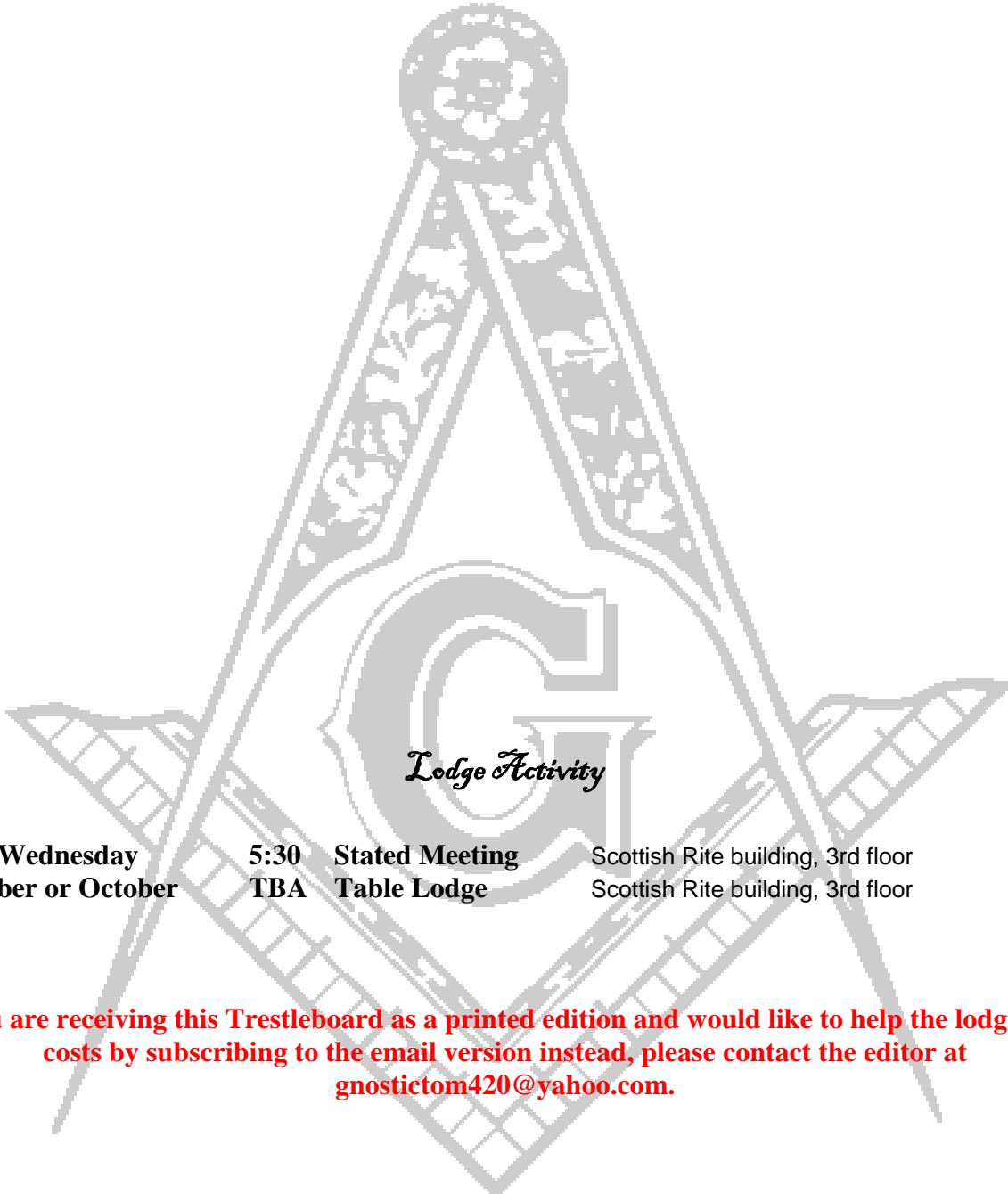




Freemasons Lodge #363

790 N. Van Buren St.
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Lodge Activity

May 6, Wednesday	5:30	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite building, 3rd floor
September or October	TBA	Table Lodge	Scottish Rite building, 3rd floor

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And a Good Friday it is!



