



# District 4 Newsletter

September 8, 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,

School is back in session and football has returned to center of talk in the area – enjoy the fall weather before Old Man Winter returns. Oh yes, and don't forget to attend the Fall District Meeting on October 12 in Crivitz (more information is included below). In the August printing of *The Short Talk Bulletin*, the question explored was "Is Masonry Relevant?" The article emphatically communicates "YES!" as the answer to this question and hints that the individual has much to be gained by joining Masonry. To do this, an **active lodge** and Brothers who are **willing to work** to keep Masonry **interesting and relevant** to the newest generation of potential members is required when there are so many activities already pulling at their limited free time. Does your Lodge have a plan to recruit and maintain the interest of these young men or is your Lodge too worried about ....? Very soon your Lodge will be conducting officer elections and installing new Lodge leadership. Start now! Create your plan and vision to harmonize your lodge, strengthen its brotherly love, and work together to initiate a new group of Masons who will continue to drive Masonry's relevancy into the next decade!

Until we meet in Lodge,

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 17, 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 <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>



# THE WISCONSIN Masonic Journal

*Online Edition*

The **Summer 2019** Edition of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal

[can be accessed via this link](#) to be enjoyed electronically.

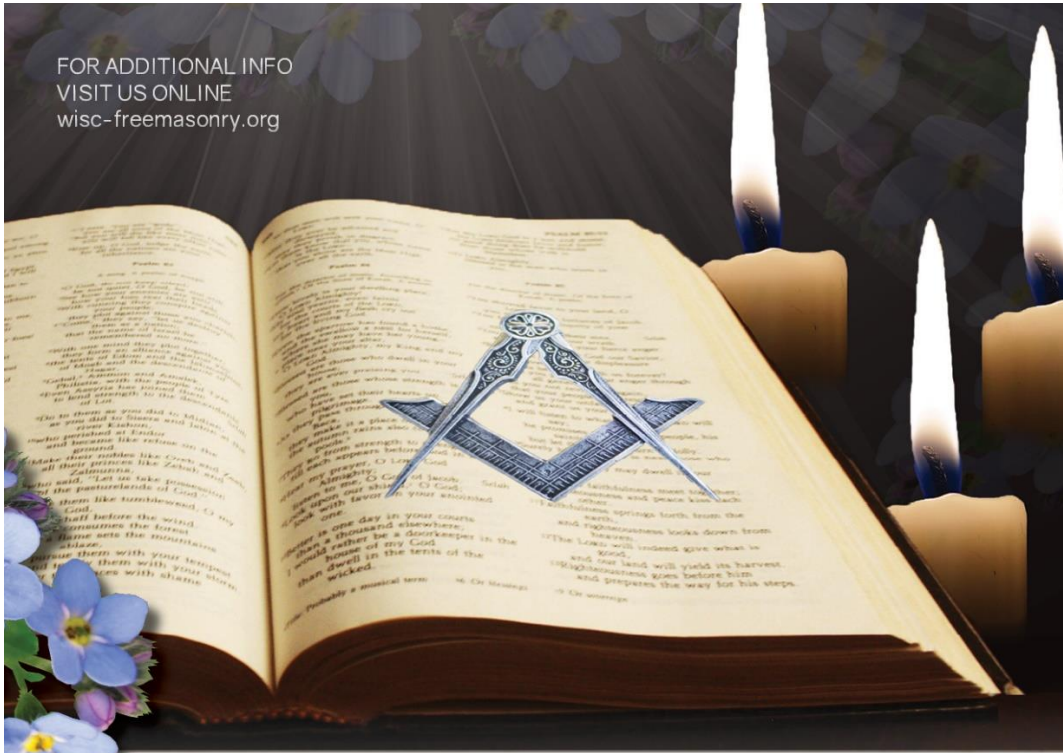
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If you were not a voting delegate at Grand Lodge Annual Communication, the Challenge Coin is available at the Square Store on the Grand Lodge Web-site.

