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THE Hancock Herald

The Official Newsletter of Hancock Lodge 229 F&AM, Ellsworth, WI 54011

COMING EVENTS at the masonic center

Friday,

February 8th

St. Croix Valley Shrine
Club Valentines party
at the Ellsworth Masonic
Center Oasis at 6pm,
Dinner at 7pm,
followed by program

Tuesday,

February 12th

Regular communication
Lunch at 6pm,
Meeting at 7pm

Sunday, Feb. 17th

Pancake Breakfast
8 am to 1 pm at
the Ellsworth
Masonic Center

Feb. Anniversaries

Frank During ~ Feb. 10, 09
Gerald Bristol ~ Feb. 24, 76
Joe Rewolenski ~ Feb. 25, 14
Jeff Pajac ~ Feb. 28, 07
Duane Odalen ~ Feb. 28, 07

February Birthdays

2 ~ Rick Swan
15 ~ Kraig Krueger
16 ~ John Dodge
17 ~ Chris Tashjian
18 ~ John Miller
29 ~ Rolland Krauss
29 ~ Jeff Pajac

Serving Committee:

Tuesday Feb. 12
Dan Fischer and Dan Morth

Hello to all! I am writing this on January 22, one week to the day following my open heart surgery during which I had 5 by passes done. For the first day since the surgery, I am in little pain, and am hopeful that will continue.

I think I have a better understanding of the expression "I feel like I got run over by a truck". Full recovery takes up to a year, but hopefully the days will continue to improve as this one has.

The thoughts, prayers and support of all of our family and friends and especially of our Masonic brothers and sisters has been overwhelming. It brings tears to one's eyes. Thanks so much to all of you. Especially to Kris, my wife of 38 years and companion of 40. I needed to rely on all of her strength these past weeks and will be doing so in the future.



**Charlie
Webster**

*Worshipful
Master*

Early in December I started doctoring for shortness of breath. Investigation progressed itself from my local doctor to a cardiologist and eventually to a heart surgeon. At each step of the way, the urgency that something needed to be done and done soon increased. I felt unprepared. I took care of as any personal things as possible prior to surgery, maybe things that should have been taken care of long ago.

Do you have a sense of urgency in your life and/or should there be one? The surgery experience has re-impressed upon me that we need to remember that we are all traveling upon the Level of Time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns..

As for upcoming events, It looks like the first pancake breakfast was very successful The next one will be on Sunday, Feb 17th.

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IMPORTANT NEWS!!

Masonic Day Of Light In Eau Claire

Grand Master Pedley has just approved a Masonic Day of Light for March 30th at the Masonic Temple in Eau Claire. Start lining up the candidates.

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NEWS FROM THE EAST



DOLORES WALTZ

Worthy Matron

I hope everyone is managing to stay warm so far. It looks like it may get colder. For myself I know I like winter best through my picture window!

Thanks to Connie, Jane and Robin for working bloodmobile January 7.

Congratulations to Charlie Webster on being installed as Worshipful Master. It was a lovely evening and we appreciate being invited. Chili was provided by four different Star Members using four different "recipes" then all put in one big pot. It always turns out! Thanks to our Star Members who helped with supper and/or

attended the installation. I appreciate the good turnout.

Remember that we don't have any meetings in February, but will be back in our chairs Tuesday, March 5. Looking forward to seeing everyone then.

Dolores Waltz, WM

EASTERN STAR calendar of events

**January/February -
Ellsworth Chapter Dark**

Sunday, February 17

Masons Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, March 5

Stated Meeting 7pm

Saturday, March 9

Northwest Club River Falls 10:30am

Tuesday, March 19

Stated Meeting 7pm

Serving committees

Feb - We're dark!

