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The Master's Words

Holiday Greetings to all!

I would like to start out by welcoming our newest Masons. Our fine degree teams have been hard at labor and conferred the following:

FC degree Gus Orozco 10/2

EA degree David Rosenmarkle 10/16

EA degree Craig Houston 10/16

EA degree Joseph Mika 11/6

EA degree Aragon Thor Wold 11/6

We now have 9 EA and 3 FC that will be looking forward to receiving degrees this year. Thanks to all who attended as well as the degree teams. With these brothers being accepted into our Lodge, our membership stands at 220 brothers strong and proud! Looks like there may be another order for the Unity Lodge custom made Masonic rings.

Sickness and Distress;

Mike Galayda, Jim Layne, Bruce Christianson, Pat Kuhner, and Wayne Budwick have had recent health problems. Please keep them and all our brothers and sisters in your prayers for the New Year.

The 2009 Officers Elections were held on October 23rd and the following brothers will be installed on December 6th: **WM Wayne Budwick; SW Joe Layne; JW Bob Gober; SD Gordon Charlton; JD Ryan Bonell; SS Neil Bollinger; JS Doug Sawyer; Sec. Harold Kreuser; Tres. Vince Shuler; Chap. Bob Burgermeister; Tiler Gerry Slagoski; Counselor (TBD); Trustees; Doug Sawyer, Loren Tolnai, Vince Shuler.** The continuing Trustees are: **Chris Van Damme, Wayne Budwick, and Royce Ingraham**

The Lodge Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 20th from 2pm to 5pm. The detail is elsewhere in this trestle board. Don't forget to RSVP.

Brothers, now is your chance to make a difference in 2009. The Lodge needs your input on the following

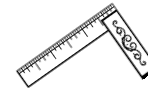
committees. Please volunteer for those you have an interest in, or be appointed to some that may not interest you.

Visitation; Auditing; Grounds Development; By-Laws; Funeral; Attendance; Education; Ritual; Refreshment; Publicity

I congratulate you, **Worshipful Master Mike Galayda**, for a fruitful year and I will try to keep it going.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season. I wish you and your family the best for the New Year. Remember every Wednesday morning for coffee 8am and stated meetings on the 2nd & 4th Thursday 7pm. Trustees meet 4th Thursday at 6 pm.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Wayne Budwick
Acting Worshipful Master



WANTED: Group photos of Unity Lodge officers. We are mssing all years of Unity.



Pike Chapter No. 285



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From the Secretary's Desk

Annual Report for 2008

Stated Meetings: 18, Special Meetings: 16, Degrees conferred: EAs: Douglas Sawyer, Kevin Pietschman, Craig Houston, David Rosenmarkle, Joseph Mika, Thor Wold FCs: Tom Sbarounis, David Parkinson, Douglas Sawyer, Gus Orozco MMs: Ryan Bonell, James Pittman, David Parkinson, Douglas Sawyer, Tom Sbarounis. Transferred into out lodge: Bob Burgermeister. Resigned from lodge: Wayne Larsen. Emergent Communications: Morton Johnson, Leon Mardoian & Frankie Dew. Deaths: Dale Peacock & Robert O'Neal. Reinstated: Shawn Bell. Two members to be S.N.P.

Events: Sweetheart Dinner, St. Pat's corn beef & cabbage supper, picnic, awards night. Brats & hot dogs sold at Super Value for a fund raiser. All pins, cards, & certificates presented in person or delivered by brothers and those out of our area were sent in the mail. Our School of Instruction was held on Oct. 9th. M.M. degree. Masonic properties of Kenosha, Inc. was officially dissolved. The Sherm Sibly Memorial Fund has a separate account, but the monies from the general account has never been transferred to it. The roof on the lodge was removed and a new one put on. Thanks to Brother Jim Gename for following through on this project and also a thanks to Morton Builders. At this time, I would like to thank all the brothers who contributed so much time and effort in keeping the lodge in shape inside the building, the outside and the grounds around our area. Also the brothers that are posting our new members. I know there are a lot of hours spent on these positions but it will pay off in the end. Remember what our Past Grand Master, J.B. VanHollen said: "The posters and the candidates were great and we will continue to grow."

This is a reminder: all dues have to be paid within eight months into the following year or you can be suspended. This is a Grand Lodge Rule. The following is part of our lodge's bills. Grand Lodge \$5,583.00. Per capita membership 178. Perpetual members not included. Gas & electric has gone up. Water run off about \$100 per month. Insurance on the building \$2,037. Fire protection service \$811. Veolia waste pick-up \$80 per month. What is your solution? This past year has been quite an experience for me as your Sec'y. I had a lot of help from Brother Bruce Christianson, P.G.M. and the rest of the lodge members and I want to thank everyone. One last thing, I want to mention: W.M. Mike Galayda get well quick, we miss you at lodge. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to each and everyone!

