



District 4 Newsletter

December 10, 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!

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. Thank you, Brother Tincher, for the pictures included below from the installation at Shawano Lodge.

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

Over Thanksgiving my family had the opportunity to travel to the St. Louis area. We traveled to the town of St. Charles – a colonial town, founded in 1769 on the banks of the Missouri River, served as Missouri's first state capital. While walking down the historic district, we observed a plaque containing information about Masonry. See the pics of the lodge building and a brief history below.

Until we meet in Lodge,

Christian Hirthe, DDGM-4



SAINT CHARLES ON THE MISSOURI

122 South Main


Masonic Hall · Gut Saddlery · Elks Building
1849 · Free and Accepted Masons



Behind this 1914 Art Deco tile and marble façade is one of the oldest buildings on the street, the Masonic Hall. The lodge held its last meeting on July 17, 1861. "About this time [1861], we came under the dark Cloud of War between the North and South and Hiram No. 118 with a membership of 73 was not strong enough to withstand its horrors and like many lodges of the Border States it passed out of existence."

N. P. STEPHENSON.
W. W. DUGAN, Auctioneer.

ESTA BELISTEIDEN 1830 !!



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Feb. 9, '71. 11-27

Edward Gut bought the building in 1865 and operated his Saddlery & Harness shop here for thirty years. B.P.O.E. (Elks) owned the building from 1914 until 1976.

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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



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
12/10/2019	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. Refreshments at Beja Shrine immediately following.
	Theodore Roosevelt	322			
	NEW Daylite	360			
12/14/2019	Pine	188	Oconto Falls Lodge	Saturday	3pm followed by dinner
	Oconto Falls	293			

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)
 - Shawano #170
 - 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 9, 2020 – N.E.W. Daylite #360 @ 10am (Green Bay)
- April 16, 2020 – Washington #21 @ 7pm (Green Bay)
- April 18, 2020 – Crandon #287 Hosting @ 9am (Crandon)
 - Tri-County Daylite #218
 - Hiram Fisher #222
 - 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

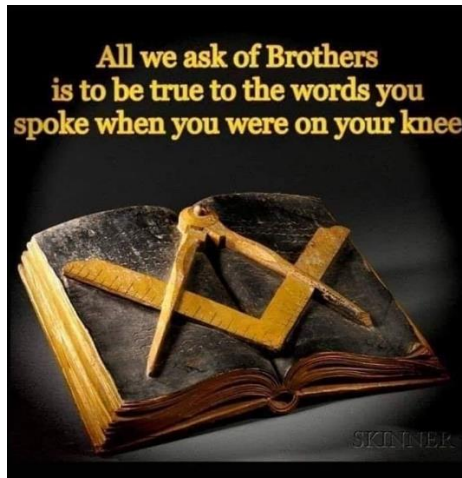
- **Lodge Inspections:**

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 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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Registration Open for the Wisconsin Masonic Academy

Tickets available at: [Wi Masonic Academy](#)



JAN 18

Wisconsin Masonic Academy (Ft. Winnebago Lodge - Portage)

by Grand Lodge F&AM of WI [Follow](#)

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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

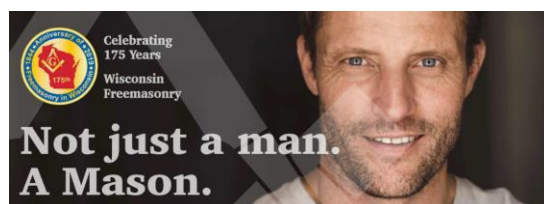
Sat, January 18, 2020
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM CST
[Add to Calendar](#)

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.

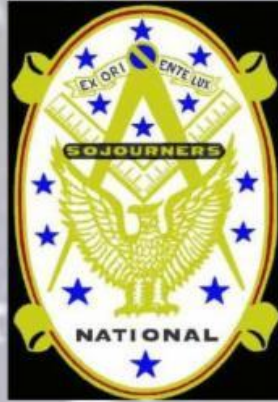


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or WB Bob Roth, National President Elect, at 414-708-5830.

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Lodge Activities

Washington #21 | 1st & 3rd 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 – 3rd 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 | 2nd & 4th 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

- 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 www.hsbaird.com

- 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 | 1st Thu @ 7:30pm

- 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 | 2nd 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 | 1st & 3rd Mon @ 7pm | Dark Jan – Mar

- 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 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 | 2nd 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 | 2nd Mon @ 7pm | Dark Jul & Aug

- March 21 – **School of Instruction** for Antigo #231. Mason Woods #368 Hosting @ 9am (Cecil)

Crandon #287 | 2nd & 4th 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 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 – **100th 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 | 2nd 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 | 3rd Tue @ 10am

- March 21 – ***School of Instruction*** for Mason-Woods #368. Mason Woods #368 Hosting @ 9am (Cecil)

2020 Installation of Officers



Marinette Lodge #182



Shawano #170

Front Row - Jr. Steward Kyle DeVeau, Jr. Warden Reese DeVeau, Jr Deacon Bill Ecke, Sr. Warden Karl Simonson, Worshipful Master Edward Kodai, Chaplain Myke Christiansen

Back Row - Installing Master District Lecture Moses Adams, Installing Marshall, D.D.G.M. Christian Hirthe, Installing Jr. Warden A.A. Jacob Sylvester, Installing Sr. Warden A.A. Brandon Nygaard Secretary James Campbell



Tri-County Daylite #218

Front Row – D.D.G.M. Christian Hirthe Installing Marshall, Sr. Deacon Robert Huebner, Trustee Dennis Gaines, Worshipful Master Doug Morrison, Tyler Walter Schlenvogt, Senior Warden Charles Fick

Back Row – Installing Master District Lecturer Moses Adams, Installing Jr. Warden A.A. Jacob Sylvester, Installing Sr. Warden A.A. Brandon Nygaard



Mason Woods Lodge #368

Front Row - William Krueger Secretary, Reese DeVeau Jr. Steward, Robert Spahn W.M., Peter Nygaard Tyler, Hugo Petters Chaplain, Dale Vannes Sr. Warden, Tom Bohn Treasurer

Back row - Installing Master District Lecture Moses Adams, Installing Marshall, D.D.G.M Christian Hirthe, Installing Jr. Warden A.A. Jacob Sylvester, Installing Sr. Warden A.A. Brandon Nygaard.



Clintonville Lodge #197

Front Row - Installing Marshall D.D.G.M Christian Hirthe, Senior Warden Greg Rose, Jr. Warden Mark Zachow

Top row-District Lecture Moses Adams Installing Master, Installing Jr. Warden A.A. Jacob Sylvester, Installing Sr. Warden A.A. Brandon Nygaard



BEJA BUGLER

[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.

Future Events

Installation of Officers

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



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February Open Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Celebrating Love to The Rescue