



District 4 Newsletter

July 22, 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,

I recently completed 2 weeks of relaxing vacation and naturally returned to a flurry of activity at work as I am sure many of you experience. Despite this, I wanted to relate a brief story about an encounter I had while attending Lifest in Oshkosh this past weekend. To set the stage, many of you are aware that final preparations are underway for the sale of the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay in early August. While strolling down the aisle of vendors at Lifest, I observed a sign with a picture of the Masonic Temple on it. I stopped and met the director coordinating the purchase of the facility. She was extremely excited to meet me and quickly shared her enthusiasm and plans for the structure. Two aspects of her dissertation struck me. First, she was thankful to Freemasons for engaging in the sale and expressed compassion to the mixed emotions many people may have about change after approximately 40 years in the same location. Secondly, she was quick to comment that after approximately 8 years of searching they felt that they immediately found their home and that God had a plan for Mason's to build and be the steward of a perfect facility for them. After reflecting on this encounter, it reaffirmed to me that Freemasonry isn't about the building we meet in but in the experiences and impacts we can make to our candidates, to our fellow Brothers, our families and our communities. Are you and is your lodge focusing on the right priorities in your programming? We are more than a building!

Fraternally,

Christian Hirthe, DDGM-4

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

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

- **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 st and Dec 1 st |
| 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 th |
| Preliminary Recapitulation & Membership Report | Grand Lodge | Dec 31 st |
| Lodge Budget | DDGM | Feb 15 th |
| LEA Award | DDGM | Feb 15 th |
| Financials | Grand Secretary | Feb 15 th |
| Reconcile Final Recapitulation Report | Grand Lodge | Mar 1 st |
| File any Resolution to Present at AC | Grand Secretary | 75 days prior to AC |
| WMF Matching Scholarship Deadline | Grand Lodge | Apr 1 st |

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Upcoming Masonic Day of Light
October 19th in Tomah
November 2nd in Sheboygan



Brothers. This fall we will be having **two** Masonic Days of Light. They have been scheduled as follows and registration is open!

[Tomah #132 - October 19th](#)

[Sheboygan #11 - November 2nd](#)

Mark your calendars and start thinking about candidates. Remember that the Day of Light isn't just about getting new candidates, but is also a great way of getting those guys who have stalled out in either their EA or FC. Check your Lodge rosters and see if there is anyone who can use the Day of Light to complete their Masonic Journey.

175th ANNIVERSARY OF FREEMASONRY IN WISCONSIN CHALLENGE COIN



If you were not a voting delegate at Grand Lodge Annual Communication, the Challenge Coin is available at the Square Store on the Grand Lodge Web-site.

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Through the Lodge of Military Tribute Program, Flag Presentations, support of Youth Leadership Conferences, ROTC and JROTC Medal presentations, NSI has become an exceptional resource for all Lodges in Wisconsin and the community at large. Our Military and Honorable members provide direct support to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin on all matters Veteran, including the Grand Lodge Permanent Veteran's Pin initiative. NSI provides recognition, education and opportunities for our citizens to more fully appreciate and love our Veterans and this Republic. By so doing we seek to promote the ideals of our forefathers which made the United States of America a singularly unique and exceptional nation based on equality, justice, and liberty.

Interested in becoming a National Sojourner in Wisconsin?

Contact milw27soj@gmail.com

or WB Bob Roth, National President Elect, at 414-708-5830.



2019 ANNUAL PICNIC
CO-HOSTED BY
MILWAUKEE CHAPTER NO.27
AND
TRUAX CHAPTER NO.197
NATIONAL SOJOURNERS INC.



Milwaukee Chapter No.27 and Truax Chapter No.197 National Sojourners Inc. invites you to the 2019 Annual Picnic.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Date: Tuesday August 6th, 2019

Location: Three Pillars Senior Living Community

410 N. Main St.

Dousman, WI. 53118

Time: Assemble at 16:30 (4:30 pm)

Dinner at 18:30 (6:30 pm)

Steak Dinner with all the trimmings

Open bar and munchies

Reservations are required and due by July 20th, 2019

No walk-ins will be accepted.