Take Care & Enjoy Life,
Your Secretary,
Harold "Babe" Kreuser



The Editor

The November Trestleboard didn't do so well on timely delivery, so we have decided to go with First Class mail.

We now have 41 members getting electronic distribution. Thanks for your help!

Merry Christmas to all!

Faternally,

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Trestleboard Deadline is the 15th of every month. Please submit articles via email to: webmaster@kenoshamasons.com

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December Birthdays

12/02 Royce G. Ingraham
12/03 Karl C. Dahl
12/10 Robert E. Meyer
12/11 Stephen P. Latham
12/13 Ronald E. Nelson
12/18 Joseph E. Mika
12/18 James R. Schweitzer
12/19 Rudy J. Kuzel
12/23 John J. Schappert
12/23 James H. Gename
12/23 Claud D. Wideman
12/23 Randall W. Scott
12/24 Marlin M. Dunham
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Pike Chapter #285 Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
I want to start off by wishing you Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and any other seasonal greeting that you prefer. With the approach of winter, not only is it the beginning of the Holiday Season, it is also the last of Pike Chapter meetings for the season. We will have our regular stated meeting on December 1st. It will be our Holiday meeting, so come dressed in your Holiday finest. We will have a gift exchange that evening for those who wish to participate. Just bring a gift valued around \$10 and join the fun. I would like to ask all attending that night to bring cookies for our refreshments.

If everyone brings at least 1 dozen, there will be plenty for the meeting and some leftovers for those who would like some variety.

We will be hosting a Grand Representative party on December 15th for Sister Dona-Rae Baumgart, Grand Representative of Mississippi in Wisconsin. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

Please let Sister Josephine Irvine know if you plan to attend by December 8th. It should be a fun time with many of our friends from neighboring Chapters in attendance.

Pike Chapter is dark in January and February, so if you have any special needs or requests of the Chapter during that period, please contact myself at (262) 914-7810 or our Secretary Sister Cheryl Budwick (262)697-9364.

We are in the planning stages for another Grand Representative party on March 2nd, 2009 honoring Sister Cheryl Budwick, Grand Representative of Texas in Wisconsin. Please mark your calendars. The party will start at 7:00 PM. Please let Sister Josephine Irvine know if you plan to attend by February 21st.

On November 13th, Kenosha Chapter #92 unanimously voted in favor of Pike Chapter's request to consolidate. Based on this vote, the required paperwork will be transmitted to Grand Chapter for disposition by the Worthy Grand Matron. We expect that the consolidation ceremony will be held sometime next spring.

Fraternally yours and Have a Merry Christmas,
Fraternally yours,
Craig Wepprecht, WP



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Dates to Remember

December 2008

- 6 - Unity Lodge Installation, coffee and at 3pm, installation 3:30pm Dutch treat dinner at Fireside 5:30pm. RSVP to Cheryl by Dec. 3, 697-9364 or crb@wi.rr.com
- 8 - Sunrise Lodge Installation 9:30am
- 10 - Kenosha Lodge Installation 7pm
- 11 - FC Degree TBD and Stated Meeting 7pm
- 20 - Lodge Christmas Party 2-5pm
- 25 - Christmas Day, no meeting

January 2009

- 6 - FC Posting 5pm
- 6 - Officer Meeting 6pm
- 8 - Stated Meeting 7pm
- 12 - Capture Traveling Gavel from Laflin-St. James #247, Mukwonago
- 15 - Degree/Practice
- 22 - Trustees 6pm and Stated Meeting 7pm

Every Wednesday – Donuts, Coffee and Philosophy at 8 AM, Lodge Clean Up 9 AM, and Degree Practice 10 AM.

December Masonic Anniversaries

Harold F. Kreuser
Daniel R. Angotti Sr
Charles W. Brown
John S. Gray
John M. Antaramian
George H. Easton
Robert S. Stone
Robert J. Klein
James W. Dowell
Jeffery A. Sutherlin
Brian J. Samuelson
Ryan D. Bonell

Christmas Party

What: Christmas Party for Unity Lodge members & family.

Where: Unity Lodge, Washington Road

When: Saturday, December 20, 2:00-5:00 PM

Why: In addition to an End-Of-The-Year visit with your fraternal Brothers, their families and friends, there will be light refreshments served as well as live entertainment.

Reservations Required: Telephone message to Jim Dowell at 262-697-9086 including the number of adults and children attending.

Gift Exchange: Although NOT required, you may bring a "generic" wrapped Christmas gift (less than \$10 value) to exchange sight unseen.

A Retiree's Thought...

"My wife said, "Whatcha doin today ?"
I said, "Nothing".
She said, "You did that yesterday!"
I said, "I wasn't finished"!"

