



# District 4 Newsletter

June 18, 2019 Edition

**Our Vision:**

*"We will be the preeminent fraternity of choice for men of quality and vision who seek personal knowledge, moral growth and leadership development; ultimately improving the individual Mason, his community, and the world."*

Brothers of District 4,

Congratulations to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mason's in Wisconsin, Robert Strader, and all of the Grand Lodge officers for the 2019-2020 Masonic Year who were installed at the Madison Masonic Center during Annual Communication (June 7-8). Key highlights from the 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication include the Adoption of full recognition of plural memberships between Prince Hall and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and the return of the PMP program. A full listing of the resolutions are provided below. It was also mentioned that the 501(c) 3 status was granted and the Grand Lodge will be taking control of the operations of the Madison Masonic Center. It was an enjoyable weekend and much business was accomplished.

Secondly, I want to thank each and every one of you for the continued progress you have made in Masonry in District 4 over the past several years. It is indeed an honor and privilege to represent you as District Deputy in the Grand Lodge. I look forward to reconnecting with you and your lodges over the coming year. If there are any concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. **Please keep the DDGM and your AA informed of your lodge activities for potential attendance and inclusion in this newsletter.** Include us on email communications as well (our contact information is below). Thank you for your help on this matter!

The District 4 Team will soon be visiting your lodge to answer questions and assist you in the growth of your lodges. Additionally, we look forward to distributing the Grand Master's pin which is displayed at the top of this page.

Fraternally,

Christian Hirthe, DDGM-11

# District 4 Team

We are here to serve you, Brothers! Please reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like us to attend an upcoming lodge function.

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Area 1:                      Shawano, Clintonville, Antigo, Crandon, Mason Woods

Area 2:                      Washington, Des Peres, Henry S. Baird, Theodore Roosevelt, N.E.W. Daylite

Area 3:                      Marinette, Pine, Tri-County Daylite, Hiram Fisher, Oconto Falls

**You are cordially invited to the  
Installation of Officers of Bethel #32**



**525 N Taylor St  
Green Bay, WI 54303**

**Sunday, June 23rd at 2pm**

**Samantha Andersen  
Honored Queen Elect**



**MARINETTE MASONIC  
LODGE #182  
3RD ANNUAL  
FUNDRAISER GOLF OUTING**



**SATURDAY JUNE 22ND**

**REGISTRY @ 9AM START @ 10AM**

**Only \$55 per person/\$220 per foursome**

**Includes 9 holes of golf**

**Includes a cart, 1 per pair**

**Includes lunch afterwards**

**REGISTRATION  
FROM 9-10AM  
SHOTGUN START  
AT 10:00AM**

Proceeds to go towards  
funding scholarships given  
to deserving graduating high  
school students headed to  
further their education.

**Games**

**Raffles  
Prizes**

**CONTESTS:  
LONGEST DRIVE  
LONGEST PUT  
NEAREST TO PIN**

**Contact Info:  
Wendel Kopish  
715-923-9397**



**WHERE:  
HUNTER'S GLENN  
GOLF CLUB  
CRIVITZ, WI**



## **District 4 Fall Meeting**

Please mark your calendars for the following date. All Lodge Officers are encouraged to attend!

**Saturday, October 12, 2019**

**Crivitz, WI**

**Host: Tri-County Daylite #218**

## **Schools Of Instruction**

Additional Details will be provided; however, please mark the following dates and times on your personal and Lodge calendars. Each Master should plan for his school and encourage his officers and members to attend.

- September 10, 2019 – Theodore Roosevelt #322 @ 6:30pm (Green Bay)
- September 12, 2019 – N.E.W. Daylite #360 @ 10am (Green Bay)
- September 19, 2019 – Washington #21 @ 7pm (Green Bay)
- September 25, 2019 – Des Peres #85 @ 7pm (Green Bay)
- January 22, 2020 – Des Peres #85 @ 7pm (Green Bay)
- January 25, 2020 – Henry S. Baird #174 @ 9am (Sturgeon Bay)
- February 18, 2020 – Theodore Roosevelt #322 @ 6:30pm (Green Bay)
- March 21, 2020 – Mason Woods #368 Hosting @ 9am (Shawano)
  - Shawano #179
  - Clintonville #197
  - Antigo #231
  - Mason Woods #368
- April 4, 2020 – Oconto Falls #293 Hosting @ 9am (Oconto Falls)
  - Marinette #182
  - Pine #188
  - Oconto Falls #293
- April 16, 2020 – Washington #21 @ 7pm (Green Bay)
- April 18, 2020 – Tri-County Daylite # 218 Hosting @ 9am (Crivitz)
  - Tri-County Daylite #218
  - Hiram Fisher #222
  - Crandon #287

## **Traveling Gavel**

The District Traveling Gavel is currently at Tri-County Daylite #218. Come steal it before they can deliver it to you! Let's get this gavel around the entire District before the end of the Masonic year!

# Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Reports/Reminders

- **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Time Capsule:**

As communicated by the Grand Master, lodges may submit small items to be placed in the time capsule. The time capsule will be sealed on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Three Pillars picnic. Please arrange to have items collected by the District Deputy by June 30<sup>th</sup> so they can be sent to the appropriate location.

- **Lodge Inspections:**

At the request of the Grand Master, the District Deputy will complete a lodge inspection for all lodges in their District by February 15, 2020. Please ensure that your lodge is compliant with the expectations ([link](#)). Questions include: Minutes completeness, Budget, By-laws, Sarbannes-Oxley binder, MORI usage, Wisconsin Masonic Code access. Inspections will start in October.

- **Important Time Lines:**

Report	Send To	Date Due
Non-payment of Dues	Grand Lodge	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> and Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>
Certificate of Election	Grand Lodge	Immediately after Installation/Election
Audit Lodge Finances	Lodge	End of WM's year
Junior Warden Report	Junior Grand Warden	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>
Preliminary Recapitulation & Membership Report	Grand Lodge	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>
Lodge Budget	DDGM	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>
LEA Award	DDGM	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>
Financials	Grand Secretary	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>
Reconcile Final Recapitulation Report	Grand Lodge	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>
File any Resolution to Present at AC	Grand Secretary	75 days prior to AC
WMF Matching Scholarship Deadline	Grand Lodge	Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>





**Broken Column Outdoor  
MM Degrees**

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

**Coffee & Carbs at 8:30 AM**

**Lodge opens at 9:00 AM**

**Three Pillars' Campus  
Dousman, WI**

**For more details contact  
Paul Tourville at  
414.659.5205 or  
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Interested in becoming a National Sojourner in Wisconsin ? :

Contact email : [davememt@gmail.com](mailto:davememt@gmail.com) or call WB Bob Roth, National First Vice President, NSI at 414-708-5830



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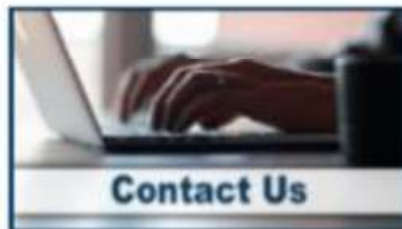


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## Three Pillars Friends & Family Chicken Barbecue 2019

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM on Sun, August 04, 2019

36293 Sunset Dr | Dousman, WI 53118 (Parking is available off of HWY 18.)

Join us Sunday, August 4, 2019 for our famous Friends & Family Chicken Barbecue!

Noon to 3:00 PM - On our beautiful park-like campus in Dousman.

Delicious Chicken Dinner | Hamburgers | Brats | Roasted Corn | Beer

Soda | Free Activities for Children | Music | Raffles | Artisan Crafts for Sale

Be sure to bring cash or check for purchase of food and beverages or the artisan crafts.

Admission and kids events are free.

Questions? Please call 262.965.2111.



## ***175<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Resolutions***

### **Resolution Number 1-2019 (Passed)**

Submitted By: Expenditures Committee Vote required for Adoption: Majority Purpose: To adopt a budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Resolved, that the attached budget, which has been mailed to all constituent Lodges in accordance with Section 29.05 ( c ), calling for expenditures of \$1,240,362 be adopted.

### **Resolution Number 2-2019 (Passed)**

Submitted By: Expenditures Committee Vote required for Adoption: Majority Purpose: To provide for a Per Capita Tax Resolved, that the annual per capita tax upon each member of record of a Chartered Lodge on December 31, 2017, be and here is established at the sum of Forty-five dollars and no cents (\$45.00) for the year 2020.

