



FREEMASONRY IN WI

The Purpose of Freemasonry

What is the purpose of Freemasonry? One of its most basic purposes is to make good men even better. We try to place an emphasis on the individual man by strengthening his character, improving his moral and spiritual outlook, and broadening his mental horizons. We try to impress upon the minds of our members the principles of personal responsibility and morality, encouraging each member to practice in his daily life the lessons taught through symbolic ceremonies within the lodge.

One of the universal doctrines of Freemasonry is a belief in the "Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God." The importance of this belief is reinforced by each Freemason as he practices the three principle tenets of this gentle craft: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, while promoting a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood transcending all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences.



Let us not attempt to define Freemasonry definitely or completely, because Freemasonry comprehends such a vast field of speculation that the best any of us can hope is a continually improving conception of Masonry.

Silas H. Shepherd, 1928

FOR BOOKINGS & READINGS

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research members are available for readings, lectures short talks, workshops and table lodges: please contact us at:
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LODGE OF

RESEARCH #1843

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**Whatsoever light I have,
I shall share with others.**
- Plato

Freemasonry should not only be a progressive moral science, but that it should have an educational value in giving its votaries more knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences.

Silas H. Shepherd



ABOUT THE SILAS SHEPHERD LODGE OF RESEARCH

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research is a research lodge in Wisconsin. Silas H. Shepherd Lodge is a statewide lodge and does not compete with other lodges. Plural membership is open to all Master Masons in good standing and regularly constituted lodges. Masonic libraries and Masonic bodies may join Silas H. Shepherd Lodge as sustaining members. The lodge's namesake, Silas H. Shepherd, was a leader of Masonic education in Wisconsin. As chairman of the Grand Lodge Research Committee between 1916 and 1936, he was nationally recognized for his scholarly writings on Masonic subjects. The work of Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research appeals to both the serious Masonic scholar and the writer. In addition, Master Masons who enjoy fellowship of like-minded men at informational meetings and like to read about Masonic events, history and people will find its meetings interesting.

If you have enjoyed reading this publication why not secure the petition of a good friend and brother so that he may also enjoy?



ABOUT PHAROS

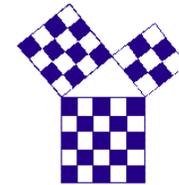
It was determined that the Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research #1843 of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin intended to produce a new publication and a "Publications Committee" was formed. After several meetings and much discussion of what the publication was to look like and what its purpose was, it came time to name it.

We wanted the name to express the mission and contents of the publication while at the same time "branding" it as a new and exciting reader that would be accessible to Masonry at large. We came to agree on "Pharos- The Silas Shepherd Reader," named for the Pharos of Alexandria.

According to Wikipedia, "The **Lighthouse of Alexandria**, also known as the **Pharos of Alexandria** (in Ancient Greek, ὁ Φάρος Ἀλεξανδρινός), was a tower built between 280 and 247 BC on the island of Pharos at Alexandria, Egypt. Its purpose was to guide sailors into the harbor at night time. With a height variously estimated at somewhere in-between 393 and 450 ft (120 and 140 m), it was for many centuries among the tallest man made structures on Earth. It was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World."

"Pharos became the etymological origin of the word 'lighthouse' in Greek (φάρος), many Romance languages, such as French (phare), Italian and Spanish (faro), Romanian (far) and Portuguese (farol) and even some Slavic languages like Bulgarian (far)."

We hope we are able to bring the reader an engaging and diverse publication of Masonic writing and research and live up to the name- Pharos.



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research #1843 is first a research lodge and then a traveling lodge. We meet four times a year, the 2nd Saturday of, March, June, September, and December at host lodges throughout the state. Each Worshipful Master arranges the host lodges for his term with the exception of the December meeting which is always held at the Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge as a tribute to Silas Shepherd the Mason whose home lodge was Hartland #42.

At each meeting research presentations are made and these are then discussed in an informal setting usually over a meal. These presentations are then compiled into a bound copy of our annual transactions which every member receives. Members also have access to our library of transactions dating back to 1984. For more information contact one of our members at:

www.silasshepherd.org