

### **District 4 Newsletter**

November 17, 2020 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,

COVID-19 is striking hard in Northeast Wisconsin and I want to personally thank each an every one of you for the actions you have taken to prevent the continued spread of the virus among our families, friends, and Brothers. Despite our collective efforts, many of our Brothers have acquired this illness and I encourage you and your lodges to continue your outreach efforts. Now is the time to put the tenets of our order to the test in the support of our extended lodge family.

The holidays are fast approaching. Consider your Thanksgiving plans with care and consider the implications given COVID-19. If you are a deer hunter, please stay safe!

Lastly, please reach out to your WM or Secretary to find out the status of your winter meetings or activities. Many lodges are cancelling events due to the explosion of COVID-19 cases in District #4. This is a continually changing situation. Save yourself a wasted trip and call ahead!

Until we meet again Brothers, I remain at your service.

Fraternally,

Christian Hirthe, DDGM-4

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### **Upcoming Activities**

NOTE: With the rapidly evolving conditions of COVID-19 in District #4, please note that any events listed below may be cancelled at any point. Please reach out to the respective WM or Sec of the listed lodge to verify event status before traveling. As always, please keep yourself and your Brethren safe. Please do not travel if you are feeling unwell.

11/17/20 – Mason Woods #368 Stated Communication and Election of Officers

11/19/20 – POSTPONED - Entered Apprentice Degree at Marinette Lodge at 7pm

12/5/20 – Installation of Officers for Shawano #170 and Mason Woods #368 at the Shawano Masonic Center at 2:30pm

12/7/20 - Installation of Officers for Oconto Falls #293 in Oconto Falls at 7pm

12/8/20 – Installation of Officers for Crandon #287 in Crandon at 7pm

12/9/20 - Installation of Officers for Des Perse #85 at the Beja Shrine at 7pm

12/9/20 – Installation of Officers for Hiram Fisher #222 at the DNR Resource Center in Florence at 6:30pm

12/10/20 – Installation of Officers for NEW Daylite #360 at the Beja Shrine at 10am

12/12/20 – H.S. Baird #174 Bell Ringing at Econo Foods from 8am-8pm to support the Salvation Army.

Contact Ed Klein to sign up or questions at 920-737-3166.

12/17/20 - Installation of Officers for Washington #21 at the Beja Shrine at 7pm

### <u>Des Peres #85 – EA Degree for Brother Ryker Schneider</u>

Picture from November 11, 2020. First District #4 degree since the Covid-19 Pandemic.



Front Row (L-R) JW-Dennis Schimanek, Tiler-Steve Merath, Chap-Scott Heintz, SS-Carlos Valentine, Sec/Treas-John Berggren, new EA-Ryker Schneider, John Bornemann, WM-Dan Rothe, Sid Kienitz. Back Row L-R: DDGM-Christian Hirthe, AA-Mitchel Custer, JS-Mitchell Devroy, Nic Schuh, JD-Bob Dodson, PM-Roger Lindow, SD-Patrick Heaney, SW-Don Ascher, PM-Blaise Krautkramer, PM-Mark Rothe

### **DEGREE, ELECTIONS, INSTALLATIONS**

Following are the procedures to follow for the EA Degrees, elections and installations. These were finalized at the Grand Lodge staff meeting on October 9th & 10th. These guidelines have been approved by MWGM Gorgen. Any questions should be directed to DDGM Hirthe at 920-840-3666 or <a href="ddgm4@wimasons.org">ddgm4@wimasons.org</a>.

#### **EA DEGREE**

- 1. At this current time, only the EA degree and EA examinations will be allowed. FC/MM degrees will come eventually, but not now. Please start planning your EA degrees.
- 2. Before conducting your EA degree, you must get approval from your DDGM.
- 3. <u>Either an AA, DL or DDGM must be present at your EA Degree,</u> meaning you need to provide me the date & time of the degree when you call me for permission to conduct your EA.
- 4. No one will touch the Holy Writings during a degree except the candidate and the SD if the SD needs to readjust the S&C. You will not flip pages for the candidate to kiss the Holy Writings (consider a "virtual" kiss). The SD can of course, conduct his regular duties at opening and closing.
- 5. Nitrile (exam, non-latex) gloves will be worn by candidates and degree team members. I would recommend white or clear colored glove. Consider wearing white cotton washable gloves over the Nitrile gloves for a better look.

