

# **District 4 Newsletter**

December 4, 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,

Holiday Greetings to you and those you love! This is always a time of great personal excitement and the anticipation of fun, happiness and joy in the upcoming festive season. I am happy to wish you and yours many good times in the days and weeks ahead. May you take the time reflect to on your personal good fortunes and to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for our many blessings, our freedoms, and our privilege to practice our craft.

Congratulations to all elected 2020 officers who will be installed over the coming weeks. Reflect on your

Lodge's 2019 accomplishments and resolve to build a plan which continues to drive membership, community outreach, and family activities.

Secretaries – Please review the Grand Lodge Report/Reminder due dates on the pages below.

Until we meet in Lodge,

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

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





# A note on the Madison Masonic Center \$10 Assessment from the Grand Master:

Every Brother recently received a letter from me about the need to pay the \$10 Special Assessment for the Madison Masonic Center (MMC). I've heard there is confusion among the workmen, and some of you have thought the letter was a conspiracy by the Foundation to raise money for general use with some even throwing it away.

We have completed transfer of control of the MMC Foundation to our Masonic family of charities. Your lodge representatives voted on and

approved this special assessment during the 2018 Annual Communication. It was decided that the MMC was a charitable endeavor worth launching upon for the next 2 years. The name will be changed to the Wisconsin Masonic Center.

The money is being funneled through the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation (WMF), since it is our main mechanism to send dollars to various 501(c)(3) charitable organizations and it shows the IRS that our Brothers in Wisconsin donate money to charitable endeavors. You also noticed that the Grand Master's appeal for the Wisconsin Veterans programs also came through the WMF. It is easy for us to earmark incoming funds and get it to the right place to make the desired impact.

Let me assure and promise you that your \$10 and any extra that you wanted to donate will all be forwarded to the MMC to place it back on a stable financial bedrock.

We've also made it easy to pay the assessment via PayPal on the Grand Lodge website. Lodge secretaries were also sent letters to compile a list of all members they remit dues for and given the ability to send in payments for those Brothers.

I would also like to introduce the new Wisconsin Masonic Center Board members with the staggered lengths of their terms: Tom Ewald (1 year); Don Komplin (1 year); Bob Gorsuch (2 years); R.J. Johnson (2 years); Scott Pedley (3 years); Jan Talaga "the elder", as I refer to him since his son is also a Mason, but not a Junior (3 years); and Travis West (3 years).

We will be sending out updates on the Wisconsin Masonic Center (WMC) in the coming months.

Brothers, isn't it enough that all the non-Masons think we're involved in conspiracies, that we don't have to add to that confusion ourselves?

Fraternally yours,

**Bob Strader** 

**Grand Master** 

# **Schedule for Installation of 2020 Officers**

Please contact me if there are any errors in the information below. Thank you!

Date	Lodge	#	Location	Day	Time
12/5/2019	Marinette	182	Marinette Lodge	Thursday	7:30pm
12/7/2019	Shawano	170	Shawano Masonic Center, Shawano	Saturday	3:30pm, Dinner to follow
	Clintonville	197			
	Tri-County Daylite	218			
	Antigo	231			
	Mason-Woods	368			
12/10/2019	Crandon	287	Wild Rose Tavern, Hwy W, Wabeno	Tuesday	5pm Dinner, 7pm Installation
12/11/2019	Hiram D Fisher	222	DNR Resource Center, Florence	Wednesday	6:30pm
12/11/2019	Des Peres	85	Beja Shrine	Wednesday	7:00pm
12/12/2019	Henry S. Baird	174	Sturgeon Bay	Thursday	6:30pm
12/13/2019	Washington	21	Comfort Suites, 1951 Bond St, Green Bay	Friday	Installation at 7pm.
	Theodore Roosevelt	322			Refreshments at Beja Shrine
	NEW Daylite	360			immediately following.
12/14/2019	Pine	188	Oconto Falls Lodge	Saturday	3pm followed by dinner
	Oconto Falls	293	Oconto Falls Lodge		

# **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.

- January 18, 2020 Henry S. Baird #174 @ 9am (Sturgeon Bay)
- January 21, 2020 Theodore Roosevelt #322 @ 6:30pm (Green Bay)
- January 22, 2020 Des Peres #85 @ 7pm (Green Bay)
- March 21, 2020 Mason Woods #368 Hosting @ 9am (Shawano)
  - o Shawano #170
  - Clintonville #197
  - Antigo #231
  - Mason Woods #368
- April 4, 2020 Oconto Falls #293 Hosting @ 9am (Oconto Falls)
  - Marinette #182
  - o Pine #188
  - Oconto Falls #293
- April 9, 2020 N.E.W. Daylite #360 @ 10am (Green Bay)
- 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
  - o Crandon #287

# **Traveling Gavel**

The District Traveling Gavel is currently at Shawano Lodge #170. 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!



