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Have You Heard from Me?

We have lost contact...

Wheaton Lodge No. 269 has been unable to communicate with the following list of brothers. Do you have contact with someone on the list? Any idea of who might know something about their whereabouts?

Help! We've lost contact with the Brothers listed here. If you know the whereabouts of these Brothers, would you please have them contact the Secretary at 847-322-6355? Thank you!

- Preston W. Brinkman
- John O. Harden
- Henri-Pierre R. Hirts
- David L. Johnson
- Jeffrey S. Nalezny
- Robert E. Weimer

Thanks,
Adam Jakupi



The brethren celebrated the reception of DDGM Mark Entwistle with a Hawaiian Shirt night

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From the East

Brethren,

I am pleased to report our endeavors for charitable work are going very well and that we have more this coming year. The Toys for Tots drive was a great success this past December so we have made the decision to make this an annual event. Just recently, we presented the ADA with a donation check in the amount of \$850 from the golf outing this past year. The ADA seemed truly appreciative of the donation, and thanks to a marketing

brochure we received from them we found out how wide spread and devastating this disease really is. This year's golf outing will benefit the ALS foundation, the Illinois Masonic Children's Homes, and The Family Shelter Service of DuPage County. Please brethren come out and support our event if you can. We will have a golf and dinner package along with a dinner only option for those that are not golfers. Other events are coming this year as well and we will make sure to keep all of the brothers informed.

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Wheaton lodge has seen a lot of walk in candidates and Grand Lodge referrals as of late. We have interviewed and spoken with many fine men who will make excellent brothers. With regards to the work in process, in the next couple of months I expect to see 3 to 6 new master masons.

The website continues to impress visitors and we are now able to receive email, post links, and answer questions on the web site now. We have also started a Facebook page and a Twitter account. As a lodge we believe that these new forms of communication will help all of us stay connected with each other and the goings on at the lodge.

At the beginning of February we held our first annual planning session. In the course of a couple of hours we came up with great suggestions, and we are now implementing several of those ideas. As this year's Worshipful Master I would like to see this continue as it is a chance for all members of the lodge, not just masters, to become involved and make their opinions and passions known. This session was and will continue to be a great opportunity for members to take leadership positions and showcase their talents and abilities.

I would also like to thank all of our members for their attendance and participation in the degree work. I know that having a good crowd at the ceremonies makes the degrees that much more impressive for the candidates. For those members who have not been to lodge in a while and want to "get back in the swing of things", I would like to see

you come back and help us become the powerhouse I know we can be. On a final note I would like to add that we now have a foosball table, dart board, and pool table here at lodge so not only do we get to have great conversation and company on Tuesday nights but we also have refreshment as well. We are moving in a very positive direction brothers let's keep the good work going.

Fraternally,
WoBro Eric Walsh

Spring Cleaning Sale! May 21st - 22nd

As a lodge we are reviving the Spring Cleaning Sale. What is great about this activity is that we will be able to raise money for the lodge and help others by donating unsold goods.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 21st and Sunday, May 22nd in the basement of the lodge. Any brother who is looking to sell items with proceeds going to the blue lodge operational fund is welcome to participate! Times are to be announced, but if you are interested contact our current Worshipful Master at (708) 717-9375 or worshipful.master@wheatonlodge269.org.

Social Media

Brothers,

This is an exciting time right now for our lodge. We are taking steps to move into the Social Media realm. Currently, we have a Twitter account, twitter.com/wheatonlodge269, and a Facebook Page account. We are moving in this direction to promote/inform members and non-members of lodge activities.



Masonry is not a secret society. Everybody knows that the Masonic fraternity exists and no effort is made to hide the fact. It is only the wisdom of Masonry which is hidden, not because it is subtle, but because it is simple. Its secret is profound; not obscure. In addition this will inform potential future brothers of events to come and learn about our Fraternity.

If you are on these forms of communication, review the lodge's presence and communicate your thoughts!

Bro. Robert Palumbo, Jr.



The golf outing's primary mission is to help entities within the community by raising and donating funds...

On June 11th, 2011 Wheaton Lodge No. 269 will be hosting our 2nd annual golf outing benefiting the ALS foundation, Family Shelter and Services in Wheaton, and the Illinois Masonic Children's Home. The golf outing's primary mission is to help entities within the community by raising and donating funds to help in their research to find a cure, help battered women and children by giving them a place to stay, and providing a positive and safe living environment for children.

"ALS—often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease or motor neuron disease (MND)—is a progressive, degenerative disease affecting motor neurons. Motor neurons are specialized nerve cells that carry impulses from the brain to the muscles by way of the brainstem and the spinal cord. The muscles then move in response to these impulses." Approximately 35,000 people suffer from ALS in the U.S. currently.

Family Shelter Service is a non-profit that helps people that have fallen victim to domestic violence. Family Shelter Service provides individual and group counseling, teen services, hotlines, and shelter. Their mission is a commitment to serving those affected by domestic

violence by providing multi-faceted programs which will ultimately empower people and families to reach their potential.