### **ELECTIONS and INSTALLATIONS**

- 1) If the 5 elected officers are going to be staying in their chairs for 2021, you **<u>DO NOT</u>** need an election or installation. Newly appointed officers are just that appointed and can be installed by the WM virtually if need be since many installations are public.
- 2) If you will be having newly ELECTED officers, you will need to meet <u>in person</u> to conduct the election. <u>Voting virtually is NOT PERMITTED.</u>
- 3) If you must meet in person for an election, you will follow all COVID guidelines.
- 4) If you need to hold elections, try to use the ballot box for your secret ballot. The box and balls can be easily wiped down. If you choose to use paper for balloting like we normally do, adjudicators will be wearing gloves and masks.
- 5) If you need to elect a trustee or trustees ONLY, you have two options--(A) meet in person and hold an election as normal, following guidelines; (B) Section 60.03 of the WMC allows a WM to fill a vacancy by appointment until such time as an annual election can be completed.

If your lodge needs help to fill chairs to meet the minimum officers for opening in the EA degree, you are requested to please contact the DDGM or AA so we can help you out. That is part of our jon and we will assist you to the best of our ability.

Ask another lodge for help.

## NOT BEING ABLE TO GET ENOUGH LODGE MEMBERS TO OPEN IN THE EA IS NOT AN EXCUSE TO NOT HOLD AN ELECTION (IF NEEDED).

#### **INSTALLATIONS**

Installations should be scheduled if your lodge is electing new officers. Presumably the lodges will be conducting installations as before; however, they must be conducted in accordance to the State/Local COVID restrictions and the MWGM's procedures.

OR

A District Team Member or someone else can install the WM and he in turn can install the remaining officers.

# Conducting the EA Degree and Examining Candidates Within the COVID-19 Pandemic Restriction

**NOTE:** This document serves as an outline on procedures and safeguards to be used for conducting an EA degree and EA examination. Lodges that are proficient and can perform the EA degree will be given approval by their District Deputy Grand Master. Only the lodges given approval may conduct this degree. No other degrees will be conducted at this time. A Grand Lodge Officer will be present to evaluate the attention to detail, effectiveness, and feasibility for degree performance and safety from contracting the COVID-19 virus. Following a trial period, the results will be evaluated, and recommendations made for possibly extending degree work through the FC degree.

So that everyone involved and witnessing the degree has the same understanding, these rules will be read to all prior to opening and conducting the degree.

#### Cleanliness

- The Lodge building will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with current edicts and guidelines.
- All Masons attending and participating will wear facemasks unless they have a respiratory condition that prevents it. A minimum of 6 foot spacing between Brothers on the sidelines must be maintained. This is mandatory.
- Freshly and professionally laundered Candidate Clothing in the laundry plastic covering will be provided to the candidate. Professional is the key word here to reduce any variation in cleanliness.
- New vinyl gloves will be provided for the officers who interact with the candidate including the WM, SW, Secretary, SD, JD, SS, JS, the candidate, and each person giving a lecture. The gloves will be deposited in a plastic bag and discarded in a garbage bin outside the lodge.
- The candidates will wear vinyl gloves and appropriate candidate clothing. The candidate clothing, and cable tow will be freshly laundered and stored in a plastic laundry bag covering or packaging until the candidate is prepared for initiation. After initiation the candidate clothing, and cable tow will be placed in a plastic bag, sealed and delivered to the laundry cleaners (not taken home and laundered). The vinyl gloves will be discarded as listed above.
- A new, disposable blindfold, or a blind fold with disposable liners, will be provided to the candidate. In no case will a be blindfold recycled or reused. In the case liners are used, the liners will be discarded, and the blindfold will be sanitized before and after each use.
- Sandals will be sanitized before and after each use and the Lodge will purchase disposable liners that will be discarded after each use.
- All working tools, including the Deacon's tool, will be disinfected just prior to, and again right after the ceremony.

- New and disinfected plastic page protectors will be used on the opened Holy Writings.
- When touching the candidate (to prepare or conduct) touch with vinyl gloves on and only touch areas covered by clothing or gloves. No skin-to-skin contact.
- Care must be taken for the safety of the candidate and anyone that comes in contact with him to cover all surfaces that may be contacted by gloves or clothing.
- A minimum of 6 foot spacing between Brothers must be maintain when forming the "perpendicular, parallel lines" or when coming down to the level when closing.
- The Secretary will record the names and will verify with every person in attendance that contact information in MORI is current. This will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

During the trial/pilot period, an Area Administrator, District Lecturer, or District Deputy Grand Master will be present before and during degree work, to witnessed and evaluated the execution and effectiveness of these procedures. The items on the checklist above are for the safety of all concerned, so no exceptions will be allowed.

