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A Word from the East

Brethren,


 I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and in good health. The blizzard at the beginning of this month was a good one and I fear the six foot snowpiles in my lawn are going to be there well into the spring. Due to safety concerns I postponed the stated meeting on the 1st until the 8th. Hopefully this does not inconvenience any of you.

With my message this month I hope to remind you all of the gift that we have been given, which is Freemasonry. In this gentle fraternity we are happily received, applauded for our efforts, comforted when troubled, and kindly reminded to remain on the path of morality and goodness. All of these with no strings attached and no bias involved, except for the fact we are all brothers. In our lodge and amongst its members we have a sanctuary where we are loved as brothers, encouraged to excel at what we do, and have a place where we are always excepted. This is a great gift, and a rare one, one which you will not find often in this imperfect world we live in. Please remember to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for Freemasonry in your prayers today.

 *Brother Carl Peterson, Worshipful Master*

A Word from the West

Brethren,

 Freemasonry gives you as much as you have appetite and ambition to attain. There are no Grand Masters, at least in modern times, that did not start out as Entered Apprentices. What you will get from Freemasonry depends only on what you are willing to seek. All you service will be rewarded and sometimes in ways you never saw coming. I truly believe that we need a certain number of Brothers that are only the card carriers. They help pay the routine expenses and allow the rest of us to have a nice clubhouse to meet and do our work. Some are excellent ritualists and we need good ritual. Others have other supporting talents and skills that make the complete whole. I cannot specifically answer where you should seek go excel, but I can assure you that advancement brings challenges that truly excite the imagination.

We are in rare times in Sheboygan Lodge. There were times when there was a waiting list for Junior Steward and almost nobody got to be Master of the Lodge with less than fifteen years as a Master Mason. We have Past Masters in our lodge with less than ten years as a Master Mason. This short longevity has not always been as positive as we may have wished, but we can thank each of our Past Masters for doing the best they knew to do. We miss the guidance of our "Veteran" Master Masons. (Veteran is the word inscribed on the 25-year pin in some jurisdictions.) We need the calming and measured influence of person that know the benefit of allowing the situation to suggest its own solution when possible. We need the encouragement and advice of men that have watched Masons develop the character and wisdom that lead them to a Grand line and through that line. We need to share in those successes as Brothers that supported those leaders and have been encouraged through fellowship with them.

Proverbs tells us that without a vision the nation will fail. That applies equally to any

volunteer organization. That also applies to a more limited extent to individuals. Set a mark for your life in Masonry. Share that dream with others so that they can support you in your journey. Remember your supporting Brethren as you progress and share your thanks with and to them. You have supported me to accomplishments not even remotely possible in several jurisdictions. I am in the midst of the most wonderful year of my Masonic sojourn. The wonder comes to full view as I consider that none of this wonder could be possible without the support, encouragement, and assistance of hundreds of Brothers whose need for personal success provided support for me. Any one man can fail, it takes a team to ensure success.

Let's all work at making this year fun, informative and interesting.

❖ *Brother Harold Peterson, KYCH, Senior Warden*

Lodge News

February 1st meeting rescheduled for February 8th at 5:30PM due to blizzard. Work to do includes passing the 2011 budget, reading of petitions, and a Master's Word entitled "Freemasonry, A Gift".

Friends night had 3 prospects, we have two petitions.

Family brunch scheduled for Sunday Feb 13th at 11AM. Contact Carl Peterson if you know you are coming so we can get a rough estimate, though drop-ins are welcome.

Lodge Education for Candidates

Derrick Rupp will be meeting on the second Tuesday at 6pm of every month to go over the postings with candidates.

Lighter Side of Masonry



Have you heard of the Lodge that was holding its meetings in the ball room of the local hotel while its building was undergoing renovations?

One night a traveling salesman asked the desk clerk who all those men going into the room were.

The desk clerk replied: "Oh, those are the Masons."

The salesman said: "Oh, I've always wanted to join that lodge. Do you think they would let me in?"

"Oh, no," said the clerk. "They're awful exclusive. Why, you see that poor guy standing outside the door with a sword? He's been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in!!!"

February Anniversaries

Jeff Kelm, 2/2/2010

Chris Menart, 2/17/2009

Gary Beernink, 2/20/2007

Trestleboard of Upcoming Events

Port Washington Chapter No. 98, Royal Arch Masons, Thursday, February 10th, 7:30 P.M.

Family Brunch, Sunday Feb 13th at 11AM

Stated Meeting, Tuesday, February 15th, 5:30 P.M.

