

Wilder Lodge A. F. & A. M. April 2008

Regular Communication

Tuesday April 1, 2008 @ 7:30 PM

A Regular Communication of Wilder Lodge AF & AM will be held at the Masonic Hall, 69 West St. Leominster, for the purpose of balloting, reading applications, and transacting such business as shall regularly come before it. Dress: Business attire.

Balloting on 1 for the degrees:

Recommended: Wor. Ken Andrews

Special Communication

Tuesday April 8, 2008 @ 7:30 PM

Conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on Michael Dominick DellaMonaca and any others so entitled. Collation and fellowship to follow. Officers: Tuxedos

Movie Night

Thursday April 10, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

This month we will show "Time Bandits" (a fantasy-comedy) and an episode of the History Channel series "Cities of the Underworld" about Jerusalem. Come join us as we watch the movies and enjoy snacks and fellowship. Dress: Casual

Degree Rehearsal

Tuesday April 15, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

Rehearsal for Second Degree. Also we will be putting out the May Trestleboard and stuffing envelopes. All officers are expected to attend. Anyone else who would like to help out is invited as well. Dress: Casual

Work Night

Thursday April 17, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

We will taking on the conference room this evening and moving some furniture out of the room. We will endeavor to paint the ceiling and start on stripping the wallpaper off of the walls. Since many hands make for light work, I invite you to come on down and help. These work parties are usually a good time. Dress: Painting clothes

Special Communication

Tuesday April 22, 2008 @ 7:30 PM

Conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on Thomas Christopher Sefranek, David Llewellyn Richardson, Mark Richard Kavanagh, and any others so entitled. Collation and fellowship to follow. Officers: Tuxedos

Degree Rehearsal

Tuesday April 29, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

Rehearsal for the Master Mason's Degree. All officers are expected to attend. This will be our only opportunity to rehearse on a Tuesday before the 3rd degree in May. Dress: Casual

22nd Lodge of Instruction

@ Wilder Lodge, Leominster Speaker: TBA Subject: Bio of David Wilder

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 @ 6:00 PM

@ St. Paul Lodge, Ashby Speaker: TBA Subject: TBD

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 @ 6:00 PM

@ Artisan Lodge, Winchendon Speaker: TBA Subject: TBD

Wednesday, June 4, 2008 @ 6:00 PM

All Lodge officers and candidates are expected to attend the Lodges of Instruction. Candidates should be there by 6:00 for instruction. Dinner will be provided by the host Lodge and will cost around \$5. Dinner begins at 6:30, Talk at 7:30. All Masons and Non-Masons are welcome for the talk.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday May 6, 2008 at 7:30 PM Wilder Lodge Business Meeting, Fraternal Visit by the DDGM, RW Raymond J. Gagne

Tuesday May 13, 2008 at 7:30 PM 1st Degree at Wilder Lodge

Saturday May 17, 2008 9 AM to 2 PM Amateur Radio Clinic at Wilder Lodge

Tuesday May 20, 2008 at 7:30 PM 2nd Degree at Wilder Lodge

Tuesday May 27, 2008 at 6:00 PM 3rd Degree at Wilder Lodge (There will be a dinner. Note time change.)

Saturday May 31, 2008 at 1:00 PM Hope Lodge in Gardner – 50 Year Medal Award Ceremony

Tuesday June 24, 2008 at TBD Final Meeting for the year and dinner at Wilder Lodge. See an officer for details.

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

The first thing that I would like to address this month is the excellent support that you have all given to Bro. Ken Ruel while he has been acting Master in my absence. All of the reports that I have heard indicate that Bro. Ken (and all of the officers) have done very good work and have given the candidates the quality degree work that they deserve. I truly thank you all. It is a relief to know that if I get called away, the Lodge will continue to function, and function well. Brethren, this is the way it is supposed to work, everyone stepping up to help fill a vacancy. Well done, Brethren.

The Grand Master's Square and Compasses Day held on a very rainy March 8th was fairly well attended. R. W. Ray Gagne made an appearance as well as Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, M.W. Donald G Hicks. Several officers were able to spend a few hours with us and chat with several prospective Masons. As a result we are now working several new candidates. Wor. Bob Young has been holding pre-application meetings for the newest candidates which we will be reading at our next meeting. I will be assigning some of you to their investigating committees. I ask that if you are assigned, that you work quickly and thoroughly to complete the investigations and report back to the Lodge quickly. I'd like to get all of the current applicants through their Master Mason Degrees before the summer break.

This month we will be working one candidate for the Entered Apprentice degree and three for the Fellowcraft degree. In May, we will need to put on all three degrees. Please note the rehearsal schedule and note that all officers and degree participants are required to attend.

As previously noted, there will be a Lodge of Exemplification coming up on May 28 at Artisan Lodge on Route 12 in Winchendon. Dinner is at 6:00 PM with the exemplification starting at 7:00 PM sharp. All officers are required to attend and all members are invited as well. Please let me know if you intend to go (by April 29th) so that I can submit an accurate head count for dinner. We will exemplify the Master Masons degree, and Wilder Lodge will pick up after the obligation and complete the 1st section. We will then put Artisan Lodge's Sr. Deacon in and continue through the 2nd section. We will have several degrees and a rehearsal between now and then to polish up our ritual. As in the last few years, our Grand Lecturer will be R W Donald Scott, who is a delightful man who makes the exemplification work a fun evening. There's also a bit of healthy competition between the Lodges to see who can do their part the best. Please plan to join us.

The large hole in the ceiling in the entrance hallway has been patched. It looks a LOT better. Many thanks to the guys on the building association responsible for this work. We still have quite a few small improvement projects pending at the Lodge. If you are handy with a paintbrush or a tape measure, we certainly can find a task that would be well suited to you. Come on down on the 17th & we'll put you to work somewhere.

This year the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will celebrate its 275th anniversary in grand fashion. Activities at the Grand Lodge are over several days at the beginning of May and include tours of the Grand Lodge building, and a gala ball. If you are interested in attending, see one of the officers for details.

On Saturday May 31, 2008 at 1:00 PM at Hope Lodge in Gardner, there will be a district wide celebration of those members who have been with the fraternity for 25, 50, and 60 Years. Wilder Lodge has quite a few members who qualify for medals. This will be an interesting evening as there will be a large number of medal recipients and their families present from around the district. I will be looking for some of you to help at Hope Lodge with setup, cooking, cleanup, etc. So keep the date open. Should be a good time.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, RW Raymond J. Gagne has two fraternal visits remaining in the 22nd Masonic District. His Official Visits will take place in the fall. He will be at C.W. Moore Lodge on April 18th, and at Wilder Lodge on May 6th. If at all possible, the officers of Wilder Lodge should attend these visits and be in his suite. As always, the District Deputy and his suite are received promptly at 8:00 PM.

Brethren, since the Lodge of instruction this month is at our home, Wilder Lodge, and since the topic of discussion will be Wor. David Wilder himself, I strongly encourage each and every member to come down and learn about our founding father. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit with the members of the Lodges throughout the district.

And finally, if any of the brethren still need a key to the Lodge, they are available from any of the members of the Building Association members at a cost of \$2.00 (to defray the cost of copying), or see any officer of the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Wor Kenneth M. Andrews, Master

Attest,
Wor William S Opalka, Secretary