### **Resolution Number 3-2019 (Passed)**

Submitted By: Executive Committee Section(s) Affected: Vote required for Adoption: Majority Purpose: Designate the place of holding Annual Communication in June, 2021 RESOLVED, that the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for the year 2021 shall be held in the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

### **Resolution Number 4-2019 (Passed Unanimously)**

Submitted by: Executive Committee Sections Affected: Chapter 37.00 WI Masonic Code Vote Required for Adoption: Three-Fourths

**Purpose:** To provide a vehicle for Full Recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodges upon their request by the addition of 37.05, 37.06, 37.07 & 37.08 Resolved: That Section 37 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code be amended as follows: 37.04 Recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodges: The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Wisconsin grants fraternal recognition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodges in all states within the United States that are recognized by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc. and who also been granted recognition by the Most Worshipful or Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons or Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in that jurisdiction that is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

**37.05 Lodge Visitations and Plural Membership.** This Grand Lodge recognizes the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc. and welcomes Lodge visitation, and plural memberships from its Members who are in good standing and maintain their primary membership with their Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

**37.06 Primary Membership.** No member of this Grand Lodge or Prince Hall Grand Lodge may have more than one Primary Membership. It may either be in this Grand Lodge or a Prince Hall Grand Lodge. A member, if otherwise qualified, may resign from Primary Membership in one Grand Lodge and become a Primary member in the other. Primary membership is determined by the Grand Secretaries of the two Grand Jurisdictions, at the time a Mason petitions for plural membership across jurisdictional lines.

**37.07 Visitation.** Visitation by members of a Prince Hall Grand Lodge is welcome and encouraged and will be managed in the same way and under the same auspices as visitation is done between any Mason and any Lodge within this Grand jurisdiction. The presentation of a current dues card from a Prince Hall Grand Lodge and a form of picture ID will suffice in all cases.

**37.08 Plural Memberships.** Members of a Prince Hall Grand Lodge may petition for membership in any Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction under the same rules and procedures that are currently in place for Plural Memberships, under this Masonic Code, for those that are members of this Grand Lodge. Once Plural Membership has been granted, the member from a Prince Hall Grand Lodge shall have the same rights and privileges as any other plural member in that Lodge, to include serving as an Officer or a Trustee, if otherwise elected or appointed.

### **Resolution Number 5-2019 (passed)**

Submitted By: Special Committee on Perpetual Membership Re-Examination Section(s) Affected: Section 94.06 and Section 94.16 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin Vote required for Adoption: Three-Fourths

**Purpose:** Effective June 8, 2019, to (1) change the factor for purchase of a perpetual membership under the Perpetual Membership Plan (PMP) to 31 times the sum of the existing lodge dues and existing Grand Lodge per capita tax and (2) eliminate the annual allocation of funds to the Grand Lodge under the Plan if an accumulated deficit will exist.

**RESOLVED,** that Section 94.06 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin be amended, as follows: 94.06 Determination of Purchase Price. At the same time of the adoption of the Plan, the purchase price of a Perpetual Membership may be determined by the lodge. Provided, however, prior to June 8, 2019, the purchase price established or subsequently revised shall not be less than the amount determined by multiplying the sum of the existing lodge dues and existing Grand Lodge per capita tax by a factor set forth in the following table:

Member's Attainment of Age Factor (18-33 20) (34-41 19) (42-48 18) (49-54 17) (55-60 16) (61 and older 15)

**Provided further,** beginning June 8, 2019, the purchase price established or subsequently revised shall not be less than the amount determined by multiplying the sum of the existing lodge dues and existing Grand Lodge per capita tax by a factor of 31, irrespective of the age of the member.

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Section 94.16 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin be amended, as follows: 94.16 Payments by Grand Trustees. On or before March 1 of each year after the year in which the participant became a member of the Plan, the Grand Trustees shall pay from the Plan fund the following: 1) To the Grand Lodge general fund: the amount of the existing per capita tax (the amount at the time the participant became a member of the Plan as set forth in Section 94.07) unless there is an accumulated deficit in the Plan fund after such payment; 2) To the participant's lodge; the amount of the existing lodge dues (the amount at the time the participant became a member of the Plan as set forth in Section 94.07). Payment (or non-payment as provided above) to the Grand Lodge general fund of the amount of the per capita tax as above set forth shall relieve the participant and his lodge of the liability for the per capita tax payment which would otherwise be required for such participant. Payment to the participant's lodge of the amount of due as above set forth shall relieve the participant of the liability for the dues payment, which would otherwise be required for such participant.