Burn away dust and rock
Stars and comets shed their bodies
and become new boys and girls
falling to Earth
and as they arrive here mothers and fathers
wrap them in warm blankets
and pray for their happiness

W: 8lbs .78 oz
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Congratulations are in order to **Brother David J. White** and his wife Bessie, who brought to the world their second son, Elijah, on Good Friday, April 10, 2009, 17:56 cst, at St. Mary's Hospital on the East Side of Milwaukee.



The Sound of the Gavel

Master's Message
by Jan Talaga

Greetings Brethren!

Well, it looks like we have a game plan for degrees in our Lodge. As many of you know, we have a rare dilemma in Masonry; more candidates are coming into our Lodge than many of the other Lodges combined. But this is not a good thing, it's a great thing! Many of these men are young, energetic, and eager to participate in the activities of the Lodge.

District Deputy Don Hensiak has put forth an idea backed by the Grand Master, to help streamline Master Mason degree work. Other Lodges will help out with courtesy work, while the new MM's will come back to our Lodge and receive the lectures, charges, and presentations. This will save time in the degree, and allows us to move our Fellowcrafts through the ranks that much quicker. As of this typing, 2 Fellowcrafts have already been raised in this manner. My thanks to Bro. Bill DeLind for overseeing their progress!

This Trestleboard is a combined one to make up for the gap with the March issue. Several circumstances came together that unfortunately did not allow for a timely release. That has since been corrected. My apologies to all who look forward to reading it every month.

There are several of Freemasons Lodge Brothers who are active in other bodies of Masonry, especially the Scottish Rite. Since many of the officers are involved in the degrees being presented at the upcoming reunion, we have decided to postpone the Table Lodge until September. Brother Curtis will have the program ready then, along with the menu and cost involved to be relayed to the Lodge in the upcoming week or two. Thank you Bro. Curtis for all of your help in this event!

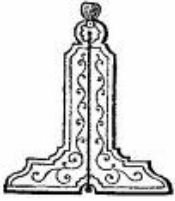
Attached to this Trestleboard is the flyer for our Lodge picnic, which will be in every issue until the date of the picnic. Please get your reservations in early, as this is a joint endeavor with Waukesha and West Allis Lodges. It looks to be a great time. Hope to see you there!

We also have organized the 1st annual Hiram Cup Classis golf tournament. This is for purely Masonic competition and fellowship. Our Lodge will compete against many other Lodges, including our Grand Lodge and Prince Hall Masons, for a traveling trophy and bragging rights for an entire year! Brother Mike Kugler is coordinating the foursomes and registration of the tournament, while Brother Jan Talaga Sr. is in charge of the organization of the outing with owner of Western Lakes Golf Course. My sincere thanks to both of them in hopefully making this an event that becomes an annual event. Remember, all foursomes must belong to the same Lodge, and can be a Mason of any degree!

April seems to be a busy month for many of us. I would like to offer my thanks to all of those who put forth every effort to making our Lodge one of the finest in Wisconsin. The next month looks great for us to get into what we do as a Lodge, and that is to make Masons. Once the officers and other Brothers can settle down after this hectic month, we will be in full swing. Isn't that right, Mr. Bumble?

Until then, God speed Brethren!

Jan F. Talaga
Worshipful Master



Senior Warden's Station

by Brother Tom Curtis

"...harmony being the strength and support of all institutions...especially ours."

Brethren....

We have just about shaped up the schedule of activities for the year ahead of us... in time for the beginnings of Spring (Oh how I love these occasional warm days!). As noted in the last Trestleboard, we'll be very active in the months ahead doing degree work on all three degrees and even working with other Lodges to get our FCs raised the "Sublime Degree." It'll be a busy time!...and particularly rewarding for those who are able to participate.