Illinois Masonic Children's Homes has been providing a safe and nurturing environment for children who are unable to care for themselves due to various family and home conditions for over 120 years. The homes are entirely funded by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and are licensed by the State of Illinois under the auspices of The Department of Children and Family Services.

Based on the success of last year's golf outing benefiting the Americans with Diabetes Association, which raised \$850 dollars, we at Wheaton Lodge No. 269 look forward to another successful outing and hope to raise more money this year with the help of our Brethren and the community.

Fraternally,
Patrick Shields
Senior Warden
Wheaton Lodge No. 269

Interested in Golfing in the Outing? Want to Sponsor a hole?

The format for the outing is foursomes playing best ball scramble. The cost is \$85 per person or \$340 per team. This includes coffee and donuts before play, a round of golf with cart, and dinner. There will be prizes awarded. If you are not interested in golfing but want to attend the dinner, the cost is \$25.

Hole sponsorships are available at two levels, Championship and Gold.

Championship Level - \$300 includes:

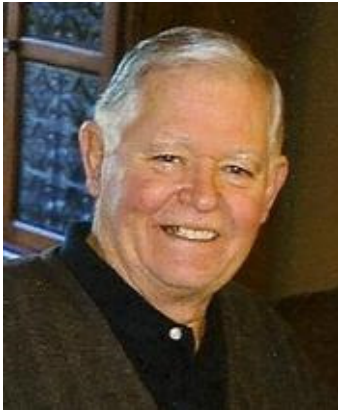
- Premium hole sponsorship
- Named in all promotions
- Right to include promotional material in player gift bags
- Name/Logo on event Banner
- Golf for one individual
- Right to retain sponsorship following year

Golf Level - \$100 includes:

- Hole Sponsorship

Contact Tournament Director Bro. Frank Paras if you are interested in either golfing or sponsorship! He can be reached at (708) 374-7835 or golf.outing@wheatonlodge269.org

“With firm faith and reliance upon our Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we trust that we shall meet once again in that abiding place not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”



Raymond E. Bennett, age 71, a resident of Glen Ellyn, IL, and a former longtime resident of Wheaton, IL, died Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, IL. He was born September 22, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois.

Ray went to Oak Park River Forest High School in Oak Park, IL. He was one of the founders of the Briarcliffe Youth Baseball League. He owned his own business for 25 years. He was a 25 year Mason and had served as the Past Master at both the Wheaton Lodge 269 and the Glen Ellyn Lodge 950. He was very involved in the Boy Scouts of America. He was the Scoutmaster at Troop 35 at Gary United Methodist Church, and also very involved at Troop 23 at First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton. He volunteered with the American Red Cross. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his three sons, Raymond E. (Kathryn) Bennett Jr. of Geneva, IL, W. Kendrick (Tracy) Bennett of Aurora, IL, and Matthew (Gabriela) Bennett of Winfield, IL; and five grandchildren, Mitchell and Mackenzie, Rachel, and Paige and Kyle.



Arthur Raymond Rakosnik, age 72, a resident of Wheaton, IL for many years, died Saturday, October 16, 2010 at home. He was born November 6, 1937 in Moline, IL.

Art was a member of Wheaton Masonic Lodge #269, and a longtime member of Gary United Methodist Church. He loved to golf, fish, vacation with his family, taught Sunday School, drove the church bus for Outreach Community Ministries, was a Boy Scout and a Boy Scout leader and trainer. He earned his Eagle Scout when he was only 13 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carolyn; his sons, Arthur, and David (Esmerelda); his five grandchildren, Dustin (Melissa), Chelsea, Danielle, Joshua, and Sean Rakosnik; his brother, William (Barbara); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Rose Rakosnik.



Irving Walter Woolf Jr. longtime resident of the Wheaton area. Born March 19, 1924, in Chicago, he died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at the Wynscape Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Wheaton. He graduated from Hyde Park High School and attended Illinois Institute of Technology before enlisting in the Army during World War II. He served in the Army Air Corps stationed in Warrington, England, where he met and married Ethel Churm. He returned to Chicago to work with his father in the advertising business. He developed the business and was one of the pioneers of the “Chicago School of Promotional Marketing” in the 1960 s and 70 s. In 1990, he retired and pursued his passions including travel, golf, fine dining, photography, and playing bridge and gin rummy. He was devoted to his family. He was a member of Glen Oak Country Club, past master of the Wheaton Masonic Lodge, and lifetime member of the Shriners and Medinah Temple. He was also a member of the Chicago Advertising Association. He is survived by three sons, Dr. Irving A. (Elsie) Woolf of Maple Grove, Minn., Dr. Alan (Linda) Woolf of Melrose, Mass. and Paul (Rebecca) Woolf of Oak Ridge, N.C.; son-in-law, Robert Hazen of Naperville, 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Patsy Fridstein; brother-in-law, Arthur (Barbara) Churm; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Ethel, and one daughter, Janice Hazen.