



Waukesha F. & A. M. Lodge #37

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Waukesha Lodge Coordinates Relief to Hurricane Katrina Victims

(Waukesha, WI) – Waukesha Masonic Lodge #37 recently directed and helped supply an Apron and Bible replacement drive to help fellow Masons in Harrison County, Mississippi, whom were effected by the devastating hurricanes last year. The campaign exceeded all expectations.

“Through the generosity of brothers from all over the state of Wisconsin, we have been able to raise enough funds to purchase 140 Apron and Bible sets for our brothers in Mississippi who have lost so much due to hurricane Katrina,” edified Gary Ebert, Worshipful Master of the Waukesha Lodge. Included with each Apron and Bible set was a certificate indicating the individual or Lodge who donated the set. “It was important that we personalize the gift by letting the recipient know that the Apron and Bible came from a carrying brother or Lodge and not simply from a mass fund drive,” commented Ebert.

All materials were shipped to Brother Billy Joe Smith, Grand Master of the State of Mississippi. Grand Master Smith communicated via email with WM Ebert “to personally thank the Masons in Wisconsin who contributed to the relief effort.”

“This is what Freemasonry is all about,” stated Ebert. “It warms our hearts to know we can reach out and help fellow Brethren in this manner. We only hope that in some small way we are easing the pain of their recovery from such a terrible event.”

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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