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# MASONIC DAY OF LIGHT

Tomah  
OCT-19

Tomah Lodge No. 132  
520 E Saratoga St - Tomah, WI

Sheboygan  
NOV-2

Historic Masonic Center  
411 St. Clair Ave. - Sheboygan, WI

A mentor must accompany each candidate. \$85 per candidate; includes refreshments and lunch for the candidate and his mentor, a presentation apron, holy writings, posting booklets, and a keepsake square and compasses. Each Lodge's "usual fees" must apply.

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](#)

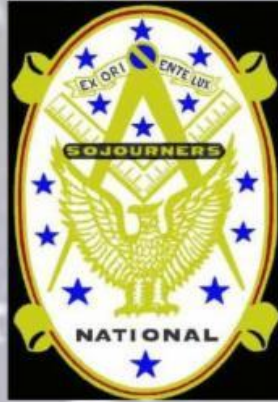
Mark your calendars and start thinking about candidates. Remember that the Day of Light isn't just about getting new candidates but is also a great way of getting those guys who have stalled out in either their EA or FC. Check your Lodge rosters and see if there is anyone who can use the Day of Light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

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Interested in becoming a National Sojourner in Wisconsin?

Contact [milw27soj@gmail.com](mailto:milw27soj@gmail.com)

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

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# Lodge Activities

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

- October 17 – **Combined Table Lodge** with Washington and Roosevelt. Dinner is at the Shrine Center at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303. Dinner will be at 6:30pm and will be \$10-\$15 depending on food choice.
- November 7 – Tall Cedars of Lebanon Degree
- December 11 – **Public Installation of Officers for the Green Bay Lodges** at 7pm at the Beja Shrine Building at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI.

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

- December 11 – **Public Installation of Officers for the Green Bay Lodges** at 7pm at the Beja Shrine Building at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI.

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

- September 26 – **2019 Awards Presentation** held at Mason Park behind the Shawano Masonic Center. 5:30pm Social and 6pm Steak Dinner. \$20 per person. RSVP on or before 9/10 with checks payable to Shawano Masons and mailed to the Secretary at Shawano Masonic Center, 2324 E. Richmond St., Shawano, WI 54166Lodge #170.
- October 10 – **Magic Show Fundraiser** at Shawano Middle School
- October 17 – **Combined Table Lodge** with Washington and Roosevelt. Dinner is at the Shrine Center at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303. Dinner will be at 6:30pm and will be \$10-\$15 depending on food choice.
- November 7 – Stated communication with 2020 Officer Election and budget vote.
- December 7 – **Installation of Officers** at the Shawano Masonic Center at 3:30pm followed by a dinner at 5pm. Installation will be for Shawano, Mason Woods, Clintonville, Manawa, Oconto, Antigo, and Oconto Falls.

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

- September 12 – Stated Communication. Members will be voting on a by-laws change to increase annual dues and a motion to increase the fees for degrees. Please attend to participate in the voting process.
- September 26 – Stated Communication. **Master Mason Degree** for Andrew Starr at 4pm.
- 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**

- September 14 – **Magic Show** at the University

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

- December 7 – ***Installation of Officers*** at the Shawano Masonic Center at 3:30pm followed by a dinner at 5pm. Installation will be for Shawano, Mason Woods, Clintonville, Manawa, Oconto, Antigo, and Oconto Falls.

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

- September 7 – Coffee with a Mason at The Living Room restaurant on Main Street in Clintonville
- December 7 – ***Installation of Officers*** at the Shawano Masonic Center at 3:30pm followed by a dinner at 5pm. Installation will be for Shawano, Mason Woods, Clintonville, Manawa, Oconto, Antigo, and Oconto Falls.