### **Resolution Number: 5-2018 (passed)**

Submitted by: Joseph E. Thompson - Chairman of Service and Assistance Section(s) Affected: 40.09 SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE

**Vote Required for Adoption:** Two Thirds **Purpose:** To Allocate Funds for Live Better at Home

**RESOLVED:** that Section 40.09(d) of the WMC be amended as follows:

**Strike:** d) Establish and operate Wisconsin Masonic Information Referral Services and

**Replace with:** d) Authorize use of the Charity Fund to allocate funds to support the Live Better at Home program, or to act upon other referrals. This Resolution was held in abeyance for consideration at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

### **Resolution Number 7-2018 (Did not pass)**

Submitted by: Southern lakes Lodge #12 Sections(s)

Affected: Pure Work

**Vote Required of Adoption:** Pursuant to §88.02 all resolutions submitted to the Grand Secretary seeking changes to the pure work are to be laid over until the next annual communication. In the interim, these will be considered for recommendation by the Esoteric Committee, and reported out to the Grand Master in due course, but before the next annual communication.

**Purpose:** To change the word "subject" to "citizen" in the third paragraph of the Entered Apprentice Charge. Resolved that the that the Entered Apprentice Charge, third paragraph, first sentence, be changed as follows: 'In the State, you are to be a quiet and peaceful subject citizen, true to your government and just to your country.' This resolution was held over and referred to the Esoteric Committee for consideration at the 2019 Annual Meeting



# **Lodge Activities**

## ***Washington #21 | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu @ 7pm | Dark Jul & Aug***

- June 20 – Heritage Hill Degree
- October 17 – Table Lodge
- November 7 – Tall Cedars of Lebanon Degree

## ***Des Peres #85 | 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed @ 7pm Jan - Jun | Dark Jul & Aug***

## ***Shawano #170 | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu @ 7pm | Dark Jan & Feb***

- June 27 – Scholarship Recipient Banquet @ Shawano Masonic Center
- July 4 – Bonduel Parade with Clintonville Lodge
- August 1 – Unity Picnic @ Masons Park at the Shawano Masonic Center. Pot Luck Dinner – Masons, Guests, and Ladies. 5pm Social. 6pm Dinner
- Fall – Date TBD – Steak Fry and 50 year member recognition

## ***Henry S. Baird #174 | 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thu @ 6:30pm | Dark Jul & Aug***

- August 14 – Annual Steak Fry (Prime Rib) / Fish Boil. Held at John Miles Park inside the Jr Fair Building. 5pm Social. 6pm Dinner. Cost is \$20 per person.
- November 9 – Holiday Dinner for SS Delivered. Begins at 11:30am at lodge building
- March 15, 2020 – Steamboat Dinner

## ***Marinette #182 | 1<sup>st</sup> Thu @ 7:30pm***

- June 30 – Volunteer at Marinette Centennial Bike Ride
- July 16 – FC Degree
- Aug 4 – Participate in Menominee Waterfront Parade followed by Summer Picnic (~3pm)

## ***Pine #188 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon @ 7:30pm | Dark Dec & Jan***

## ***Clintonville #197 | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon @ 7pm | Dark Jan – Mar***

- July 4 – Bonduel Parade with Shawano Lodge
- August 1 – Unity Picnic @ Masons Park at the Shawano Masonic Center. Pot Luck Dinner – Masons, Guests, and Ladies. 5pm Social. 6pm Dinner

**Tri-County Daylite #218 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed @ 10am**

**Hiram D. Fisher #222 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed @ 6:30pm**

- Nov 22 – Hunters Dinner

**Antigo #231 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon @ 7pm | Dark Jul & Aug**

**Crandon #287 | 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues @ 7pm | Dark Jan & Feb**

**Oconto Falls #293 | 1<sup>st</sup> Mon @ 7pm | Except September – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon**

- Summer 2019 – Trowel Fest. Details TBD
- July 11 – EA Degree
- October (Date based on City Wide Trick or Treating) – Booyah
- Nov 3 – Meat Raffle at The Steel Moose

**Theodore Roosevelt #322 | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue @ 6:30pm | Dark Jul & Aug**

- October 30 – Special Dinner to recognize the 1<sup>st</sup> organized lodge meeting of Roosevelt 100 years ago
- June 13, 2020 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Re-consecration

**N.E.W. Daylite #360 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu @ 10am | Dark Jul & Aug**

**Mason-Woods | 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue @ 10am**

- July 23 – Steak Fry – Masons, Guests, and Ladies, Time TBD
- August 1 – Unity Picnic @ Masons Park at the Shawano Masonic Center. Pot Luck Dinner – Masons, Guests, and Ladies. 5pm Social. 6pm Dinner

