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A Word from the West



Brethren,

I had the pleasure of attending the Feast of St. John the Baptist table lodge in West Bend on the 24th of June. The guest speaker was MW Bro. Al Iding who spoke about Dan Brown's "The Lost Symbol", in which Masonry plays a big part of the storyline.

Bro. Iding also remarked on how the Feast of St. John the Baptist was celebrated in lodges all over the world, as he is one of our two patron saints. The Feast of St. John the Evangelist maybe isn't quite as celebrated considering it comes during the busy Christmas season.



We are learn that St. John the Baptist balances the zeal of St. John the Evangelist, just as the summer equinox is in equal and opposite balance as the winter equinox, which is of course to the days these feasts are assigned.

Rather than turning this into a treatise on symbology in the EA degree, I will take a lesson from the Holy Saint John the Baptist and just finish this with the lesson learned. We should remember this day and keep it as a reminder that as the sun is the highest and most radiant this day so should we be ever more in control of our passions.

✦ *Brother Carl Peterson, Senior Warden*

A Word from the South

Brethren;



June is always a busy month for me with the Grand Lodge and the Grand York Rite Sessions. I am happy that the Scottish Rite moved their state-wide meeting to September. June 18th took

on a special significance for me this year as I was installed as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State Of Wisconsin. This new office may require that I be absent from one or more of our Lodge Communications. I will not be absent without missing the fellowship and Brotherhood of each of you and I will make every effort to schedule my travels around our Stated Communications. This will not be totally possible however.

There are a couple of terms in the paragraph above that may need clarification. Masonic enlightenment does not end with your posting as a Master Mason unless you allow yourself to be satisfied with a substitute for the Master's Word. I can assure you that the future addressed by Most Worshipful King Solomon has arrived and the Word has been discovered.

The Lodge of Perfection under the auspices of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry leads along the path to such a discovery. The Scottish Rite as it is called most often is one of two complementary systems of Masonic instruction. I did use the correct word and the proper spelling for the intended meaning. The fullest enlightenment of a Master Mason is achieved only by completing the journey through both systems. It is an interesting and exciting sojourn.

The Commandery of Knights Templar is the capstone of the York Rite of Freemasonry. It is unlike the Scottish Rite in that it is comprised of distinctly separate bodies instead of four coordinate bodies. I would be delighted to spend more explaining each system with all POSTED Master Masons.

Fraternally,

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

Grand Commander in our Midst



On June 18th, Brother Harold “Pete” Peterson was installed as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin. This is a great honor to him and it is an honor to have him in our lodge. Congratulations Brother Harold!

Grand Lodge Annual Communication Wrap-Up



Synopsis on the resolutions:

Resolution 1-2010 Adoption of the Grand Lodge budget. –PASSED

Resolution 13-2010 Add \$1 in per capita to go to the George Washington Masonic Memorial. –PASSED with PGM JB Van Hollen’s input, as he sits on the board there. Many state Grand Lodge’s already do this and soon most or all will.

Resolution 2-2010 Adoption of the per capita tax of \$37.00 –PASSED

Resolution 3-2010 Grand Lodge to be in Madison in 2011.–PASSED

Resolution 9-2010 Waiving fees to men serving in armed services in a war zone.–DEFEATED with the reminder that individual lodges have the power to do other things to help their service men.

Resolution 8-2010 Require WM and Wardens to pass the Masonic Correspondence Course. –the good intentions were acknowledged but was DEFEATED because it is basically unenforceable.

Resolution 11-2010 Restrict the number of amendments submitted on a Grand Lodge resolution.–DEFEATED because it is the Grand Master’s prerogative to entertain or not entertain the motions and should not be codified.

Resolution 14-2010 Change “Diety” to “Supreme Being” everywhere in the Code.–after some discussion was DEFEATED as they are synonyms.

Resolution 15-2010 Create a unified dues system with voluntary opt-out.–DEFEATED

Resolution 10-2010 Permit an officer also to also serve as Treasurer. –DEFEATED, the only offices that can be jointly served are Secretary and Treasurer.

The group of resolutions dealing with the conducting of business in any degree was DEFEATED. (Now) PGM Campbell encouraged lodges to call down and close in lower

degrees for education work and other programming. It is interesting to note that the Senior Grand Warden of Michigan sat at the table with us at the banquet and said that this was passed there a few years ago after much debate, and has worked well.

Resolution 4-2010 To conduct business in any degree.

Resolution 5-2010 Restrict Grand Lodge attendance to Master Masons.

Resolution 6-2010 Restrict in Lodge voting to Master Masons.

Resolution 7-2010 Restrict trial commission to Master Masons.

Resolution 12-2010 Change in code allowing to call down from MM to do business in other degrees.

The Knots Prayer

Dear God :

Please untie the knots that are in my mind,
my heart my life.

Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind

Erase all the will nots,
might nots
that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots
would nots
that obstruct my life.

And most of all
Dear God ;
I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life
all the "am nots"
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought,
that I am not good enough

Author Known to God.

✿ Submitted by Brother Tim Barthels, P.M.



Lighter Side of Masonry

"How many Masons does it take to screw in a lightbulb?"



1. It's a secret.
2. Three or more.
3. You need a Secretary to read the minutes of the last light bulb changing, a Master Mason to change the light bulb, and a Past Master to sit on the sideline and say "That isn't how we did it."
4. Change it! My grandfather donated that light bulb!

Trestleboard of Upcoming Events

Independence Day Parade, Saturday, July 3rd, 9:00 A.M..

Please line up at the east side of 8th and Center by 8:30 A.M. There will be a Commandery escort, color guard, and lodge banner.

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

EA Degree for Mr. Sean Hurley.

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

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

West Bend Friends Night, Wednesday, July 13th, 6:30 P.M.

Cost is \$6 per person. Speaker will be M.W. Craig Campbell.

Blue Lodge Breakfast & Degree Practice, Saturday, July 17th, 8 A.M.

For sure we will return to pancakes, sausage, and coffee. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. Afterwards we will hold an informal degree practice in the lodge room.

Port Washington Fish Days, Saturday, July 17th

Support Ozaukee Lodge's food tent and have some fun.

Stated Meeting, Tuesday, July 20th, 5:30 P.M.

Probable degree, either EA or FC.