Mar 5 - Ellen & Dan Sherry

OES Anniversaries

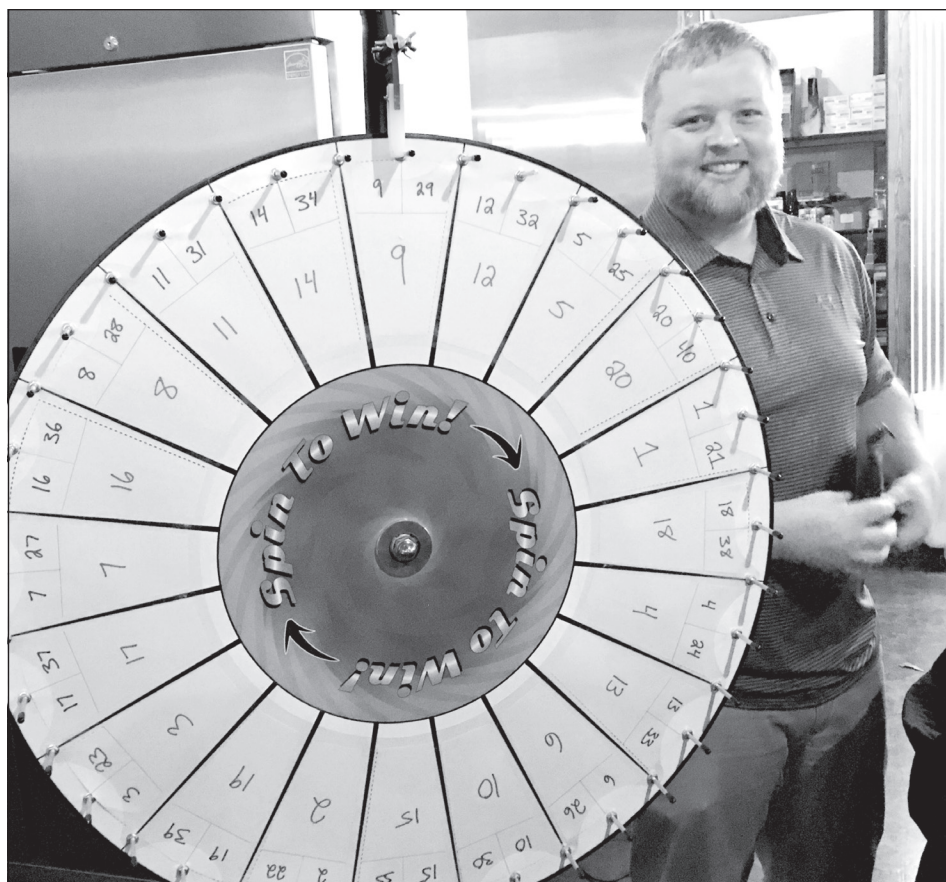
Joyce Swan ~ 2-02-1988

Sherry Hebert ~ 2-07-1961

Kathy Steele ~ 2-15-1974

Jane Lindholm ~ 2-26-1973

MASTER OF THE WHEEL



The master of the wheel Jarod Traynor is shown during the final in the series of 4 fund raising efforts held at the Common Man Tap and Table in Ellsworth on January 17th. The proceeds from the raffle will go to help fund equipment for the Ellsworth EMTs. Photo by Milt Helmer.

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FUNDRAISING REPORT

Fundraising activities at Hancock Lodge are in high gear. Our first pancake breakfast of the winter season attracted 93 souls who braved sub zero temperatures to gather at the Masonic Center. John Marko, Dan Fischer and Jack Hofmeister made some awesome pancakes, while John O'Keefe came up with award winning scrambles eggs, as usual. Our net profit was about \$442. The next breakfast will be on **February 17th**, so mark that date on your calendar.

January 20th also marked the official start of ticket sales for the Hancock Lodge raffle. There are some great prizes this year.



Dennis Donath

PM

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Call Kraig Krueger or myself with questions or to order tickets. The drawing will be held at the last breakfast on March 17th.

The Hancock Lodge Meat Raffle, which was a new project for us in 2018, held its final

session at the Common Man Tap & Table on January 17th. The income that night was about \$280, bringing total sales for all three sessions to about \$2130. After expenses, a portion of the income will be donated to the Ellsworth Ambulance Service, most likely to help purchase a new stretcher.

So far, we are off to a good start. Members can help make our fundraising efforts more successful by stopping in for breakfast on **February 17th**, and buying a book of raffle tickets at the door. Hope to see you there.

Greetings from the East • Continued from page 1

We will be having regular communications on Tuesday, February 12th.

One other event of note, the St Croix Valley Shrine Club will be celebrating their annual Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 8th. Oasis at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. Cost is \$17.00 per person. Location is our Lodge. If you would like to know a little more about the Shriner's and would like to enjoy a nice evening out, contact me or any other Shriner and we will get you more details.

I am hoping to make all three of these events, although my ability to work at

such will be limited. I may be limited at the pancake breakfast to doing "PR" work. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it.

I see how misguided I was on my super bowl picks. Both of the teams I expected to be in the SB lost! Well, it's my column so I get to make another prediction.

I look for the LA Rams to take out the Patriots in a close game with an over/under in excess of 62 points. (Las Vegas has it at 57-1/2.)

Until next month,

Charlie Webster, WM

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LOVE cannot break?

