



Waukesha F. & A. M. Lodge #37

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Local Masons Donate Vidalia Onions to the Waukesha Food Pantry

(Waukesha, WI) – Waukesha Masonic Lodge #37 recently donated ten 10-lb. bags of Vidalia onions to the Waukesha Food Pantry. The donation was part of the Lodge's 2006 community outreach program. "It is not often the Food Pantry receives fresh produce, so it's especially well received by the people we serve," according to a Food Pantry spokesperson.

"We are always looking for ways to give back to the community and what better way to do this than to make a donation to the local Food Pantry", says Gary Ebert, Worshipful Master of the Waukesha Lodge. Other community outreach activities include annual college scholarships to each of the three public high schools as well as Catholic Memorial High School. Currently, the E& R United Church of Christ of Waukesha is using the Masonic Lodge building on Sunday mornings to hold its worship service and Sunday school programming until it can rebuild its facility that was destroyed by fire on December 4, 2005. In past years, the Lodge played a key role in the purchase of defibrillators for both the high schools and middle schools in Waukesha.

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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