



Freemasons Lodge #363

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Lodge Activity

Wednesday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m.	Lodge Room	Stated Meeting
<i>Wednesday, March 10 at 6:00 pm</i>	<i>Main Dining Room</i>	<i>Ladies at the Table Banquet</i>
Wednesday, March 24 at 5:30 pm	Lodge Room/Auditorium	EA Degrees
Wednesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m.	Lodge Room	Stated Meeting
Saturday, April 17 at 8:30a.m.	Lodge Room/Auditorium	MM Degrees
Wednesday, April 28 at 5:30 pm	Lodge Room/Auditorium	EA Degrees
Wednesday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m.	Lodge Room	Stated Meeting
Wednesday, May 26 at 5:30 pm	Lodge Room/Auditorium	FC Degrees

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STATED MEETING

1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Freemasons Lodge exclusive Facebook group:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=4883446705>

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The Sound of the Gavel

Master's Message
Brother Tom Curtis

Brethren:

February has proven to be an active time for our Lodge! We saw the first of our 2010 Stated Correspondences, incorporating the usual business (including the balloting on six candidates to receive the degrees and the first-time reading of petitions from six more candidates). We also shared in the first of a series of mini-classes dealing with "The Mysteries of the Craft", in this case an investigation into the hidden reasons for the strange wording of our symbolic penalties.

During the month, we met with many of those who had made application for membership, and included the wives in the investigations, when possible. We even spent some time up in the Lodge itself, so the ladies get a feel something of the ambiance of Freemasonry, which was warmly received and appreciated.

On February 16, a number of your officers participated in the School of Instruction, hosted by George Washington 1776 Lodge, in which our Lodge provided a demonstration of how to ballot, and even got into a lengthy discussion as to some of the problems involved. In addition, it was a valuable time for us, given that the rest of the instruction dealt with the presentation of the FC degree, the very one that we were doing for four candidates on February 24.

March will be a special month for us. Our Stated Correspondence will include more balloting on candidates as well as an intriguing mini-class, the second in our "Mysteries of the Craft" Series. This time, Brother Tommy Baas will delve into the ties between the ancient Cabala and Tree of Life and Freemasonry....a subject rarely touched on or understood in today's world! The Cabalists sought hidden symbolic meanings in every word and letter of the Old Testament...Be sure to join us...if you're interested in mysteries.

March will also see our participation in the Third class in the School of Instruction, this time at Wauwatosa Lodge on March 22. Freemasons Lodge will be performing the MM Closing. Although it's mandatory that the officers of the Lodge be there, others members are encouraged to attend as well. It's truly worth the effort.

On March 24, we'll be doing another EA degree, to initiate some fine candidates. I encourage all our members to participate. It's a great way to make our new masons feel welcome!

The big event for March will be the Ladies at the Table Banquet. This is a wonderful opportunity to include our ladies in a special event, dedicated just to them. The Grand Master will be there as well as many other dignitaries and their wives. Scheduled for March 10, it's a superb banquet with many toasts and many courses and is, in addition, lots of fun! Please get in your reservations as soon as possible! If you haven't received the formal invitation yet, please let me know and I'll send you another.

Finally, on March 31, the Grand Lodge has extended an invitation to all of us to be at a Joint Table Lodge with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. . .an event of singular proportions...and drama.

We will also begin the publication of a new quarterly magazine in March. Titled *The Apple-Tree*, it will offer the brethren the opportunity to contribute artwork, poetry and articles related to the Craft for the enjoyment of the membership of the Lodge. The editor will be Brother Tommy Baas, who will continue to be our Trestleboard editor as well. Contributions should be submitted to him (gnostictom420@yahoo.com) as soon as possible for the March issue.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Tom Curtis
Worshipful Master

Our 4 newest Fellowcrafts



Front row from left: FC Kevin Harger, FC Gonzago Barinaga, WM Curtis, FC Matt Tucker and FC Derek Becher

Second row: a boisterous assemblage of Lodge brethren celebrating our new FCs' passage.



For the Good of the Rite

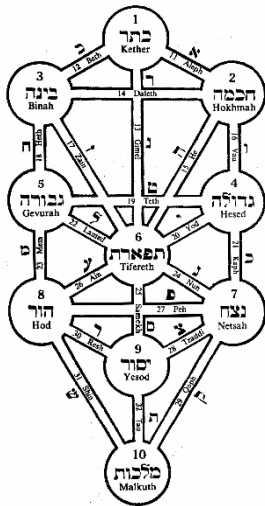
Masonic Brethren:

John Krahn has been nominated for a very special award. John is the Elm Grove policeman that pulled a woman and her baby from a car about to be hit by an oncoming train. It comes down to "votes" by the public. I need your help to help this hero, **our Masonic Brother**, and friend by encouraging YOU to open this web-site, find and click on John Krahn's photo....it will bring up his story of saving a woman and her baby from an oncoming train headed for the woman's car. John was seriously injured in the subsequent car-train crash.

This will only take a minute of your time; you can vote every day, they take your e-mail for verification that you don't vote more then once.....but if you have more then one e-mail, go for it! And vote every day! <http://www.amw.com/allstar/2010>

Please do this for our hero, Brother John Krahn, member of Freemasons Lodge in Milwaukee. And please, please pass this along to all your friends!

Bill DeLind, PM., 363



The Winding Stairs

Editor's Light ~ by Brother Tommy Baas

Life has been busy to say the least for your favorite TB editor. Some may wonder why you haven't seen my young face much around lodge lately. Well, I'm surviving my first year as a special ed. teacher at Wings Academy, taking night classes, tutoring for the Childrens Learning Center, and just self-published my first novel. And yes, as Brother Curtis mentioned, I'm taking on even more work with *The Apple-Tree* publication, the first issue of which is due out on the Spring Equinox, March 21. The name comes from the tavern in London where the first Masonic Grand Lodge was established in 1716. Please send me your contributions now; I'll take essays, artwork, poetry, and such pertaining to the hidden mysteries of the Craft. I promise it'll include

the 2nd half of that Zerrubabel essay (or perhaps the essay in its entirety) that I promised in the TB last month! Considering my crazy schedule, this Wednesday, March 3 may be one of the few, if not the only, first Wednesday(s) I'm able to make it to Lodge, so I've volunteered to present an essay of mine relating the Holy Kabbalah to Freemasonry for our Mysteries of the Lodge Series. I hope you all can make it.

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