



Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26, F. & A. M.

Christmas 2018 -- New Years, 2019 Issue



Special Announcements ! ! !

Brethren -- Ladies:

Save the Date

On January 19th, 2019, 1:00 pm
There will be an Public Installation of Officers

W. Bro. Jack Bridich, P. M, Invites each and all to this Annual
Special event;
The 169th Annual Installation of the
Officers of Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26, F. & A. M.

Master's Message

Brethren, Ladies

First, On behalf of my Lady "Jack" and myself,
we would like to wish each and all
a most joyous Christmas and
an enjoyable and pleasant New Year ! ! !

With having given Thanks for that which has been provided for us, we now look to that time of the year when we need to give to those less fortunate. Charity being one of the virtues of our Fraternity -- Charity is synonymous with Love -- we still see the homeless, and in some cases, those less fortunate than ourselves. We are steadily reminded of that saying, "It is more Blessed to give than to receive."

And we start a new year, filled with the hope that with some unique effort, it will be better than the last.

Brethren and Ladies, As I had stated, a successor would be Installed either in December or January of 2019. W. Bro. Jack Bridich has been elected to the Master's station. He has several Officers appointed and we still have Officer chairs available.

If you would like to be an Officer, please contact Bro. Jack at: jbfdl@yahoo.com

With that being said, as this would possibly be the last Trestleboard I write, edit and produce, My Allocation for the last three years:

First and foremost , I would like to thank The Lodge for allowing me to occupy the "Oriental Chair" for the past three years. It was an unexpected pleasure throughout. And as I write this, I reflect on the last three Years.

When I came up here, I never expected to sit in the "Master's Chair" or station again -- with the exceptions of the conferral of Degrees. But I accepted the challenge!!

We still had Bingo at that time, and I immediately got involved -- and energized and enthused again. But as they say, all good things must come to an end. And when we were only breaking even (the "House" is always supposed to MAKE money!!!), we had to retire those little white spherical thingys with all kinds of fancy letter and numbers on them. Surprisingly enough, even today, I still get phone calls on the Lodge's phone from some Lady(s) inquiring if we are having Bingo this Wednesday night. Sadly, I have to tell her NO, we don't do Bingo anymore.

Realizing our situation financially, tough decisions had to be made -- ways to conserve, lower our overhead, But either way, Conserve, Conserve, Conserve!!

And cost cutting we did. We finally got rid of those Dumpsters we were no longer using. We had to disconnect the Internet, and find a new phone that we could afford, which we did. Next year, hopefully, we will find a way to start switching over to LED lights inside the building. The outside has already been changed to LED lights which wash the walls, and makes the building stand out during the early evening. We now mow the lawn ourselves, another great cost savings, and as each year passes, the cost becomes even less.

We look at the other side of the that Ledger, We had a couple of good years over at Road America working at the Turn Three Café; the gun raffle and rentals of the Dining area, though sporadic, are starting to pick up. And having one of the Appendent Honorary Bodies (Knights of the York Cross of Honor) visit was unique. It gave us a chance to present Bro. Bob Ammel his 60 (actually 65 years) Years Certificate in a fitting setting.

We now entertain the citizens of Wards 1 and 2 of the City of Fond du Lac at least twice each year and when we have a Presidential or Gubernatorial elections, twice more in the Fall. Great for Public Relations and exposure of the Fraternity.

The Good Lord has called, over the last few years, several members from our ranks to join him in the Celestial Lodge, and we will miss those valued Members.

And over the course of this same time span, we Raised two new Brothers, both of whom are enthused about the Fraternity and have demonstrated the many valuable traits which are necessary to advance through the Chairs to one day, themselves, being inducted into the "Oriental Chair." And as I step down from the Master's Chair, we again have Petitions and work on the Trestleboard of this Lodge.

All that being said, I believe the Lodge is in good hands, and will endure towards the future.

Courteously, James O. Myrhum, KTCH; KCT; KYCH



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One of the best ways to keep getting this Trestleboard and/or other information about activities within YOUR Lodge is to keep the Secretary informed -- is to notify the Secretary of any address changes or telephone number changes or e-mail address changes.

If any of the Appendent Bodies have anything they wish to announce or Brag about, send an e-mail to fonddulac26@gmail.com the get into the next Trestleboard.

Fraternally;

James O. Myrhum, KYCH Worshipful Master ; FDL Lodge No. 26

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To those of our Brethren whose Christian Birthdays fall during the Months of December or January -- on behalf of the rest of the members of this Lodge -- Happy Birthday!!!

To those of our Brethren whose Masonic Birthdays fall during those same months, and it should be noted that, there are members who have 50 plus years of service; several with 60 plus years of service and even a few with 70 years of service to the Masonic Fraternity, we offer you a Well Done!!

Masonic Center Schedule of Events

December , 2018

- December 6 -- Stated Communication
- December 20th -- Stated Communication --
Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- December 25th -- MERRY CHRISTMAS

January, 2019

- January 3 -- Stated Communication
- January 17th -- Stated Communication --
Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- January 19th -- 169th Annual Installation of Officers
An Open Installation of Officers for the 2019 Masonic year
Beginning at 1:00 pm

**Meetings Of Masonic affiliated Bodies meeting at the
Fond du Lac Masonic Center**

1st & 3rd Thursdays -- Fond du Lac Lodge No.26 Stated Communication 7:00 PM
3rd Thursday -- FDLMC Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM
1st & 3rd Monday -- Job's Daughters Meal / Meeting -- 5:00 / 6:00 PM
2nd Wednesday -- Fond du Lac OES Meeting 7:00 PM
Every Friday -- Fond du Lac Shrine Lunch 12:00 PM at the Oasis Restaurant
2nd Saturday -- Amaranth Meal/Meeting 6:00 / 7:00 PM

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