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Barneveld Masonic Lodge #319
108 South Jones Street
Barneveld, Wisconsin 53507

Meet: Every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM

Barneveld Masonic Lodge Trestle Board – November 2015

September meeting highlights: The regular dispatch of business occurred on October 13, 2015

The Library has set a date of November 3, 2015 to be completely moved out of the lodge and into there beautiful new facility. Most of the library items will be removed by the October 29, 2015 District 8 meeting.

A **special grand opening of the Library** will be held November 15, 2015. Members of our Lodge are encouraged by the Library to attend. We will discuss this at Lodge on November 10, 2015.

The Library will be missed. It added a sense of something more than just a Lodge.

The goal of having the orange carpet replaced before the November 10 meeting is going to be tough to meet. Members agreed that Dave Grinder could get two estimates and schedule the work if the estimates were reasonable.

The **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Frank Struble** was in attendance. The MWGM's intent was to find out what the brethren think Masonry is or should be. Members were encouraged to attend to express their thoughts. The MWGM spent one and one-half hours in dialogue with those present. He shared many ideas for services or programs that other are Lodges using. For example, writing a letter to a teacher that the scholarship winners identify as having a significant influence in their life. Copy the Principle and the School Board. Teach students manners. A Lodge currently offers a classroom environment in their Lodge for both girls and boys identified by the local High School for "manners" training. A Lodge offers a Christmas dinner for all Lodge member families. Another Lodge offers a Valentines Day dinner. One Lodge provided a family night with a guest lecturer to talk about Living Wills. Is it possible to write an article about Masonry and place it in the Pecatonica Leader? He recommends that we should contact members on a regular basis. We should be present at public events such as basketball games. We should wear our apron when making a public appearance as a Mason. We should actively pursue a local DeMolay Chapter. He recognized the significance of the Library spending 6 months in our Lodge. Members of the community has been in and out of our Lodge during this time. They realize that our building is not full of forbidding secrets but offers a place to be.

It was an incredibly inspirational discussion with the MWGM. We are a fraternal organization that means so much more than a pancake breakfast of a couple scholarships. There was a nice crowd in attendance. Members from various Lodges throughout the District were there.

The MWGM indicated that he will summarize his findings after his visiting sessions are complete sometime next year. The next MWGM visiting session in District 8 will be at Warren Lodge in Potosi in December.



The 2015 Fall District 8 meeting was held at the Barneveld Lodge on October 29.



The **District Meeting** for our district was held Thursday October 29, 2015. Thirty-six people attended. We underestimated the size of the crowd and actually ran out of food. The Most Worshipful Grand Secretary presented information about the non-profit status of the lodges. Lodges are part of the Grand Lodge and are designated 501(c)10 tax exempt organizations. Limits on the tax exempt status exist for such organizations. Within Wisconsin Masonry there are some programs that are organized as 501(c)3. There is a subtle but important difference between the two. To make things easy, the Grand Lodge files all tax returns for the Lodges.

Br. Rich Rygh talked about his life as a photojournalist for the Capital Times. He showed us some of the incredible photographs he took during his many years with the Capital Times. Including the one on the right, taken the day after the 1984 Barneveld tornado.

Br. Todd Krohn perform some magic with a Masonic message. This was a very entertaining ending to the meeting. Br. Todd is a very talented magician.

Past Masters Recognition Dinner scheduled for November 10, 2015.

Past Masters will be recognized with a special dinner at our next Lodge meeting. The new Past Master display will be unveiled. Because of the nature of the dinner, dinner will be served at 6:45pm.

The Barneveld Lecture Series resumes on November 10, 2015.

November 10, 2015: "The Endogenous Reward System" Dave Grinder
Learn the biological basis that shapes our mores, ethics, and behavior.

December 8, 2015: "Cuba, the Socialist Experiment" Jeff Schoenfeldt
Jeff will share his experience in Cuba and describe what life was like in Cuba prior to 2015.

January 12, 2015: "King Solomon's Temple" Dave Ritchie
What is the archeological evidence from a building that is the corner stone of Masonry?

February 9, 2015: "The History of Masonry up to 1826" Tom Walton
This is not docu-drama material from the History channel. This is real.

March 8, 2015: "Medical Genomics" Dave Grinder
Learn what your genes actually do and how they work. Its almost science fiction.

April 12, 2015: "Global Warming, the Evidence and Implications" Mike Mudrey
This is not a political talk about what is causing what and what we need to do. This is the facts.

May 10, 2015: "Severe Weather Safety" Andrew Davis
Important information we all need to know.