Mahatma Gandhi

(Happy Valentines Day 2019)



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Happy VALENTINE'S Day

Masonic Day of Light -

Saturday, March 30, 2019 • Eau Claire Masonic Center • 616 Graham Avenue, Eau Claire, WI

- Grand Master Scott Pedley has authorized a third Masonic "Day of Light" Session opportunity during his term. Registrations will open on or about February 1st on the Grand Lodge Website.

- The Eau Claire Masonic Center has been selected as the site for the third session. Candidates will receive all three degrees and associated lectures in one day. The Masonic Day of Light is designed for Lodges with "stalled" candidates, those who have not yet advanced from the EA and FC; and those candidates with busy lifestyles who can't join in the traditional method. Cost is \$85.00 which includes refreshments and lunch for the candidate, apron, holy writings, and posting books.

Additional Session Added!

- Enrollment for the Eau Claire Masonic Day of Light session will be limited to the first 50 candidates who register. Capping registration will provide a more intimate setting for this special day for our newfound Brothers while still achieving the tremendous desired outcome.

- Doors open for check-in and morning fellowship at 7:30 AM. Candidate and Mentor Orientation meetings will start promptly at 8:30 AM. The Master Mason degree will conclude by 5:30 PM. Candidates must stay for the entire day to successfully complete the Masonic Day of Light. Mentors and visitors must bring

an apron for use doing the degrees as none will be provided by the host site. Lunch is included in the candidate's registration fee, however Mentors, Degree Teams and visitors will be required to pay for their own lunch.

- A mentor must accompany each candidate who will have a vital part during the degrees. Detailed instructions will be provided to each candidate's mentor during the day.

- Registration deadline for the Eau Claire session will be Friday, March 22, 2019. No walk-in registration will be allowed as training materials and food preparation needs to be done.

- Traditional requirements by the Lodge for new candidates will still need to go through the background, petition and interview process.

HANCOCK LODGE RAISES MONEY FOR EMT'S



Members of Hancock Lodge 229 in Ellsworth as well as brothers from Northwestern Lodge 105 were present for the final of the series of 4 meat raffles held Jan. 17th at the Common Man Tap and Table. Shown in this photo is left to right, Joyce Swan, Ellen Sherry, Mary Bristol, Frank During, Kris Webster and EMS director Jesse Willenbring. Photo by Milt Helmer.

More than just a wooden tray

by Milt Helmer

It was a simple wooden tray inlaid with the emblem of the fraternity of Freemasons. A beautiful piece of craftsmanship.



To learn the story behind the tray you would have to go back in time to World War 2.

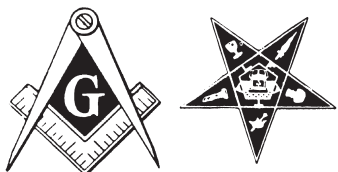
Brother Lou Chicquette of Red Wing served as a tail gunner and flew many missions with his pilot, a fellow named Edgar Vincent. In fact, Vincent said that Lou was his favorite crew member because he kept enemy planes off his tail.

Mr. Vincent was quite a wood craftsman. He knew Lou's history in lumber buying and his dedication to the Freemasons, so he set to work crafting an engraved tray for his comrade in arms.

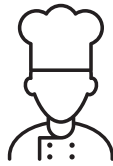
The beautiful piece of art was presented to Lou as a token of appreciation. When Lou, who is pushing 100 decided he and his wife Inez should move to assisted living, he met with this writer in Ellsworth and asked that it be laid up in the archives of the Lodge for all the brothers to enjoy.

Lou Chicquette ran a lumber mill in Esdaile for many years and until very recently was a lumber buyer for a firm in Red Wing. He was and still is a supporter of the fraternity and is an example of what it is to be a Mason.

Vincent now lives in Sarasota, California and he and Lou stay in touch.



**CUT OUT
AND SAVE!**



Lunch Committee Schedule for 2019

Retain this list for future reference. If you cannot make the assigned date, please arrange to swap dates with one of the other committee members, and inform the stewards of any changes. It is not the responsibility of the stewards to make swaps for you.

In the event of an emergency and you cannot make it, then please inform your partner and the Stewards.

Due to a lack of people willing to be on lunch committees, we will have a social hour only with no lunch for meetings on July 9th and September 10. If anyone would be willing to provide lunch on these dates, please inform the Junior Warden or the Stewards.

