



Freemasons Lodge #363

790 N. Van Buren St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202



Lodge Activity

December 3	5:30pm	Stated meeting Holiday party	HRSMC Steak Out Restaurant ~ Hales Corners
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1st Wednesday, monthly

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Freemasons Lodge #363 Ladies Holiday Party

the Steak Out Restaurant in Hales Corners.
6300 Industrial Loop, Greendale, WI 53129
(2.74 miles from Hales Corners)

Wednesday, December 3

After the stated meeting

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The Sound of the Gavel

Master's Message
by Bob Roth

I think it was C.J. and Andrew who really made my night at Lodge, though there was so much that was good in that meeting, that you could have picked any number of items. But those two young lads from their Eau Claire lodge, just made 32nd degree Masons by the Scottish Rite, seemed very glad to be with us, and I hope when they are schooling over at Marquette University, they will spend some time in good fellowship with us in the Lodge.

And it was great to see Tom Feest get that apron and bible, have us put away \$7500 for our endowment fund, and get ourselves organized for the holiday party. I'm glad we're doing a bit of underwriting for the members and allowing a few guests as well. It's our style to reach out and try to be our best as often as we can. I do hope all of you can come to the event, for it will be a good one. Mark that calendar now, for 3 Dec 08, bring your lady, who can wait the short wait down in the Pub, and then off to the Steak Out for the evening. At \$30 per person, it's the best deal in town.

What a special year and what a special lodge. We have shown leadership, sponsorship and real care for the new Masons taking degrees, and we have still found time to laugh, reach out to each other and build brotherhood each and every month.

And it's a time of transition, as the officers begin to work with Brother Jan Talaga, our Senior Warden, to ensure we can sustain the pace and close the gaps on our programs and our degree work going forward into the new year. I'm excited about it all, because we have good leaders and great Masons willing to make things happen. For those of you going through degrees, it's going to get very busy in January and February, so have your prove up ready, work closely with Lodge Counselor Bill Delind, and let us all work diligently to bring you all to the sublime degree of Master Mason as soon as we can.

Bring your appetite, your good will and your guest to a final '08 stated meeting and one really good holiday party. Keep your spirits high and know that it is something very special to be on the level with each other, as Brothers, working together in the finest fraternity of men on this planet.

s/f

Bob Roth
Worshipful Master
Freemason's Lodge #363
2008



Junior Wardens Station

By Brother Tom Curtis

"To call the craft from labor to refreshment..."

Brethren...As the year draws to a close, we can look back on a wide variety of successful activities, one of which was our **Sponsorship program**. Initiated by our Worshipful Master this year, it was conceived as a vehicle to help our newest members feel welcome...and many of you stepped forward to help in the process. Many thanks for your contacts with our EAs and FCs. For those who are sponsors, you might want to make sure that your FC knows about and will feel welcomed to our big Year-end bash in December (see elsewhere in the TB for details). We still have a few who have no sponsor and I'd be most grateful to anyone who will offer to help, even at this late date. We have a goodly number of FCs who will be looking forward to the Sublime Degree in the year ahead...and we want each of them to feel that their long wait will be rewarded. Remember...please join us for our wonderful **holiday party on the third!**

Tom Curtis

Junior Warden



Senior Stewards Station

By Brother David W. Alderfer

I'm preparing a log of lodge activities for 2008. I have found a great deal in the Lodge's minutes, Trestleboards, Wisconsin Masonic Journal, etc., however I am sure many individual efforts have not been identified. Lodge members who have performed individual activities in either of the following areas during 2008 please contact me. The activities are: **SERVICE TO OTHERS** (e.g. Children's Hospital, V.A. Hospital, Nursing Home, School, etc) **and PERSONAL VISITATIONS** (e.g. Shut-ins, Hospitalized, Health Center, Widows, etc.). For example a number of our lodge members volunteer with the 32⁰ Children's Learning Center.

David W. Alderfer

Senior Steward



Poet's Corner

The ocean is the ultimate solution (for FZ)

by Bro. David J. White

The ocean is the ultimate solution.
You know this deep inside.
The water cusp swells past your shoulders,
your hair,
your legs,
your toes.
Past the surface,
past the hesitation
towards the displacement
the suppression of weight
the entrance of pressure.
Deeper yet
the jelly begins to glow: Natural flashlight, Natural flashlights!
When the sun becomes a reflection, a memory
the ocean becomes the ultimate solution.

Peace and Health Always,
David J. White

words the flesh of thought (for Amelia)

by Bro. Tommy Baas

words the flesh of thought
germinated in turbulence
brothel of daisies a field
to hang tires from trees and
call things 'sunshine' and
people, beautiful people sing
because loss has lost its meaning
in birth, death but in death, birth
again & again until we learn
not to grow up so to
evolve in the soft cocoon of
a book
a story to be told that
ages might know our Love
& remember
themselves



The Winding Stairs

Editor's Light ~ By Brother Tommy Baas

*Introducing the Scottish Rite Library Club

*Featured poet at Poets Monday, Linnemans Riverwest Inn, Dec. 1: Yours Truly

Two quick announcements this month... Firstly, brother David White and I and friends and brethren are organizing a new Masonic Club called the Scottish Rite Library Club, for means of library research and cataloguing and holding open mic poetry readings in the Double Eagle Pub once a month hosted by myself and my best friend and Love, Amelia. Yes, that means this club is open to non-Masons and ladies, though by special invite only. I have put together a small group of officers for the club among Scottish Rite members, and the club is open to anyone who'd like to be a part of this very special group. If you're interested or even just curious, please drop me an email (gnostictom420@yahoo.com). We will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday monthly at 8pm in the library on the 2nd floor of the HSRMC (for SR members, this would be right after our dinner following the monthly SR meeting), beginning Nov. 19th. From there we will be planning our monthly poetry readings in the pub, which will likely fall on the 2nd Wednesday monthly at 8pm.

And secondly, speaking of poetry readings, I will be the featured reader, with my Amelia as special guest, at Poets Monday at Linnemans Riverwest Inn in the Riverwest neighborhood of Milwaukee, 1001 E. Locust St. (off Weil St.) on Monday, December 1st. There will be an open mic beginning around 8pm, and my feature will start around 9pm. There is a \$3 cover, and a warning that my poetry is not always too "PG." Come on down for drinks and poetry if you'd like, meet my Amelia and other poet friends (and I'm sure brother David White'll be there reading, too) and get a feel for the scene; I'd be most honored by your support! And the Monday beforehand, November 24th, Amelia will be the featured poet at Linnemans, so come check out my sweet kindred, too!

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*~four dinner selections plus dessert, four wines, appetizers at the
bar~*



Courtesy of Lodge subsidy, the price will be \$30 per person (a \$43 value) and \$60 per couple. Please RSVP via email ASAP (remanske@sbcglobal.net) or phone [(414) 259 – 9634] and send checks (with filled-in cut-out below) to Secretary Bob Manske, c/o Freemasons Lodge 363 at 790 N. Van Buren St., Milwaukee, WI 53202.

FREEMASONS LODGE 363 LADIES HOLIDAY DINNER, DEC. 3, 2008 - RSVP

I will _____ We Will Be Attending _____
Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Check Number: _____
Please check (x) **one course per person** (each comes with soup and salad and desert):
____ filet prime rib ____ lemon chicken ____ orange rough ____ pork chop