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

- September 11 – Stated communication at 10am. Members will be voting to change the day and time of meeting stated in the by-laws to the First Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Please make every effort to attend and participate in the voting.
- September 18 – ***Fall Awards Banquet*** at Rene’s Dining Room. Cocktails @ 5pm. Dinner @ 6pm. Cost is \$20.50 and includes tax and tip. Please RSVP to 715-759-5959 or 715-548-1056 by September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- September 26 – Breakfast at the Riverside at 8:30am.

***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***

- December 7 – ***Installation of Officers*** at the Shawano Masonic Center at 3:30pm followed by a dinner at 5pm. Installation will be for Shawano, Mason Woods, Clintonville, Manawa, Oconto, Antigo, and Oconto Falls.

***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***

- October (Date based on City Wide Trick or Treating) – Booyah
- Nov 3 – Meat Raffle at The Steel Moose
- December 7 – ***Installation of Officers*** at the Shawano Masonic Center at 3:30pm followed by a dinner at 5pm. Installation will be for Shawano, Mason Woods, Clintonville, Manawa, Oconto, Antigo, and Oconto Falls.

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

- August 31 – Downtown Farmers Market
- October 17 – **Combined Table Lodge** with Washington and Roosevelt. Dinner is at the Shrine Center at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303. Dinner will be at 6:30pm and will be \$10-\$15 depending on food choice.
- October 30 – Special Dinner to recognize the 1<sup>st</sup> organized lodge meeting of Roosevelt 100 years ago
- December 11 – **Public Installation of Officers for the Green Bay Lodges** at 7pm at the Beja Shrine Building at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI.
- June 13, 2020 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Re-consecration

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

- December 11 – **Public Installation of Officers for the Green Bay Lodges** at 7pm at the Beja Shrine Building at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI.

**Mason-Woods #368 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue @ 10am**

- September 10 – **Lodge Picnic** at 5:30pm at the Mason Woods Picnic Shelter. All Masons, wives, and guests are invited and the lodge will provide burgers, brats, and hot dogs. Participants are asked to bring drinks and a dish to pass. Please RSVP to Bill Cole (920-855-1709) or Bill Krueger (608-642-3692) by September 8.
- December 7 – **Installation of Officers** at the Shawano Masonic Center at 3:30pm followed by a dinner at 5pm. Installation will be for Shawano, Mason Woods, Clintonville, Manawa, Oconto, Antigo, and Oconto Falls.



## People and Events



**Chuck and Norma Anderson celebrate #60!!  
Chuck, a past master and Secretary of Shawano, living in Racine.**



**Larry and Wendy Sperberg**

**Thursday Sept. 5th they were in Shawano and spent a few hours at the Shawano Masonic Center during a short vacation from Oregon while celebrating their 20th Anniversary.**



Brother Michael Gray was raised to the sublime degree of MM on Thursday August 15, 2019. Br. Gray is stationed on the Coast Guard Cutter *Mobile Bay*. He is scheduled to be part of the crew that will bring it back to Sturgeon Bay in October following a complete renovation on the East Coast to extend its life for 35 more years of service. His stepfather Dale Wiley, a member of Washington #21 of Green Bay, was present for this special occasion. Br. Wiley travelled from PA to be present. He participated as one of the FC.

## News from Job's Daughters Bethel #32 of Green Bay



The 10th Annual Bowling Party for  
Job's Daughters Bethel #32 of Green Bay, WI  
will be Sponsoring  
Samathana Andersen  
Youth HIKE Coordinator  
for the State of Wisconsin.

All benefits are for HIKE

The HIKE Fund is the philanthropic project of  
Job's Daughters International!  
HIKE stands for  
Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment.  
HIKE awards that money to  
families who cannot afford hearing devices for their kids.

Please join us on  
*Sunday November 17*, from 2-4pm  
at the Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley,  
2929 Allied St, Green Bay, WI 54304.

The cost is \$25 per person  
and that includes shoe rental,  
2 hours of bowling,  
door prizes, and soda.