Thanks to all in advance for your cooperation ~ Charlie Webster

DATE	COMMITTEE	NOTE
January 8	OES and Others	<i>Hobo Chili -Officer Installation</i>
February 12	Dan Fischer Dan Morth	
March 12	Gayle Greske Terry Gaard	
March 26	Neil Gulbranson Scott Gulbranson	
April 9	Terry Falde Frank During	
April 23	Ross Christopherson Barry Hove	
May 14	Rob Funk Bill O'Dell	
May 28	John O'Keefe Chris Tashjian	
June 10	Jared Traynor Dave Wright	
June 24	Gerry Bristol Steve Bristol	<i>Pizza Scholarship night</i>
July 9	No lunch Committee	<i>Social hour before Lodge only</i>
August 13	Scott Hill Jim Hines	
September 10	No lunch Committee	<i>Social hour before Lodge only</i>
September 24	Jeff Pajac Adam Girdeen	
October 8	Dennis Donath Milt Helmer	
October 22	Kraig Krueger Miguel McCormick	
November 12	John Kelly Dan Sherry	
November 26	Charlie Webster Josh Sanders	
December 10	Mike Metcalf Rick Swan	<i>Oyster Stew, OES and others invited Election of Officers</i>
January 14, 2020	OES & Others	<i>Hobo Chili, Open installation of Officer</i>

From The
LIBRARY CORNER
 by Rick Swan



SIGNERS OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION WHO WERE MASONS

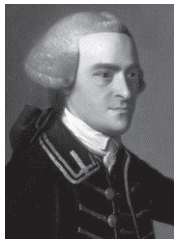
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JOHN HANCOCK

**Massachusetts (1737-1793)
 Became a Mason in
 Merchants Lodge No. 277**

The first signer of the Declaration of Independence; first Governor of Massachusetts; Major General of the American Revolution.

Hancock graduated from Harvard University in 1754. He entered the countinghouse of an uncle by the same name, who adopted him, and at his uncle's death in 1764, he fell heir to his business. Hancock was, perhaps, the wealthiest man in Boston at the time. Notable of Hancock, he was chairman of the committee which protested the Boston Massacre and demanded the removal of British troops from the city. He was also the president of the first and second provincial congresses and was one of the few men excluded from the offer of general amnesty by the British as he was "too flagitious a nature to admit of any other consideration," and the expedition sent by General Gage to Lexington and Concord in April, 1775 was to capture Hancock, as well as destroy the materials of war. He was a member of the Continental Congresses from 1775-80, being its president from May, 1775 to Oct., 1777. Its been an American

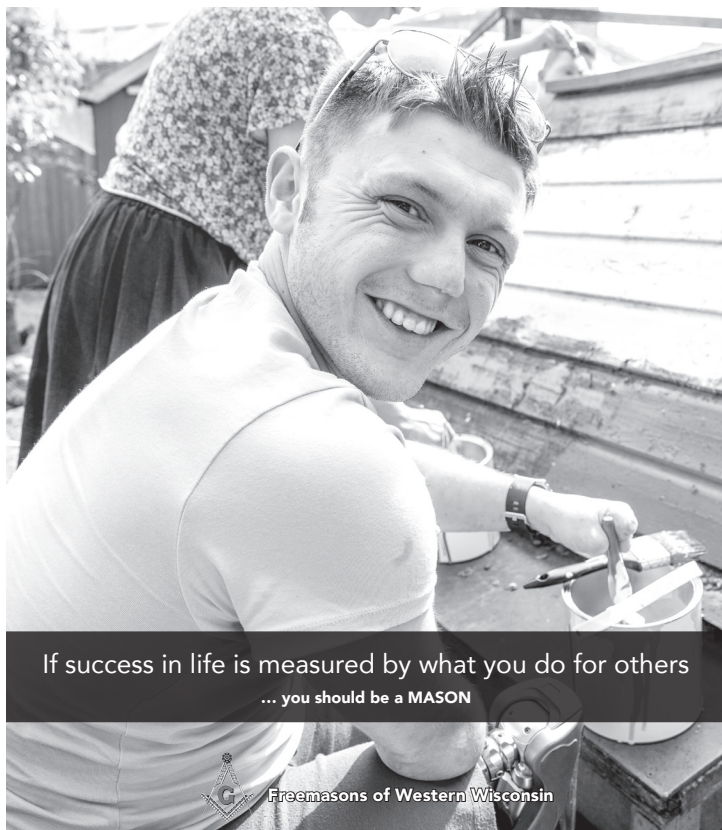


John Hancock

urban legend that when asked why he wrote his name so boldly on the Declaration of Independence, Hancock replied, "So that George III (or John Bull) may read it without putting on his glasses."