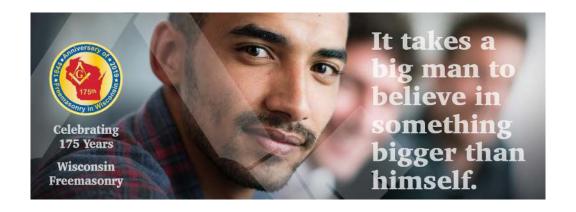
# **Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Reports/Reminders**

#### 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 &	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>







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#### 175th ANNIVERSARY OF FREEMASONRY IN WISCONSIN CHALLENGE COIN

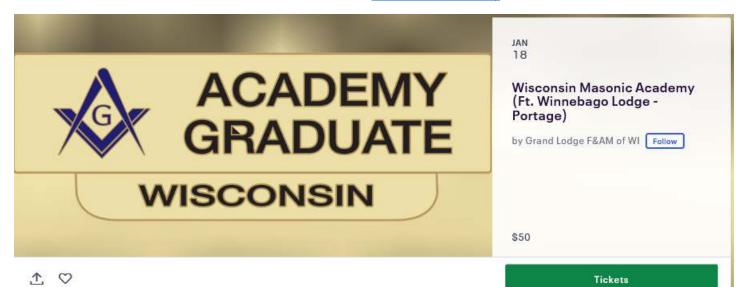


If you were not a voting delegate at Grand Lodge Annual Communication, the Challenge Coin is available at the Square Store on the Grand Lodge Web-site.

CLICK HERE TO BE TAKEN TO THE SQUARE STORE

## **Registration Open for the Wisconsin Masonic Academy**

Tickets available at: Wi Masonic Academy



#### Description

The Wisconsin Masonic Academy comprises a facilitated 'Round Table' in depth discussion approach to:

- · The purpose of Freemasonry
- · Masonic Verbage
- · Obligations of a Freemason
- · Charges to a Freemason
- · Charges to a Lodge Officer
- · Courtesy and Respect

#### Schedule

- · 8am 9am Coffee and Carbs
- · 9am noon Morning Session
- 12pm 1-pm Lunch
- · 1pm 5:30pm Afternoon Session

Lunch is included with your registration.

#### Date And Time

Sat, January 18, 2020 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM CST Add to Calendar

#### Location

Fort Winnebago Lodge 205 Dewitt Street Portage, WI 53901 View Map

#### Refund Policy

No Refunds



# **Time to Prepare for the Next Masonic Day of Light**



March 7 2020

Masonic Day of Light, hosted by Racine-Belle City Lodge.

March 21 2020

**Masonic Day of Light, at Eau Claire Masonic Center.** 



# 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 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

- December 13 Public Installation of Officers for the Green Bay Lodges at 7pm at the Comfort Suites, 1951 Bond Street. Refreshments will be served immediately following the installation at the Beja Shrine Building at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI.
- December 19 Stated communication Ugly Christmas sweater night.
- January 16 Cigars & Cards at Prohibitions from 7-9pm
- February 20 Past Master's Dinner at 1951. Cocktails @ 6pm, Dinner @ 6:30. \$15/person, \$5 for Past Master's, Free for Lodge Widows (Excluding Bar)
- March 19 Meeting to be held at Heritage Hill State Park
- April 16 School of Instruction for Washington #21 @ 7pm (Green Bay)
- April 30 Cribbage Tournament
- May 7 James L Fox Masonic Awards Dinner at Beja Shrine. Dinner @ 6:30pm, Presentation @ 7:15pm. \$15/person, \$5 for youth.
- June 18 Stated communication. Hawaiian shirt night.
- July Lodge Picnic with Roosevelt
- August 8 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing. Cart fees covered by Lodge. \$40 per person
- September 17 School of Instruction
- October 20 Table Lodge with Roosevelt
- October Parking cars at Beja Shrine. Exact dates TBD.
- November Tall Timbers of Tyre degree. Exact date TBD.
- December 11 Installation of Officers. 6pm officers arrive, 7pm installation starts

