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Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301

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**A Message from the Master**

Welcome Brethren and Friends!

2017 is proving to be a busy fraternal year and we have only just begun. We ushered in the New Year with our traditional New Year's Morning Reception which was very well attended. A good time was indeed had by all. On January 10th Tripoli shrine is having a viewing of "Around the Corner with John McGivern." The Tripoli Shrine is a Wisconsin and Masonic landmark and is featured in this PBS program. While we are not all Shriners, all Shriners in Wisconsin are Masons. This is a Tuesday night so mark your calendars, I think this will be a fun friends and family night so invite others to join us in some Wisconsin education as well as show our support. RSVP to me so I can let them know how many of us will be attending.

Our Job's Daughters of Bethel 2 will be having their installation on the 14th at 7:00PM we should all turn out to show our support. Wear blue, green and silver. As our core officers grow in their duties it is also incumbent upon our existing members to come down to the lodge and make sure we are meeting your expectations. Our January Stated meeting will be on the 27th at 7:00 PM with a dinner at 6:00. Friends and family are invited to the dinner and following dinner the Ladies of Palmer will meet for Masonic education. If you have not been to lodge lately I think you will be pleasantly surprised. Remember brethren all are welcome to these meetings and as they are educational I encourage you to come down and see what is going on and to share your wisdom.

A final note: I have noticed that about half of you have email addresses on file. With the wave of new technologies email is becoming a more important tool in our daily lives. If you need an email account all members of Henry L. Palmer have a free email account: your.name@henrylpalmer301.org. Call me and I will help you set this up. If you already have an account please forward it to me so that I may update our records.

In Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty
Khristian E. Kay, WM

An Important Reminder from the Northwest Masonic Center:

If you have an event on a date other than your scheduled dates, you **MUST** reserve the date through Art Karos: 414-628-8900 or akaros@wi.rr.com

You are cordially invited to the Installation of
Officers of Bethel #2 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Job's Daughters International



Saturday, January 14, 2017 7:00pm

Reception to follow.

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4315 N. 92nd Street,

Wauwatosa, WI

Jenny Davis

Honored Queen Elect

A Look Ahead for Henry L. Palmer #301

Around the Corner Preview Party @Tripoli Shrine – January 10th

Stated Meeting – January 27th 7:00 PM

Great Lakes Distillery Tour – February 10th 5:00 PM

Stated Meeting – February 24th 7:00 PM

Beer & Cheese Pairing– March 10th 7:00 PM

Sportsmen's Night @Tripoli Shrine – March 24th

Stated Meeting – March 31st 7:00 PM

Spaghetti Dinner – April 23rd 4:00 PM

Stated Meeting – April 25th 7:00 PM

District 12 Meeting – April 29th

Defense of the Ruffians @ Unity Lodge May 1st 6:00 PM

This schedule is for planning purposes only. Every effort is made to keep it as shown, but it remains subject to change.

Contact a Lodge officer for information about any of these events.

Wisconsin Lodge No. 13

**A Message from the Master**

Greetings Brothers

The New Year is upon us and with that a new line of Officers for Wisconsin Lodge 13.

I am extremely honored to have been elected by my Brothers to sit in the East and rule and guide this lodge for the next year.

I would like to congratulate all the new Officers on their election, Br. Larry Patterson to SW, Br. Chuck Boelkow to JW, Br. Bill Loftus to SD, Br. Mike Olson to JD, M.W. Br. Joe Harker as Chaplain and Br. Cliff Schneider as Tiler.

To Br. Jason Braatz, a very special Thank you for serving another year as Secretary Treasurer for our lodge. As every Mason knows, a lodge would fall apart if not for the hard work and dedication of the Secretary Treasurer.

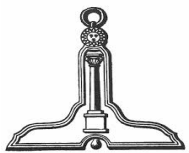
This year I would like to stress to all the Brothers the importance of Travel.

This is not only true in your personal life but especially true as a Mason. We are a fraternity of Brothers that should bond together to accomplish the common goal of being "Good men and true". Visiting other lodges, forming bonds and establishing connections will help all of us attain this goal.