In 1776 Hancock was commissioned a major general of militia in Massachusetts and in August, 1776, he commanded the Mass. troops in the effective Rhode Island expedition. His military leadership, however, was not as outstanding as his abilities in the political field. Hancock nominally commanded 6,000 militiamen in the campaign, although he let the professional soldiers do the planning and issue the orders. His command ended a fiasco. Yet, Hancock went on to be elected the first governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1780, and served nine terms from 1780-85 and 1787-93, at the time of his death. Hancock went to London in 1760 on business and, while on a similar trip to Quebec, was made a Freemason in Marchants Lodge, No. 277, in 1762. On his return to the colonies, Hancock affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston on October 14, 1762.

Interesting to note, Hancock's name was printed, not signed, on the Dunlap broadside; his signature appearing on a different document—a sheet of parchment that was carefully handwritten sometime after July 19 and signed on August 2.



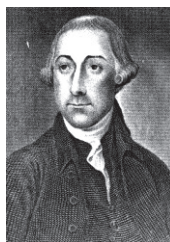
If success in life is measured by what you do for others
 ... you should be a MASON



Freemasons of Western Wisconsin

JOSEPH HEWES (OR HOWES)

**North Carolina (1730-1779)
 Unanimity Lodge No. 7, visited in 1776**



Joseph Hewes

A native of Princeton, New Jersey, Hewes and his family were members of the Society of Friends (Quakers). At the beginning of the Revolution, he abandoned his ties with the Society of Friends and devoted himself to the creation of the new country.

In 1776, Hewes was a member of the secret committee on claims, and was, unofficially, the first secretary of the Navy. Having lived in Philadelphia where he was a businessman, Hewes moved to Edenton, North Carolina, in 1763 where he became a member of the legislature. In 1774, Hewes became a delegate to the Continental Congress and assisted in the preparation of the report on "The Statement of Rights." Hewes conceived the plan of operations for the ensuing campaign with General Washington for the ensuing conflicts. He was again chosen a delegate to congress in 1776, but illness prevented him from serving. He was again returned to congress in 1779, but died in the second month of his term.

Hewes mother Lodge is not known, but he is recorded as a visitor at a meeting of Unanimity Lodge No. 7 of Edenton, N.C. on Dec. 27, 1776, just after his return from the Continental Congress. Hewes was as buried with Masonic honors in a funeral that was attended by George Washington, and buried in Christ Church, Philadelphia.

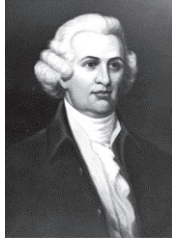
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WILLIAM HOOPER

North Carolina (1742-1790)

Member of Hanover Lodge
in Masonborough

A graduate of Harvard in 1760, Hooper studied law under the popular attorney in Boston James Otis, settling in Wilmington, North Carolina. He represented Wilmington in the general assembly of 1773, and in 1774 was elected to the Continental Congress.



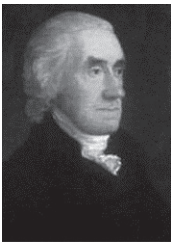
Wm Hooper

After the Revolution Hooper returned to his law profession, but fell out of favor with the public because of his political positions. Politically, Hooper supported the Federalist Party because of his political connections, his disdain for the lower class and his soft dealings with Loyalists of Britain.

Hooper was a member of Hanover Lodge at Masonboro, which ceased to exist in 1787.

ROBERT TREAT PAINE

Massachusetts (1731-1814)
Massachusetts Grand Lodge



Robert Treat Paine was a Massachusetts lawyer and politician, best known as one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence as a representative of Massachusetts.

Robert Treat Paine was born in Boston, Mass. on March 11, 1731.

Graduate of Harvard in 1749 where he studied theology and law and practicing in Boston. Paine was a delegate to the provincial congress in 1774-75, and the Continental Congress from 1774-78 signing the Declaration of Independence.

Paine went on to become speaker of the Massachusetts house of representatives in 1777, and later the attorney general of the state. In 1780 he founded of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and then going on to become a judge of the supreme court of Massachusetts from 1790-1804.

Its believed that he was a member of Massachusetts Lodge, Boston. He was among those present at a Roxbury, Mass. meeting of the grand Lodge on June 26, 1759.

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH



Kay Berg discusses current events with John Losgaard and Sharon at the first pancake breakfast at Hancock Lodge.

HOT OFF THE GRIDDLE!



Jodi Wooding, the chief of the Hancock kitchen cleanup crew, is busy doing dishes at the January Pancake Breakfast



Dad and his young family enjoy Sunday Breakfast at the Hancock Lodges first Pancake breakfast of the season.

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