Hand sanitizer will be made available by the Lodge and it is recommended that anyone that comes into contact with another wash his hands and/or use hand sanitizer immediately after.

## Giving In-lodge Examinations EA Degree Only. No FC or MM Examinations Will be Given at this Time

Mask wearing and social distancing will be required at all times. The parties participating in the posting education will wear face masks. Hand sanitizer will be available to be used before and after practicing grips.

Examinations will be completed using masks and social distancing will be maintained at the Altar. Nitrile gloves will be used to demonstrate the grips. Hand sanitizer can be used as a substitute available at the Altar. It will be used immediately before giving the grips and immediately after completing the grips.



# Revisions to Grand Master Gorgen's edict on reopening & food at lodge meetings

### Click link for full version

The meal restriction is longer in effect providing the guidelines listed are followed.

- All counter tops in the kitchen and dining area will be sanitized using a Clorox Wipe bleach based similar product or with a bleach and water mixture.
- Catering of food is preferred but not required.
- Hand washing will be done on a frequent basis.
- All food preparation will be done with kitchen staff wearing face masks and gloves.
- All food not catered in must be cooked and prepared on the lodge property. No food shall be brought in from outside the lodge facility unless it is supplied by a licensed caterer.
- No potluck suppers are to be planned or served.
- No serve yourself buffets. The dinners must be plated by staff wearing gloves and face masks with the assembled plates given to the diner. All diners must be wearing face masks while receiving their dinner. The face mask can be removed while eating. Anyone not eating or drinking will wear a face mask; this includes the serving line.
- For fundraising events, if possible, use a drive up outside the lodge for take-out meals.
- For meals inside the lodge, table seating should be with social distancing in mind.



Effective September 1st, 2020 the wearing of masks is **required** before entering a lodge building.

The Grand Lodge Square Store has beautiful "Masonic Masks" for sale. Please click <u>here</u> to be directed to the site to purchase these masks individually or in bulk.

### **GRAND MASTER GORGEN'S APPEAL FOR FEEDING WISCONSIN**





Since 2015, Lady Jan and I have been distributing food from Feeding America at a mobile food pantry. The visitors to the pantry are folks suffering from food insecurity. Food insecurity is defined as not having enough food for an active life [USDA definition]. In the process of handing out groceries, getting to know the folks that come to the site, and doing some research about hunger, especially child hunger, it did not take me long to decide that feeding the hungry would be the target of 2020-2021 Grand Master's Appeal. All monies collected will be distributed to Feeding Wisconsin through the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation.

Feeding Wisconsin is the State association of the six regional Feeding America food banks that provide food to over 1,000 local food programs in all 72 counties of the state. The organization provides 50 million meals annually to over 550,000 people in every corner of our state. The organization has diverted 16 million pounds of excess food to Wisconsin families and has captured 13 million pounds of agricultural surplus for distribution. [Data from Feeding Wisconsin flyer and website. www.FeedingWI.org]

Unfortunately, this appeal has become timely because of the devastation and carnage left in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Before the pandemic one in eleven households in Wisconsin were food insecure. With the COVID-19 pandemic a new survey from "Hunger Free America" found that in the past months 37% of the parents skipped or cut the size of their children's meals because they didn't have enough money to buy food. People are out of work and with less income to buy food. Food insecurity has become a normal way of life for their families. Plus, with the schools being closed, many children are not even able to partake in the only meal they would have in a breakfast or lunch program at their school.

Here's where we need to shine as Masons. We learn from our ritual, "To relief the distress is a duty incumbent on all men, but more particularly Masons. ...to compassionate their miseries and to restore peace to their troubled mind is the grand aim we have in view." We can't do it all, but we can help. My goal this year is to raise \$40,000 to help prevent at least some children from going hungry. I ask your thoughtful consideration and donation for this appeal.