The meeting on January 5th will be the installation of officers. The meeting on January 19th we will practicing the 1st section of the EA degree. This will be an open book practice of the 1st section and all Brothers from all lodges are welcome to attend and practice their parts with us. Please feel free to bring and EAs as well to help their education in the Craft.

I would like to ask all of our Brothers to attend a lodge meeting. If you have not been to lodge in while please find time to attend. We miss you and need your help to grow the lodge and strengthen the Fraternity.

Fraternally yours
Tim Zielinski
WM WI#13

**The Level**

The level is used by operative masons to prove horizontals. As an adjective, it is defined as having a flat and even surface without slopes or bumps; calm and steady. In Freemasonry, it teaches the important principal of equality. This principal is among the most important in the fraternity

It is "on the level" that we meet. It reminds us, as men and as Masons, that there are no inequalities among us and in Freemasonry it is correctly used as a symbol of equality.

"We meet upon the level" because Masonic rights, duties, and privileges are the same for all members with-out distinction.

So Mote It Be

"So mote it be" is a phrase used by Freemasons at the end of a prayer. It means "so may it be", "so it is required" or "so must it be" and is used in a similar way to "amen". The phrase appears in the Halliwell or Regius Manuscript, the earliest known document relating to a society of Masons in England dating from the first half of the 15th Century. "Amen! amen! so mot hyt be! Say we so all per charyté".

Golden Rule Chapter No. 194 O.E.S.**A Message from the Worthy Matron**

Dear BROTHERS and SISTERS,

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas, and now that winter is in full swing you will be able to stay home and enjoy it! We are now dark at Golden Rule Chapter, and will not be back in session until March 9th to resume our labors. We have another petition that will be voted on, and we will be bringing in a new member when we are back up and running. Our next social gathering will once again start at 6:00 pm. on March 9, 2017, and the meeting will start at our new time at 7:00 pm.

On March 4th our chapter will host the Grand Family for the day! I will be needing help to set up, and serve lunch. Please call me at 262-242-3863 if you are able to help. We will start at 9:00 am and should be finished by 4:00 pm. You will not have to stay for the day! Any time you can give will be appreciated!

I have cancelled friends and family night in January. Please make a note of that on your calendar!

In February we will have a Valentines party with games and refreshment on February 9th, at 6:00 pm at the lodge. Please try to join us.

Breakfast is still on the last Saturday of the month. We are still meeting at 9:00 am at Maxim's on Capitol Drive. No reservations are needed.

Thank you all the ladies that made our Christmas project a success. The children will welcome a warm hat or mittens during the cold weather.

I know this message is short, but just wanted to update a few things that will be happening while we are dark. If you have any members who will need some cheering up, please give our sunshine lady a call. Laura Desserau will see that a card is sent out. If she is not there to answer the phone, she will call back!

Until we meet again have a wonderful vacation from Star and enjoy each day!

May the good Lord Grant you and your Family, peace, love, and happiness, now and in the coming year!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Worthy Matron,
Verna Aschauer

Worthy Patron,
Robert Mehle

Bethel No. 2 Jobs Daughters Int'l

**From the Bethel Guardian**

Happy 2017! With the start of a New Year, it is traditionally a time when people think of New Year's Resolutions and New Beginnings! Know that with perseverance and determination, anything is possible.

Looking back at December, Bethel 2 members connected with one another as well as our Masonic Family by participating in the following events:

- December 3rd – Christmas caroling to the residents at Three Pillars in Dousman.
- December 4th – "Pizza with Santa Event" where Bethel 2 daughters dressed as elves to help bring some holiday joy to children in anticipation of the Holiday Season.
- December 5th – Packing Care Packages for the Angel Fund.
- December 10th – Bethel 2 meeting and raffle drawing of stuffed dragons benefiting Wisconsin Job's Daughters Promotional and Education Funds.
- December 10th – Henry L. Palmer Lodge Installation with Bethel 2 daughters performing the Living Cross.
- December 17th – Breakfast with Santa at Lake Lodge.
- December 27th – Bethel 2 Outstallation Meeting paying tribute to a wonderful term as it comes to a conclusion and the daughters that made it possible.
- Various dates filling stations at Bethel's 6 and 77

