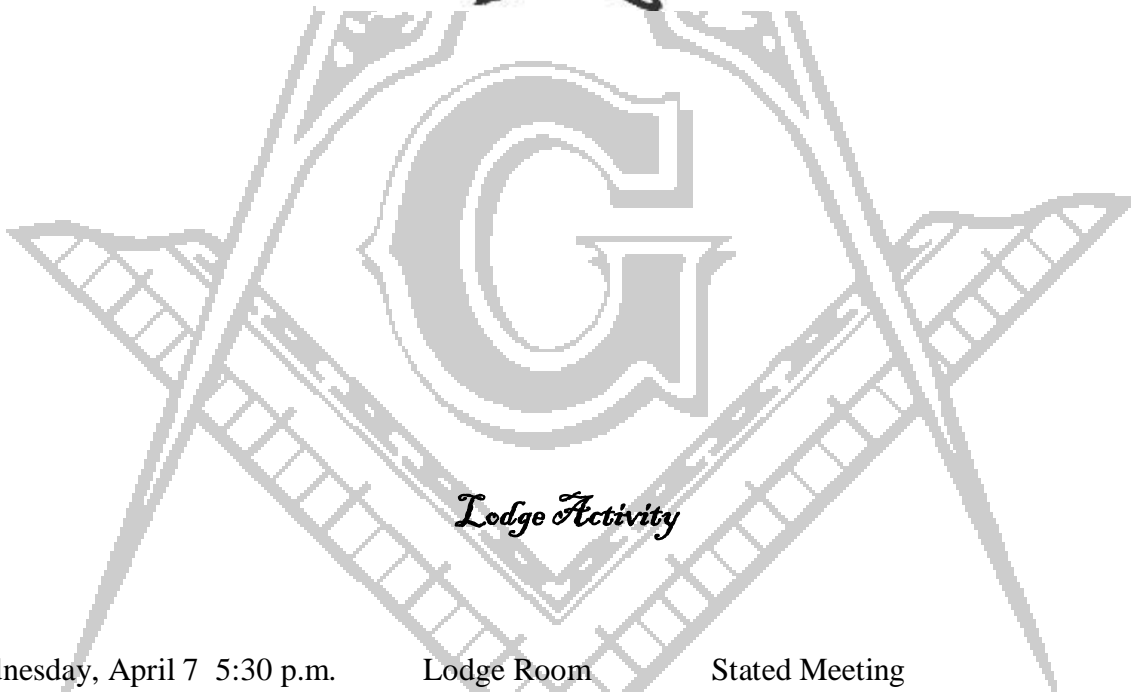




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### *Lodge Activity*

Wednesday, April 7 5:30 p.m.	Lodge Room	Stated Meeting
Saturday, April 17 8:30am	Lodge Room/Auditorium	MM Degrees
Wednesday, April 28 5:30 p.m.	Lodge Room/Auditorium	EA Degrees
Wednesday, May 6 5:30 p.m.	Lodge Room	Stated Meeting

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1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, monthly

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# *The Sound of the Gavel*

Master's Message  
Brother Tom Curtis

Brethren:

April looks to be a bit quieter for us in realms Masonic than was March. March came in like a lion with a great Stated Communication in which we elected six candidates to receive the degrees conferred by the Lodge...(on March 24, we proceeded to initiate all of them). A warm welcome to Brothers Brian Jahns, David Peters, Jeff Peters, Frank Mandlman, Grant Thompson and Mike Becker.

It's a real pleasure to have you as members of the Lodge! Now, on to Fellow Craft!

We also had an intriguing class on the mysteries of the Kabbalah and the Tree of Life, and their ties to Masonry, with Brother Tommy Baas enlightening us.

Only a week after the Stated Meeting, we held our Ladies at the Table Banquet...a great way to honor our ladies...with the Most Worshipful Grand Master Craig Campbell and his wife Mary as well as our own Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Joe Harker and his wife Mary there to raise their glasses with the rest of us. It was a well attended event with wonderful food, fine wines and warm fellowship. A beautiful evening!

In addition, later in the month, officers and members of the Lodge participated in the last School of Instruction of the year, under the wise leadership of Brother Frank Mayer.

March went out like a lamb (a frisky one) with a joint table lodge, involving the Wisconsin Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

This year, we will be contributing \$500 to the masonic scholarship program (to be matched by Grand Lodge). The money will be going to a needy student to assist in tuition costs....it being a year of hardship for many.

At our Stated Communication in April, we'll have the third of our "Mysteries of the Craft" talks, this time by me, regarding some of the secrets and deeper meanings of

our aprons....with surprises for a number of us.

We'll be doing the MM Degree on Saturday, April 17, and then another EA Degree day on 28 April... Please support the Lodge in these activities! We can always use extras, particularly in the MM degree.

April is also the month of the Scottish Rite Reunion, an occasion in which many of our membership will participate...and some will be joining that body as well.

Hope that you can participate in all of these adventures!

As ever  
Sincerely and fraternally

Tom Curtis, WM



## *Mysteries of the Craft*

What is the hidden meaning behind the manner in which we wear our aprons?

Why is it worn in one way as an Entered Apprentice

...and another way as a Fellow Craft

....and yet another, as a Master Mason

Come to our April Stated Meeting for a few of the answer to that and other questions....and there are many!



*EA Initiations ~ Wednesday March 24, 2010.*

The Candidates are flanking WM Curtis, their names are in ALL CAPS

J Michael Koscinski, GRANT THOMPSON, MICHAEL BECKER, FRANK MANDLMAN,  
WM Curtis, BRIAN JAHNS, JEFFREY PETERS, DAVID PETERS