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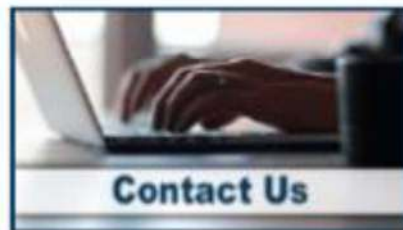


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Three Pillars Friends & Family Chicken Barbecue 2019

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.



A Message From The Potentate

Michael 'Mike' Belanger, Beja Potentate 2019

Nobles and Ladies,

The **Beja Family Picnic** is this **Saturday, July 27th** from **11:00 am - 3:00 pm-ish**.

It will be held at the Pine Shelter at the Reforestation Camp, 4418 Reforestation Road in Suamico. The shelter is located across from the NEW Zoo, next to the parking lot and playground/ball diamond.

There will be plenty of burgers, brats, beer, and pop for everyone. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids 3-12. **Please call Ann** by Thursday to say how many are coming from your family so we purchase enough food.

Thanks so much,

Mike

Lodge Activities

Washington #21 | 1st & 3rd Thu @ 7pm | Dark Jul & Aug

- October 17 – Table Lodge
- November 7 – Tall Cedars of Lebanon Degree

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

Shawano #170 | 1st & 3rd Thu @ 7pm | Dark Jan & Feb

- 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 | 2nd & 4th 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. RSVP to Tom Pinney at Tom Pinney at tompinney@charter.net
- August 15 – MM Degree. Order of events: 3:45p open lodge and call down to FC. 4p Examination and resume labor in the MM. 4:15p 1st Section of MM. 5:30p Supper. 6:30P Remainder of MM Degree
- November 9 – Holiday Dinner for SS Delivered. Begins at 11:30am at lodge building
- March 15, 2020 – Steamboat Dinner

Marinette #182 | 1st Thu @ 7:30pm

- Aug 4 – Participate in Menominee Waterfront Parade at Noon followed by Summer Picnic (~3pm)

Pine #188 | 2nd Mon @ 7:30pm | Dark Dec & Jan

Clintonville #197 | 1st & 3rd Mon @ 7pm | Dark Jan – Mar

- 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 | 2nd Wed @ 10am

- September 18 – Fall Awards Banquet at Rene’s Dining Room. Cocktails @ 5pm. Dinner at 6pm.

Hiram D. Fisher #222 | 2nd Wed @ 6:30pm

- Nov 22 – Hunters Dinner

Antigo #231 | 2nd Mon @ 7pm | Dark Jul & Aug

Crandon #287 | 2nd & 4th Tues @ 7pm | Dark Jan & Feb

- July 27 - Kentuck Days / Car Show / Music from 10am – 4pm. Lodge selling pork sandwiches in front of lodge. Activities to be held in the Crandon Courthouse Square across from the lodge.

Oconto Falls #293 | 1st Mon @ 7pm | Except September – 2nd Mon

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

Theodore Roosevelt #322 | 1st & 3rd Tue @ 6:30pm | Dark Jul & Aug

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

N.E.W. Daylite #360 | 2nd Thu @ 10am | Dark Jul & Aug

Mason-Woods | 3rd Tue @ 10am

- July 23 – Steak Fry – Masons, Guests, and Ladies. 5:30 p.m. - Welcome, presentations, awards and scholarship recipient's recognition. 6:15 p.m. - Steak Dinner.
- August 1 – Unity Picnic @ Masons Park at the Shawano Masonic Center. Pot Luck Dinner – Masons, Guests, and Ladies. 5pm Social. 6pm Dinner



Bethel #32 Job's Daughters Installation of Officers – Congratulations Girls!!



Congratulations to Mark McGrath on becoming a Master Mason! Washington Lodge #21 had the first and last Degree to be confirmed in the "old Lodge" (Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center). Truly a historic event!