As we enter into a New Year we look forward to sharing the below listed events with all those interested and able to attend:

- January 14th – 7:00 p.m. Bethel 2 Installation of Officers Jenny Davis – Honored Queen Elect. All reading this are welcome to attend as we start this new chapter in our Organization. We hope to see you there!
- January 22nd – Go-to-Church Sunday at Christ the King Church in Brookfield.
- January 24th – Bethel 2 Stop-and-Go meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- January 29th – Milwaukee County Bowling Event.
- Various dates for Installations at other Wisconsin Bethels to support our Jobie sisters!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Honored Queen Bree's mascot raffle to support the Wisconsin Job's Daughter's Promotional and Educational Funds, Winners of the stuffed dragons selected at the December 10th drawing were: Beth Freuck from Bethel 2, Brad Bingheim from Lake Lodge and Bethel 6, and Emmalyn Smith from Bethel 19. Congratulations to the recipients!

Bethel 2 meets on the second Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM and on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM, with the exception of July and August. Guests are always encouraged and welcomed to attend.

If you know of a young lady who would like to find out how much fun can be had by becoming a member of Job's Daughters, you are invited to pick up an informational packet attached to the bulletin board at the Lodge and/or contact myself for additional information.

In honor of the New Year, I will leave you with the following: "Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one." — Brad Paisley

Jobie Love,
Mom Beth Freuck - Bethel 2 Guardian
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Bethel 2 Officers

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Kilbourn Chapter No. 1 R.A.M.

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**A Message from the High Priest**

Greetings Companions,

We look forward to 2017 being a productive year of fellowship and inspiration. Dues notices will be coming to you soon.

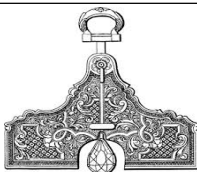
There are many activities in the planning stage. The traditional Sweetheart Brunch at the Silver Spring Country Club in February is always enjoyed by members and their families. It is the perfect time to renew friendships made at past brunches. Remember Rudy's pet "Kittens" last year?

The highlight of March will be an Admirals Hockey game. We will meet at the Wisconsin Club and be transported to the game. So there are no issues with parking or driving to the Bradley Center. See the next Templegram for details.

Our next Chapter meeting is January 25th with a catered dinner at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Convocation at 7:00P.M.

As always, if you need transportation call me and I will be happy to arrange it. We want to see as many Companions as possible. Remember Chapter is about our comradery and commitment to the Masonic principles.

Faternally yours,
Tim Meyer EHP

**"On The Level"**

The phrase, "on the level" is one of many phrases that made its way out of our Lodges and into the rest of society. It has the same meaning outside of the Lodge that is has inside: to be honest a truthful with your fellow man.

That this phrase retains its meaning outside of the Lodge simply reinforces the importance of this principal.

While this working tool reminds us of our equality with our Brethren, we must not forget that, while we all have different duties and responsibilities, all of mankind are truly equal regardless of the individual's achievements and standing.

Milwaukee Harmony Lodge No. 261

**A Message from the Master**

Greetings from the East:

Once again I would like to thank all of my Brethren for having the confidence in me and electing me as your new Worshipful Master for 2017!

I would like to thank P.M. Brother Lou Plotkin for all his hard work over the past year. And finally thank you to all my Brethren who stepped up to take positions in my lineup.

Brethren there is no question this is an important year. As I stated at installation we are an aging lodge NOT a dying lodge. Every one of us knows what we need to do to make this a flourishing and vibrant lodge. It is enjoyable listening to the older Brothers talk about our past: all the fun events and time spent here at lodge. This alone is proof of how alive this lodge once was, and how it can again be.