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

- December 11 *Installation of Officers*.
- January 22 School of Instruction for Des Peres #85 @ 7pm (Green Bay)

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

- 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, Antigo, and Tri-County Daylite.
- March 21 School of Instruction for Shawano #170. Mason Woods #368 Hosting @ 9am (Cecil)

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

For up to date Masonic information, visit the website at <u>www.hsbaird.com</u>

- December 7 Ring Bells for Salvation Army at Econo Foods from 9am 9pm. Br. Ed Klein is in charge. This is a fun and worthwhile event. Make it a family event. You can do it with a friend. It is inside by the carts at Econo-Foods. The kettles receive far more money when ringers are in attendance. Br. Ed reports he still has a few slots open. Please call or text him at 920.737.3166.
- December 12 **Installation of Officers.** Dinner @ 5:30pm. Installation at 6:30pm followed by stated meeting at 7:30pm.
- December 14 Ring Bells for Salvation Army at Econo Foods from 9am 9pm. Br. Ed Klein is in charge. This is a fun and worthwhile event. Make it a family event. You can do it with a friend. It is inside by the carts at Econo Foods. The kettles receive far more money when ringers are in attendance. Br. Ed reports he still has a few slots open. Please call or text him at 920.737.3166.
- January 18 **School of Instruction** for Henry S. Baird #174 @ 9am (Sturgeon Bay)
- March 14 Steamboat Dinner

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

- December 5 *Installation of Officers*. The Installation for the 2020 slate of Officers will be at 7:30 after a brief business meeting at our Stated Communication. This will be an open ceremony followed by a reception afterwards at the Ironworks Bar and Grill on Main Street. Dress will be tuxedos. The Ladies are invited.
- April 4 **School of Instruction** for Marinette #182. Oconto Falls #293 Hosting @ 9am (Oconto Falls).
- June 20, 2020 2020 Annual Golf Fundraiser at the Little River Country Club.

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

- December 14 *Installation of Officers* at Oconto Falls Lodge beginning at 3pm followed by dinner.
- April 4 School of Instruction for Pine #188. Oconto Falls #293 Hosting @ 9am (Oconto Falls).

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

- 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, Antigo, and Tri-County Daylite.
- December 18 Celebrate Christmas in Clintonville
- March 21 School of Instruction for Clintonville #197. Mason Woods #368 Hosting @ 9am (Cecil)

#### Tri-County Daylite #218 | 1st Wed @ 6pm

- 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, Antigo, and Tri-County Daylite.
- December 19 Thursday breakfast at Riverside at 8:30am.
- April 18 School of Instruction for Tri-County Daylite # 218. Tri-County Daylite #218 Hosting @ 9am (Crivitz)

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

- December 11 *Installation of Officers* at stated communication. Lodge meets for the winter at the DNR Resource Center in Florence.
- April 18 School of Instruction for Hiram Fisher #222. Tri-County Daylite #218 Hosting @ 9am (Crivitz)

#### 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, Antigo, and Tri-County Daylite.
- March 21 School of Instruction for Antigo #231. Mason Woods #368 Hosting @ 9am (Cecil)

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

- December 10 *Installation of Officers* at the Wild Rose Tavern on Hwy W outside of Wabeno.
   Cocktails at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm, Installation at 7pm. Dinner is Family Style at \$13pp (tip not included) and consists of prime rib, chicken, salad, potato, salad, and dessert. RSVP to Louis Spaude with number attending at 715-920-9277.
- April 18 School of Instruction for Crandon #287. Tri-County Daylite #218 Hosting @ 9am (Crivitz)

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

- December 14 *Installation of Officers* at Oconto Falls Lodge beginning at 3pm followed by dinner.
- April 4 School of Instruction for Oconto Falls #293. Oconto Falls #293 Hosting @ 9am (Oconto Falls)

