have been repeatedly asked what attracted me to the Masons so strongly as to make it a central point of my new book. My reply is always the same: "In a world where men do battle over whose definition of God is most accurate, I cannot adequately express the deep respect and admiration I feel toward an organization in which men of differing faiths are able to 'break bread together' in a bond of brotherhood, friendship, and camaraderie."

Please accept my humble thanks for the noble example you set for humankind. It is my sincere hope that the Masonic community recognizes *The Lost Symbol* for what it truly is.... an earnest attempt to reverentially explore the history and beauty of Masonic Philosophy.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Brown

Lighter Side of Masonry



Have you heard the story about that fellow who wants to go hunting?" He needed a dog and consulted a Brother. The Brother who sold dogs gave him one called JW.

"It's a very good dog," he said "he knows a lot about hunting and you can truly rely on him."

Our fellow took that dog. One week later, he returned.

"It's not too bad but he doesn't seem to be very experienced. Haven't you another dog?"

"Sure I have," replied the Brother. "this one, for example, is called SW and he's a bit more experienced. Try him and if you don't like him, feel free to come back."

Indeed, our fellow returned the dog two weeks later. "He's quite good actually, but he's not what I'm looking for. Still I need a dog which is more experienced."

"Well," said the Brother, "I can offer you a really experienced dog. He's called PM and you'll have a good time with him."

So our fellow took the animal. Just one day later he returned.

"What's wrong with him," asked the Brother, "I haven't got any dog that is more experienced than this one."

"Well," said our fellow, "he might be experienced, but all he's doing is sitting there and barking."

Trestleboard of Upcoming Events

Stated Meeting-Master Mason Degree, Tuesday, February 2nd, 5:30 P.M.

We will be raising Brother Jeff Kelm to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Sheboygan Council No. 38, Royal and Select Masters and Sheboygan Commandery No.

32, Wednesday, February 3rd, 7:00 P.M.

Special Communication-Master Mason Degree, Tuesday, February 9th, 5:30 P.M.

We will be raising Brother Rick Seidemann to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Port Washington Chapter No. 98, Royal Arch Masons, Thursday, February 11th, 7:30 P.M.

Blue Lodge Breakfast, Saturday, February 13th, 8 A.M. – 10 A.M.

The cost of the breakfast is still \$5. The fellowship is free.

Stated Meeting-Double EA Degree, Tuesday, February 16th, 5:30 P.M.

Two initiations with combined lectures.

DeMolay Advisor Training-Appleton, Saturday, February 20th, 12:00 P.M.

