



Southern Lakes Lodge #12 F. & AM. of Wisconsin

TRESTLE BOARD

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Master's Message

The Lodge continues. Br. Jim Stirmel passed his 50 year milestone this month and received his due rewards – a pin, a certificate and a picture in the Journal (probably next month). As I asked in lodge, where were you in June of 1960?

Additionally, look in the June issue of the Masonic Journal and you will see our installation picture. I had been sending it to the wrong email address and consequently it is a little behind.

Br. Mark Frion is scheduled to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on June 14th at 7:00 pm. A huge turnout would be delightful.

We are still discussing the repair to the brickwork on the lodge building – would like to get that progressing before we go dark.

On a sadder note, PM Mike Gonyer has moved “up north” and, although he will be remaining as a member of our lodge, we won't see him much any more. We wish him the best and I, personally, am envious as that is where I would like to be.

Well back to work. Need to wind up a few things and then it's off to Buffalo for a new piping school. We love to hear from all of the out-of-town brothers and feel free to stop by the lodge whenever you can.

Andy Willett, WM

Senior Warden's Message

I recently went through Scottish Rites, and am now a 32 degree Master Mason, but more than the title, I have a deeper understanding of what Masonry is. I spent a day and a half, in Madison, learning more of the meaning about being a Mason, through the plays that were done, all with a theme of the moral dilemmas that confront all of us, but directed at how as Masons we deal should deal with them. Great time spent.

Highly recommended!! (WM note – see Bob's speech in the June SR newsletter)

Manny Ajuria, SW

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Junior Warden's Message

At our Lodge meeting on April 12, Bob Messer led a presentation on what DeMolay is and how we might start a chapter in our Lodge. Bob is Director of Development for DeMolay in Wisconsin. Also attending were representatives of the Sir Galahad Chapter of DeMolay in Burlington, Donny Pellman and his son.

DeMolay was started in Kansas City in 1919 and came to Wisconsin in 1921. It is named for Jacques DeMolay who served as the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar. There are presently about a dozen active chapters in Wisconsin, mostly in the southeast part of the state.

It is a fraternal club for young men from the ages of 12 to 21. To belong, a young man must believe in deity, be a good person and petition a chapter. Sound familiar? Chapters have meetings once or twice a month and also generally plan some activity and fellowship time about once a week. Feedback from our Lodge was very positive as long as we have people committed to support it as Chapter Dads, and the Lodge in general is behind it. DeMolay does offer training for Dads and other advisors on how to run a chapter as well as considerations for youth protection.

So, what do we need to do if we want to proceed? For starters we need three Master Masons who are willing to be advisors. Additional advisors need not be Masons, but at least three do need to be. In fact, I've already heard from one of our members who is willing to be one of the Chapter Dads.

We need to file a Resolution of Sponsorship demonstrating that we have a place to meet and store their regalia. We would then be issued Letters Temporary. We don't have to have an entire chapter worth of boys to start. We can partner up with Sir Galahad Chapter and have the boys we find meet with them. Gradually joint meetings might be held alternating between Burlington and Delavan. Once we get to 15 boys we could be issued a Charter.

As you can see, this is not an overnight thing. It will take planning and commitment on our end.

I'd like to visit a meeting or two of Sir Galahad and perhaps some of their other events to get a flavor of DeMolay today. Their stated meetings are the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:30. The second meeting each month is listed as a "Fun" meeting! Their website, www.sirgalahad.widemolay.org, lists a calendar of events.

If you have further interest in or questions about DeMolay, let me know. I'll try to get word out about any events I plan to go to in order to see who else might like to tag along.

Bob Burton, JW

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