
FROM THE EAST

It's June and, while many lodges across the state are preparing to go dark, Milwaukie 109 is just warming up. This is truly a testament to the strength of our membership. It is because of your involvement, dedication, and passion that we continue to thrive even when we are not performing degree work on a weekly basis. Keep up the good work!

I'd like to thank Daphne Chapter for preparing the meal for our **Lodge of Remembrance**; WB's Rod Lippert, Ralph Osvold, Steve Newgard, and the rest of the team for performing the ceremony; and WB Chuck Rea for his hard work on the phone lines to get the word out. And, of course, thank you to all that were able to attend.



Grand Lodge is coming up on June 7th and 8th. Once again, we will have a strong representation on site with eight members in attendance. Under the direction of WB Scott Cook, we will be setting up and running the audio and video equipment for the event. We will also run our fundraising table where we will sell t-shirts, cigars (courtesy of Bro. Saadi Hadeed of Ava Cigars), and art prints (*pictured left*) created by Bro. Gene Hannan.

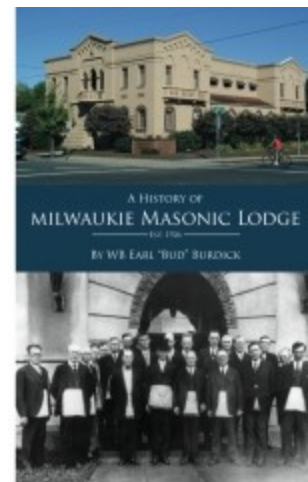
I know most of you won't be able to make it out to Seaside for the entire event. However, if you'd like to swing out for an afternoon or an evening, we'd be glad to see you. There may even be an extra sofa for you to sleep on if need be ;)

Feel free to reach me on my cell at (503)467-6476 if you need directions or more info.

I'm happy to announce that we have published WB Bud Burdick's amusing, insightful, and inspiring stories in "***A History of Milwaukie Masonic Lodge***".

50 copies are on order and will be arriving in a couple weeks. The **cost is \$10** if you buy directly from the lodge. If you want to pay during this Stated Meeting, I will deliver your copy the following week. Otherwise, they will be available at any lodge function after June 18th.

I will also be sending out a message and providing a link once the book is available online. It will be a couple dollars more and the lodge won't receive as much if you pursue this avenue.



This summer, we are once again holding the **Milwaukie Artisans Market**. We are open every Sunday through Labor Day Weekend from 10am until 2pm and host a variety of local artists. Dizzy Lavery and Nick Lewis are managing it this year and are doing a great job in getting the word out. If you know of an artist that is interested in selling their wares, please let them know about our venue.

Congratulations to Bro. Joe Bailey for proving up on his MM proficiency. We hope that you'll soon find some spare time to attend more events and become more involved.

It's no secret that we have been **struggling with communication** in the past years. Due to financial and technological limitations, we haven't been able to keep in touch with everyone as well as we'd like to. However, it looks like we're on the verge of overcoming this challenge. Most of the changes will be happening behind the scenes but should result in a system which is easier to manage and pass down through the years. If all goes well, there should be noticeable results in a few months.

In the mean time, we are going to need help updating our records. WB Chuck will be on the phones again here pretty soon. This time he will be trying to collect email addresses and other contact information.

I have included a form at the end of the Trestleboard to update your info with the lodge. If you know of a Brother that isn't receiving communications, please print the form, have them fill it out, and return it to the lodge. Those of you that have moved and haven't updated your address or phone number with the lodge, please **fill out the form and return it** as well.

I know adopting email and other forms of digital communication is difficult. I know that it's also not possible for some. However, moving to a digital system is saving the lodge **thousands of dollars** and hundreds of volunteer hours each year. If we can manage to get 85% of the membership on the digital distribution list, I believe it will be financially feasible to send out regular communications via USPS once again.

Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we adapt and attempt to overcome these challenges.

FROM THE WEST

"The Old Masters Wages"

I met a dear old man today
Who wore a Masonic pin.
It was old and faded like the man
Its edges were worn quite thin

I approached the park bench where he sat
To give the old brother his due

I said, "I see you've traveled east."
He said, "I have, have you?"

I said, "I have and in my day
Before the all seeing sun
I played in the rubble of Jubala
Jubilo, and Jubalum."

He shouted, "Don't laugh at the work my son.
It's good and sweet and true.
And if you've traveled as you have said
You should give these things a due.

"The word, the sign, the token,
The sweet Masonic prayer,
The vow that all have taken
Who have climbed the inner stair.

"The wages of a Mason
are never paid in gold.
But the gain comes from contentment
when you're weak and growing old.

"You see I've carried my obligation
for almost fifty years.
It has helped me through the hardships
and the failures full of tears.

"Now I'm losing my mind and my body.
Death is near but I don't despair.
I've lived my life upon the level
And I'm dying upon the square."

Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew
And the old man in the park today
has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic Brothers
The only secret is to care.
May you live upon the level.
May you part upon the square.

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JR. WARDEN'S MENU

With all the busyness of Grand Lodge this month, Brother Gene will be serving a simple **spaghetti dinner** at this month's Stated Meeting. The **suggested donation is \$5**. If you have any special dietary requirements, contact him so that we may accommodate those needs.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren:

Over the past few weeks I have been recovering from the amputation of my left leg below the knee. While the amputation is not, given the opportunity, the path I would have chosen, it is the path that I find myself on, and choose to accept, with the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe and the help and encouragement which I have received from my Brothers.

I wish to express my extreme thanks to you my brothers, for your cards, calls and visits while I was in the hospital and rehabilitation. It has been encouraging to know that my Brothers are standing beside me and willing to extend their hand to support me through this walk. During the time I was at the skilled nursing facility, I saw other patients who had only the support of their family members, and a few who had no outside support at all. It is reassuring to have the thoughts and the support of my Brethren and the offer of assistance to me should my needs require it. I know of no other group or fraternity where such support is offered to a member or a brother while they face such a circumstance.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve you and the lodge as secretary, and I intend to continue to serve you through the coming months, and with your permission, the coming years. You have lifted me up by immeasurable and immense means and I cannot express my gratitude enough.

Fraternally yours,

Chuck Rea, HPM,

Secretary

FAREWELL, BROTHER NEIL CLEVENGER



Bro. Jeremy Ward and his wife, Jessica, hosted a going-away BBQ for the Clevengers over Memorial Day Weekend.

As most of you know, the Clevengers are moving to Maui this week so that Bro. Neil can pursue a higher education. Furthermore, rumor has it that **the Clevengers are expecting** a new addition to their family! What an exciting adventure!

Bro. Neil is extremely grateful for all the help and support they have received while preparing for this journey. I asked him if he would like to write any departing words for the Trestleboard and this is what he sent me:

"I love you, Brothers!"

Thank you, Bro. Neil, for your enthusiasm and dedication to our Lodge. Hopefully we'll be able to visit you on the island sometime soon. Until then, congratulations and safe travels! You will be missed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check out the lodge's online calendar for events: <http://milwaukielodge.org/events.php>

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Please Fill Out and Return to the Secretary

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you use Facebook? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you use other forms of digital communication or social networking?

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Any other comments:
