

*Installation of officers
for 2007
Benjamin Franklin Lodge #83*

December 13th 2006



*"Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."*

Benjamin Franklin

*Madison Club
5 E Wilson Street
Madison, WI 53703*

∴ Program ∴

- 7 pm *Installation of Officers*
- 8 pm *Christmas Party*
Bach Violin Partitas by Edith Hine
- 10 pm *End*

Installing Grand Master

Michael DeWolf PGM

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of WI

Installing Grand Marshall

Normal L. Christensen

Grand Minister of State and Deputy for Wisconsin AASR NMG





Lodge Officers



<i>Worshipful Master</i>	<i>Felix Geissler</i>
<i>Senior Warden</i>	<i>Bob Blackburn</i>
<i>Junior Warden</i>	<i>Travis West</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Patrick Blawat</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>James Anderson</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Phil Ferris</i>
<i>Senior Deacon</i>	<i>Scott Statz</i>
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	<i>Erik Nielson</i>
<i>Inner Guard</i>	<i>Paul Maldonado</i>
<i>Tiler</i>	<i>Winter Guite'</i>

Hors d'oeuvres will be served during the Christmas Party.

The artist Edith Hine is a doctoral violin student at the University of Wisconsin.

Historical Background

Despite its numerical ranking, Benjamin Franklin No. 83 is, in fact, a new lodge. Its predecessor, Concordia No. 83, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in 1857. Concordia No. 83 was a German-speaking lodge that used a "French" Masonic ritual. In 1882, Concordia No. 83 surrendered its charter and jewels. Its remaining members transferred either to Madison Lodge No. 5 or Hiram Lodge No. 50. A group of predominantly Madison-area Masons, known as the Leather Apron Club, resurrected Concordia No. 83 in 2006. Grand Master Rodney Allen Paulsen granted their request for a dispensation on October 29. The lodge, however, was renamed "Benjamin Franklin" in honor of their symbolic patron. Benjamin Franklin No. 83 still retains some of its European flavor. The lodge works in the Emulation Rite, has limited membership, and endeavors to strictly observe Masonic tradition.