> Take a moment to watch this video about Emily on childhood hunger. https://facebook.com/FeedingAmerica/videos/10157368557097731/

At the top of this letter is pictured two sides of a challenge coin. For every donation of \$25 or more to the appeal, a challenge coin will be sent to you as a memento of your generosity. My hope is that your will carry the coin with pride and challenge your brothers to donate and take possession of one also.

Please remember, "...and the greatest of these is Charity [unconditional love]."

Thank you and fraternally,

Brother Ken Gorgen

Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin



### CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE MOST RECENT WISCONSIN MASONIC JOURNAL



Remember you are a MASON when posting on Social Media!
Wisconsin Masonic Grand Lodge Social Media Code of Conduct

"To preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied must be your constant care." When we represent ourselves as members of the fraternity, we become someone's impression of Freemasonry. As such, it is important that we act accordingly and subscribe to the lessons we are all taught as Masons in terms of how we communicate and interact with Masons and non-Masons.

Many of us are finding ourselves online more during these days. Please remember you are a Mason and should act accordingly.

Click image or link for full Code of Conduct

### **COGMNA COMING TO WISCONSIN!**

RELAX! IT'S NOT THE NEWEST VIRUS! IT'S THE CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF NORTH AMERICA.

**See Letter Below** 



#### Volunteers Needed!!

From February 19-23, 2022, Milwaukee will serve as the host of the **2022 Conference of Grand Masters of North America** (COGMNA). This yearly conference rotates locations around the United States, Canada and Mexico -- it's the largest gathering of Grand Masters in the world and attracts nearly one thousand Masons and guests from all 50 states and around the globe. While the conference and most of the dinners will take place at the Pfister Hotel, attendees will have opportunities to tour local sights and travel to places around Milwaukee for planned events that will help make their experience here more enjoyable.

This presents us, as Wisconsin Masons, with a unique opportunity to showcase our great state to the world. Our theme will be "Wisconsin Gemütlichkeit" - which is a German word used to describe a feeling of warmth, friendliness, and good cheer; in other words, what Wisconsin is all about!

Over the course of the conference, we aim to show all of our distinguished guests that feeling of welcomeness and warmth -- and that's where we need your help. As the planning committee continues to work on logistics, tours, dinners, and hospitality events, we've realized that we are going to need a lot of volunteers to help convey that warm Wisconsin welcome.

By volunteering, you will essentially have a free "all access pass" to this event. This is a tremendous opportunity to meet Grand Masters and Brothers from all over the world.

We will need volunteers to welcome and greet guests and guide them in the right direction, scan tickets for events, and generally help everyone feel welcomed and be in good cheer. These are volunteer opportunities for Masons and non-Masons alike, so this is also a great opportunity to invite your wife, friends, or someone who may be interested in Masonry to join you! Additionally, for those from outside the greater Milwaukee area: if you are able to volunteer multiple days, we will absolutely work to secure you overnight accommodations in Milwaukee.

If you are interested in helping out or have any questions, please contact Bro. Jeff Schoenfeldt at <a href="mailto:peshtigofire@yahoo.com">peshtigofire@yahoo.com</a>. Thank you -- danke und prost!



#### THREE PILLARS' OUTREACH PROGRAM

Brethren, our Three Pillars Living Community has undergone some incredible changes over the last year or so. Here is a sampling of the changes from Lauri Eckmann, Senior Living Consultant:

I am Lauri Eckmann, the Senior Living Consultant for the Three Pillars' Outreach Program (formerly known as Live Better At Home).

So, what has changed with the program? The biggest change is our Masonic community will no longer need to call Michigan for services, calls will instead be taken by myself or others, right here on the Three Pillars campus in Dousman, WI.

What is the same? We will still provide informational and referral services to those affiliated with the Masonic community, including OES, family members and those Masons who are registered in Wisconsin but live out-of-state. You also will continue to call 888-546-8885 for assistance.

We look forward to helping those within the Masonic community find the services they may need in times of struggle, and we will still provide the follow-up needed to make sure their concerns and challenges are being met. We will also work with Service and Assistance when a financial need is presented.

I am more than willing to work with all of you to provide an overview of the program at your local meetings. I would be happy to come for a visit, do a Zoom chat, a phone chat, or provide you with the support you need to share information about the program yourself.

Feel free to reach out to me and we can set something up for the fall so that your members understand the program and what it offers to them and their family. I'm also open to combining districts and meeting with two or more districts at once.

