

Wisconsin Fraternal Connection



Newsletter of the Wisconsin Fraternal Congress and Wisconsin Fraternal Insurance Counsellors

Winter 2009

Looking ahead to an active year...

Greetings:

It is an honor to be your Wisconsin Fraternal Congress President for 2009. I wish to say "thank you" to our past president, Kim Ingram, who showed great leadership and the willingness to share her knowledge to make things work so well last year. My first introduction to the Wisconsin Fraternal Congress was back in 2001, and at that time I didn't even know what a fraternalist was. I have come a long way and am grateful for the opportunity to work side by side with so many impassioned spirits as my Officers and Directors on the WFC Board. Thank you for embracing me and sharing your knowledge.

The Wisconsin Fraternal Congress has been one of the more active state fraternal congresses as is demonstrated by the dedication of the people who serve in these roles. Whenever there is a project or request, we meet the challenge, roll up our sleeves and won't stop until it is completed. I would like to share with you a number of projects we are planning in 2009:

We are organizing a "Day on the Hill" in Madison for March 11, 2009, along with the assistance of Bill McClenahan and staff from Martin Schreibers Office, and WFC Legislative Liaison Brian Casey of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The focus of the event is to meet the new legislators and tell them our fraternal story, noting the significant amount of volunteer time and financial resources we contribute to communities during the year.

On Saturday, May 2 we will be holding Join Hands Day events in five different areas of the state to bring fraternalists and youths together. We will be inviting legislators from these districts to attend our JHD events to show them first-hand how fraternalism brings people together working for a good cause.

Our annual Flag Day Observance will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at Stony Hill School in Fredonia, the Birthplace of Flag Day. Days prior to the event, members of the WFC and WFIC will arrive at Stony Hill with buckets and brooms in hand to get the historic location ready for the big day.

Please mark you calendars for September 23 through 25 to attend the Wisconsin Fraternal Congress and the Wisconsin Fraternal Insurance Counselors Conference to be held in Brookfield, Wisconsin at the Sheraton Hotel.

Looking forward to working closely with the WFC Board and the WFIC Board during this coming year to make our conference one of the best ever.

Fraternally,

Elaine Nap, WFC President.



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WFC President



Karen Stiles
WFIC President

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Events to watch for in 2009

NFCA Sectional Meetings:

Secretaries & Human Resources Section: Mid Year NFC Meeting at The Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada April 2-4.

President's Section: Mid Year NFC Meeting at The Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada April 5-7.

Fraternal & Communications Section: Mid Year NFC Meeting at the Hilton Minneapolis/ Bloomington, Minnesota April 16-18.

Investment Section: Mid Year NFC Meeting at the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago, Illinois April 29-May 1.

Actuaries Section: Mid Year NFC Meeting at the Wyndham Drake-Oak Brook, Oak Brook, Illinois June 4-5.

WFC Events:

Day on the Hill - March 11 : With many new legislators taking office this year, it will be more important than ever to tell the fraternal story. Date to be determined very soon.

JOIN HANDS DAY - May 2: Make a difference in your community by bringing together youths and adults for a charitable project. JOIN HANDS DAY gives fraternal benefit societies and volunteer organizations the opportunity to reach out to people they don't know, to connect generations and develop new relationships.

Flag Day at Stony Hill School - June 14: Join the WFC and the Ozaukee County Historical Society to honor American and the Stars and Stripes at the original site of Flag Day where it all began back in 1885.

WFC/WFIC Annual Meeting - Sept. 23-25: In 2009, we'll gather at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel for the educational, charitable, and social fraternal event of the year. Mark your calendars!