I want to especially invite all members of the Lodge (including our EAs and FCs) to join with us in that ancient and festive event known as the "Table Lodge." We're planning it for September or October this year...and, as those of you who have participated in past years can attest, it's loads of fun and a great way to capture the true conviviality and brotherhood that constitutes the very heart of Freemasonry. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the Scottish Rite is having its Reunion, starting on April 23. Any Master Masons who might be interested in joining that singular extension of Freemasonry should let me know...so that I can get you an application or answer any questions you might have.

As ever, fraternally

Tom Curtis
Senior Warden



For the Good of the Rite

Fraternal acknowledgement is to be extended to the Brothers Farkas, including Freemasons Lodge's own **Brother Jeff Farkas**, who this past month helped worthy **Brother Bill DeLind**, our Lodge Counselor, move his gallery, the DeLind Gallery of Fine Art, a little closer to the Humphrey Center. The gallery, which has included original works by the likes of Rembrandt, Cezanne, Matisse, Picasso, Renoir, and Lautrec, is now located on the corner of Jefferson and Mason, at 400 E. Mason St. in downtown Milwaukee. All are encouraged to come check out all the fine work on display and to welcome Brother Bill at his new location.



A Lil' Masonic Humor

A mason who had just been installed as Master of his lodge and was duly attending all the functions he could was having a hard time with his wife who said... "All those Masters-in-office have to do is click their fingers and you would be there wouldn't you? I wish I was a Master!"

After due thought, he said... "So do I dear..... we swap them for a new one every year!!!"

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It seems a Jewish family had rented an apartment that sat directly under the Masonic Temple, and at least once a month they would always hear this stomping from above.

One day Izzy told his wife he was going to drill a hole in the ceiling and see what those Masons were up to. After doing so, one evening he heard some stomping coming from above, so he got his ladder, climbed up and decided to take a peek.

After a few moments, he flew down the ladder and ran in and told his wife to pack all their belongs and "Let's get out of here and fast!!!"

When she asked why, Izzy told her that he was just peeking in on the Masons above and saw them kill a man and said they were going to blame it on the 'JEW-BELOW.'

Freemasons Lodge # 363, Waukesha Lodge # 37 & West Allis Lodge # 291

1st Annual Summer Picnic & Golf Outing

Come and enjoy socializing with your fellow Masons and their ladies, friends and guests for an afternoon of food, fun, golf, music and more! Adults only please.

Where: Western Lakes Country Club
W287N1963 Oakton Road, Pewaukee, WI.

When: Sunday August 2nd 2009
Golf starts at 9:00 A.M. (Shotgun start)
Picnic & social hour starts at 12:00 Noon
Food served at 1:30 (Catering by Sazs!!)

Beer, soda, buffet lunch & snacks are included in the price. A cash bar will also be available.

We will also have a Split the Pot (50/50) drawing! Proceeds will be divided between the 3 sponsoring Lodges.

How much: Picnic only is just \$20.00 per person.
Golf for 18 holes (includes cart) is just \$45.00 per person.
Doing both?? \$65.00 per person

Reservations are required! Reservations must be received no later than **July 19th**. Sorry, but to facilitate the golf course and the caterers, no walk-ins will be allowed. Please make your checks payable to Freemasons Lodge Picnic.

To insure all reservations are received by the deadline.
Thank you!

Attention Golfers!! You **MUST** reserve your spot and pay no later than **July 19th**
Or there won't be a tee time available for you. Sign up early and guarantee your tee time.

Please mail your check to Freemasons Lodge Picnic
c/o Chairman Jan Talaga Sr. At
S77w17527 St. Leonards Drive Muskego WI. 53150

Sign up early before this event, and your tee time, are all filled up!

Reservation form for picnic and golf outing on August 2nd, 2009
(To be received no later than July 19th, 2009)

Name: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Number attending: Picnic only _____ (x \$20 per person)
Golf only _____ (x \$45 per person)
Picnic & golf _____ (x \$65 per person)

Total included with your reservation: \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
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Thank you

And we hope to see you at this first ever joint Lodge Summer Picnic and Golf outing!