#### Lauri Eckmann

Senior Living Consultant

Compass Point, Riverside Lodge, Live Better At Home

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Ways to help

This is a great time of year to help out those who may be alone and in need of a helping hand. If you're looking for ideas perhaps make an offer to rake leaves, do yard work, trim bushes, and clean gutters. These are all great ways to help and show your appreciation. If you love food, a homemade pumpkin pie would be an extra special treat!

### Masonic Education Resources:

- https://www.reddit.com/r/freemasonry/
- <u>Silas Shepherd Lodge #1843 Lodge of Research</u> articles suitable for presentation within your Lodge and other resources for presentations and education.
- The Masonic Roundtable a weekly video podcast of discussions of various Masonic topics
- The Winding Stairs Podcast a semi regular podcast on various Masonic topics
- Whence Came you Podcast a weekly podcast reading of various Masonic topic

### **Masonic Organization News**

What's happening in Grand Lodge, York Rite, and Scottish Rite? Click below to find out!

Grand Lodge - Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin
Scottish Rite - Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
Scottish Rite - Valley of Green Bay

York Rite of Wisconsin Wisconsin DeMolay

Wisconsin Job's Daughters

Women's General Auxiliary - SHC Twin Cities

Daughters of the Nile

Order of the Eastern Star - Wisconsin

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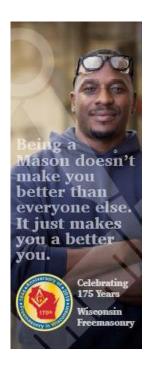
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Area 1: Shawano, Clintonville, Antigo, Crandon, Mason Woods

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



### **Traveling Gavel**

The District Traveling Gavel is currently at Mason-Woods #368. 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!



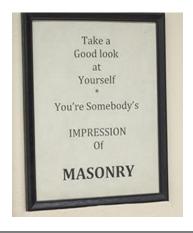
### **Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Reports/Reminders**

### • Lodge Inspections:

At the request of the Grand Master, the District Deputy will complete a lodge inspection for all lodges in their District. 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 &	Grand Lodge	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>
Membership Report		
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>



### **District 4 Lodges – Locations & Meeting Times**

### • Washington #21

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:00pm Dark July & August 1950 Bond Street Green Bay, WI 54303

### • Des Peres #85

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 7:00pm Dark July & August 1950 Bond Street Green Bay, WI 54303

### • Shawano #170

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:00pm Dark January & February 2324 East Richmond Street Shawano, WI 54166

### • Henry S. Baird #174

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays @ 6:30pm Dark July & August 31 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Sturgeon Bay, WI 54325

### • Marinette #182

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 7:30pm 1610 Main Street Marinette, WI 54143

#### Pine #188

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 7:30pm Dark December & January 535 Superior Avenue Oconto, WI 54153

### • Clintonville #197

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 7:00pm Dark January, February, and March Meets at Shawano Masonic Center 2324 East Richmond Street Shawano, WI 54166

### • Masonic Light Lodge # 218 (Formerly Tri-County DayLite #218)

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 6:00pm 918 Louisa Street Crivitz, WI 54114

### Hiram D. Fischer #222

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 6:30pm 433 Central Avenue Florence, WI 54121

### • Crandon #287

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00pm 118 South Lake Street Crandon, WI 54520

### Oconto Falls #293

1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 7:00pm (Except September – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) 170 North Washington Street Oconto Falls, WI 54154

### • Theodore Roosevelt #322

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30pm Dark July & August 1950 Bond Street Green Bay, WI 54303

### • N.E.W. Daylite #360

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 10:00am Dark July & August

1950 Bond Street Green Bay, WI 54303

### Mason Woods # 368

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 10:00am N6446 Emery Ansorge Road Cecil, WI 54111

Traveling outside District 4 and want to attend a lodge meeting in Wisconsin?

Please see the

WISCONSIN LODGE LOCATOR



### National Sojourners, Inc

# The Masonic Military Veterans' Order in America SERVING AMERICA & FREEMASONRY THROUGH PATRIOTISM



The Purposes of National Sojourners, Inc. (NSI) shall be to organize current and former members of the Uniformed Forces of the United States, and Honorary Members who are Master Masons, into Chapters for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true Patriotism and Americanism throughout the Nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed forces of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military need of National Defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the National Security.

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 <a href="milw27soj@gmail.com">milw27soj@gmail.com</a>
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