Brethren it is even more important now than ever before that we start working together to grow our lodge, create events and make a place that brothers want to come back to. By no stretch of the imagination do I think this will happen overnight and what I am asking is no easy task. This will definitely take hard work and I'm sure there will be some unpopular decisions made throughout the process but believe me it will produce a positive outcome. No longer will the often used phrase "We've done that or tried that and it doesn't work" be something I want to hear because if we try something and it doesn't work let's figure out why and tweak it until it does work.

Brethren this is my promise to you: I promise to give 150% to growing this lodge and making it great, and I will continue as long as I have brothers who believe it to be possible.

Have a Happy Holiday season and a Healthy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone in 2017.

Fraternally,
Blaine Goldner, WM

Independence Lodge #80

www.independencelodge80.org

**A Message from the Master**

Brethren,

The New Year brings a time when we reflect on the light we have brought to ourselves and to the world and look forward with a renewed vision of a greater light. We have initiated many new brothers in the last few months and I look forward to guiding them in their search for light. January brings our installation of officers which will be held on our stated meeting night and will be a closed installation. I hope to see you all at our installation and our meeting. Happy New Years to you and your family.

Fraternally,
William Solberg
Worshipful Master

James M. Hays Lodge No. 331

**A Message from the Master**

Greetings Brethren,

I want to thank the Brothers for electing me to reside in the East for this year. I hope to build off of P.M. Jim Winston's year and continue to move our Lodge forward. With the legal holiday for New Year's Day falling on the first Monday of January, we will hold our Stated Meeting the following week on January 9. We will have a catered meal at 6 PM before our Stated Meeting at 6:30. Please RSVP to our J.W Nick DeStefanis so he can plan accordingly. As for our first meeting of the year, we will be reviewing our budget for the upcoming year along with the calendar of events.

Finally, we as a Lodge are going to have a continual clothing drive for donating to the VA Hospital. Chaplain Dan Trivett is our contact person and he will gather any clothing brought to Lodge for donating. This goes hand in hand with our food donation when the Onions come in during the spring. Along with clothing to donate, any non-perishable food items will be accepted and collected monthly for donating to the food pantry along with the onions in the spring.

Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call. Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge,
Bob Skaradzinski, P.M.
Worshipful Master, James M. Hays Lodge #331

We Meet on the Level

By Peter Ryan

We meet on the level, my Brothers and me,
We encourage good men into our society.

If their actions be upright and always true,
If we see integrity in all that they do.

If they seek more light and value truth,
If their own insights desire proof.

we will offer them our right hand,
And welcome them from any land.

For we judge on character not creed,
Nor on religion or wealth, but deed.

We'll meet them on the level, my Brothers and me,
And accept them as a Mason, ancient and free.





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Counselor's Corner

By Gene Marcus

Chipping the Ashlar. It won't happen by itself. We know how rough it is.

Sadly, education is not provided in some Lodges. What we do get is business meetings, long on business, short on education. And it is education that provides the means of smoothing the rough ashlar (ourselves).

However, it does no good to grumble about it and push your Lodge into doing education. The truth of the matter is that in many places, it's not that these bodies won't do education – it's because they can't or do not know how. It's been so long since education has been a part of that culture in many Lodges that many in leadership in those bodies have never learned anything beyond what is within those degrees, and the ritual itself. There are no Masonic scholars or teachers there!

We tend to fall back on what we know – the ritual. We work with our Brothers on getting the words correct and the movements down. As important as this is to Freemasonry, teaching how to perform our ritual is not Masonic education.

So what I'm encouraging you to do, is to do the same thing I did. Educate yourself! There is no shortage of material. There are libraries in many Lodges – sadly unused, but on the bright side, you'll have the place to yourself. Many terrific books on Freemasonry are available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and your public library, as well as your Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Masonic Education Committee. There are vast resources available through Masonic research organizations. The more you explore the topics of Freemasonry, and the more like-minded people you encounter, the more satisfying your search will be.

Take personal responsibility for your education, and begin learning and researching. And then share what you've learned! You're the one to bring education to your Lodge and others. Travel. Speak. Write.

Before you know it, your Brothers will be coming to you to help them answer the questions that have been nagging at them for years. By taking personal responsibility for your Masonic education, you will inspire others to do the same.

Be the change that you want to see!



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