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

- December 6 Lodge Christmas party. Come one, come all! Annual Lodge Christmas party taking place on Friday December 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. There will be baskets and a 50/50 raffle. We will also have a large raffle items again this year. Little ones should look forward to a visit from a special someone. Please RSVP with the postcard to be included in your invitation.
- December 13 Public Installation of Officers for the Green Bay Lodges at 7pm at the Comfort Suites, 1951 Bond Street. Refreshments will be served immediately following the installation at the Beja Shrine Building at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI.
- January 21 School of Instruction for Theodore Roosevelt #322 @ 6:30pm (Green Bay)
- February 4 Stated Meeting. Special meal from Bro. John Pratt, PM.
- February 8 Movie Day at Marcus East Cinema in Green Bay watching "The Voyage of Dr. Doolittle" at 10:00am.
- February 8 Past Master's Dinner at The Woods Golf Club at 5:30pm.
- March 3 Stated Meeting. Ladies at the Table. RSVP Required.
- April 7 Stated Meeting. Family Meal
- April 25 Veteran's Dinner. Note: Date is tentative pending the Shrine Building availability.
- June 13, 2020 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lodge Rededication and Banquet at 1:00pm.
- June 16 Stated Meeting. Family Meal.
- July 18 Lodge Picnic at Jeff Anderson's House at 4pm.
- September 15 School of Instruction for Theodore Roosevelt #322 @ 6:30pm (Green Bay).
- October 6 Stated Communication to be held at Heritage Hill State Park. Nomination of Officers.
- October 20 Table Lodge with Washington #21.
- November 3 Election of Officers.
- November 17 Stated Meeting. Family Meal.
- December 1 Stated Meeting. Advancement Night
- December 5 Christmas Party at 4:30pm. Note: Date is tentative pending the Shrine Building availability.
- December 11 Installation of Officers. 6pm officers arrive, 7pm installation starts.

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

- December 13 Public Installation of Officers for the Green Bay Lodges at 7pm at the Comfort Suites, 1951 Bond Street. Refreshments will be served immediately following the installation at the Beja Shrine Building at 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI.
- April 9 School of Instruction for N.E.W. Daylite #360 @ 10am (Green Bay)

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

- 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, Antigo, and Tri-County Daylite.
- March 21 School of Instruction for Mason-Woods #368. Mason Woods #368 Hosting @ 9am (Cecil)

**Mason Woods Sauerkraut Dinner on November 19** 













# Click here for the December edition of the Beja Bugler. The inline version will be available on the Beja website soon. Visit BejaShriners.com to view online.

## A Message From The Recorder

Eugene 'Gene' Reece, Jr., PP, Beja Recorder

Nobles and Ladies.

We are in a DIRE need of a few volunteers for this Saturday December 7th to work the food booth at the Resch Center for the Jeff Dunham concert. The work is easy and fun to work and its open to all - Nobles, Ladies, Friends of Beja. Please help us meet our commitment by volunteering. We need 5 people to help on Saturday at 2:00pm. The time frame is about 5 hours.

Please call Beja directly at 920-498-1985 to sign up.

This is a situation where we may lose our opportunity to raise monies for Beja if we fail to meet our commitment for the December 7th event SO PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING!!!

# **Future Events**



Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Election of Officers

You Must Have A Current Dues Card to Vote

Meal catered by MACS \$15 pp



Howard Christmas Parade





Click Here for Details
Breakfast With Santa
Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 - 11am



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

Rock Garden
Reception follows at Beja



## January Stated Meeting Thursday, January 2, 2020

Installation of Officers

#### **Outline of 2020 Events**

Feb 05	Beja Open Meeting - Celebrating our 'Love to the Rescue
Feb 6-8	Winter MSA - Regina SK
Mar 04	Beja Open Meeting - Celebrating St Paddy's Day
Mar 21	Beja Spring Ceremonial
Apr 01	Beja Stated Meeting
Apr 04	Breakfast With the Easter Bunny
Apr 18	Potentates Ball - Beach Party Luau
May 2-3	Beja Shrine Circus - Resch Center
May 06	Beja Open Meeting - Kentucky Derby Party
May 15	SHC-Twin Cities Gala
Jun 03	Beja Open Meeting - Pie Auction
Jun 07	SHC-Chicago Hospital Day



# Shriners Hospitals for Children®

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February Open Meeting Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Celebrating Love to The Rescue