



Waukesha F. & A. M. Lodge #37

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Waukesha Masonic Lodge Awards First Annual Community Service Award

(Waukesha, WI) – Waukesha Masonic Lodge #37 is proud to announce that Orville Swain has been selected as this year's recipient for the Andy Kallin Community Service Award. Swain was selected for his many years of service to the Salvation Army's bell ringing program. This year, Swain begins his thirty-ninth consecutive year of ringing bells for the Salvation Army charity drive. During this time, he has personally raised over \$90,000.

The Andy Kallin Community Service Award will be given out annually to an individual in the Waukesha area that has demonstrated outstanding service to the community. "The award is dedicated in memory to Andy Kallin, a Waukesha County Supervisor and fellow Freemason, who lost his battle with cancer back in July," commented Gary Ebert, Worshipful Master of Waukesha Lodge. "Andy was a true servant to the people he represented in our community and the Waukesha Lodge wants to keep his spirit of volunteerism alive through this annual award," added Ebert.

Denise Kallin, Andy's widow, was on hand to present this year's award, which was given out at the Waukesha Masonic Lodge's annual Past Masters Dinner on Saturday, November 18, 2006. "I know Andy would be very proud to have such an award named after him," said Kallin. "The fraternity he felt here at the Lodge from his fellow brothers was something he held near and dear to his heart. We are honored the Lodge did such a wonderful thing in his memory," added Kallin.

The Lodge looks forward to honoring Andy with this award in years to come. The award is open to anyone in the community who best represents Andy's spirit of unselfishly giving back.

Built in 1905 and located at 317 South St. in downtown Waukesha, the Waukesha Masonic Lodge has been designated a local landmark by the Waukesha Landmarks Commission, because of the building's architectural and historical significance. Tours are available by request.

The mission of Freemasonry in Wisconsin is to teach and demonstrate a fraternal way of life that promotes brotherhood and self improvement through education, moral standards, charity, and community involvement. Freemasons, in addition to raising money for various charities, also provide scholarships to local high school students and support many other causes. Wisconsin Masonic Charities support a wide range of causes and provide donors with numerous opportunities for personal involvement, serving thousands of individuals each year through programs that support Masonic relief, gifts of education, community health and safety, and youth activities. The Three Pillars retirement home, located in Dousman, was formerly known as The Masonic Home and is also supported by the Masonic Order.

If you'd like more information about this lodge or Freemasonry, please contact Worshipful Master Gary Ebert at 262.547.0985.

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Pictured from left to right are: Gary Ebert, Worshipful Master; Orville Swain; and Denise Kallin (Andy's widow).

Plaque inscription:

In recognition to the individual who best exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism, who has unselfishly given back to the community, better fostering friendship and cooperation among all people.

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