There will be a silent auction too!!

Once again the bowling alley  
will be donating 10% of the  
receipts of food and nonalcoholic beverages  
purchased on site to HIKE!

*Yippee! Don't forget to turn in your receipt that day to Dad Jeff Andersen!*

**RSVP by November 10, 2019 to Mom Stephanie Andersen via  
email: [jeffnstephly@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffnstephly@hotmail.com) or call/text to 920-366-4576**

# OPEN HOUSE

*Bethel #32 of Job's Daughters International  
Cordially invites you to an  
Open House And Friend's Day*

*September 22, 2019  
Open House is at 1pm  
Meeting will begin at 2pm  
and refreshments and activities  
will be after the meeting.*

*This event is for young women age 10-20 and their  
parents or guardians.*

*Come for the open house to learn more about  
the organization and stay to experience a meeting.*

*Honored Queen Samantha Andersen*



*Beja Shrine  
1950 Bond St  
Green Bay, WI 54303*

*Please RSVP by September 20, 2019 to Mom Stephanie Andersen  
at 920-366-4576 or jeffnstephy@hotmail.com*

# Active shooter preparedness class

October 13<sup>th</sup> , 6-9 pm

Lake Masonic Center

1235 E. Howard Avenue, Milwaukee



RSVP to Jon Falk or Linda Schreier

By October 9<sup>th</sup>

For RVSP & questions: email [jfalk3@wi.rr.com](mailto:jfalk3@wi.rr.com) or [jobiemom@wi.rr.com](mailto:jobiemom@wi.rr.com) (414-430-5499)





**Beja Ladies Fashion Show**  
**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

[Click for Flyer & Registration Form](#)



**InterCity Shrine Club Annual Fish Fry**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

4:30 pm Social, 6:00 pm Dinner

Open To All Bejaland & Friends

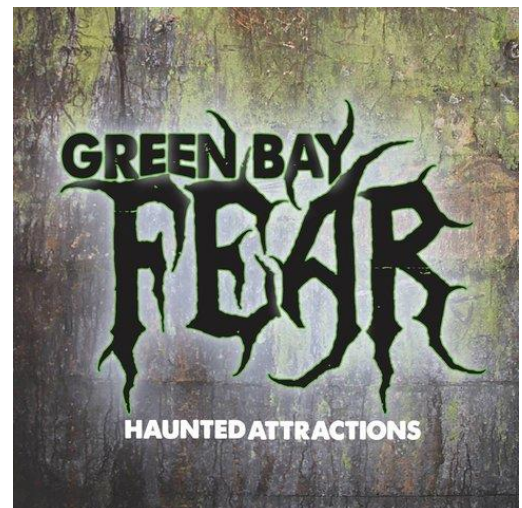
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**October Open Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

*'Chief Rabban's Night'*

Hear the plans for 2020!



**Weekends in October**



### Potentate's Trip

October 11-13, 2019

Spring Green/Baraboo Area

[Click Here for Itinerary and Info](#)



### Fall Ceremonial

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Join us at the Beja Shrine Center for the Fall Ceremonial honoring III. Sir Eugene 'Gene' Reece, Jr.

Registration begins at 9:00 am at the Shrine Center. Registration cost for the Fall Ceremonial is \$130. This includes the initiation fee, assessments and prorated 2019 dues. 2020 dues are an additional \$89.

Call the Shrine office, (920) 498-1985, if you have any questions.



### Beja Hillbillies Bus Trip to the Great

Smokey Mountains

'Spirits Trail of the Smokies'

October 29 - Nov 1, 2019

Open to All!



### November Open Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

*'Parade To Glory'*



**Breakfast With Santa**  
**Sunday, December 14, 2019**



**December Stated Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**  
*'Election of Officers'*



**Public Installation of Officers**  
**Saturday, January 4, 2020**



**January Stated Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**  
Installation of Officers



**February Open Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**