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Meet Your Grand Treasurer

Greetings, Sir Knights! Although I have met many of you in the Southeastern quadrant of Wisconsin, I

would like to introduce myself to those I have yet to meet across the state.

Growing up as a country kid, I learned the value of hard work. Many skills that would serve me well

later in life were honed on the tasks to keep a 100-year-old farmhouse in shape. Endless chores

included tending a garden over an acre in size, along with chickens, goats, and even a few pigs. I also

kept busy in my father's workshop, where my father taught me an appreciation for craftsmanship. There

There were always many projects, from fixing things to making toys and games. And, if I wasn't busy, I filled

my time reading books of fantasy, adventure and science fiction.

As you might imagine, I jumped at the chance to escape the chores. Without much of a plan, I headed

off to the big city of Milwaukee to attend MSOE. But those same chores stood me in good stead in my

adventures. Working my way through college doing office maintenance, I learned new skills while

applying old ones. After getting married, I finally got serious about my schoolwork and graduated with

my BSME. My career as a Mechanical Engineer, though winding down now, has been deeply fulfilling.

Over the years, I've been able to contribute to projects that felt meaningful using the skills I developed

as a child, always grounded in that hands-on work.

This year in August, I will celebrate 39 years of marriage to my Lady, Maria. We built our home in Eagle

Just over 31 years ago, when we raised our two adult sons, Alex and Eric. Of course, after a few years I

also built me a nice workshop. That 28 by 40 foot, 2-story building has not only become a home for

many tools and materials, but also a lot of wonderful miscellaneous items that my wife refers to as

“junk”. Perhaps she doesn’t see the hidden treasure, waiting to be transformed into something useful.

Thinking back to an evening just over 9 years ago when I was invited by a friend to an evening at the

Laflin-St. James lodge in Mukwonago, I would never have imagined how much my life was about to

change. At the time I knew almost nothing about Masonry, but it has since become an integral part of

my life. Much to my surprise, I discovered I had a knack for memorizing rituals. More importantly, I

found good friends among the brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights along my York Rite journey. The

lessons learned, the bonds formed, and the fulfilling work make me look forward to continuing this

journey with all of you. I am honored to serve as your Grand Commandery Treasurer.

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