

Arcana Trestleboard

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News from the East

In Memoriam

News from the West

Greetings from the East

The usefulness of our working tools have come in very handy in my life. Since I learned about the level, plumb and square, I have endeavored to live and help by their allegories. I know I don't follow them all of the time, I am human after all, but I do know that when I do, my life and those around me tends to notice an effervescence about me. I feel better about my fellow man and consequently better about myself.

Therefore, let us not, as speculative brother masons, forget the lessons of the working tools which we were taught and urged to use. The shining example that we can set will be a beacon to other men who wish to walk in our several stations before God and man as Master Masons.

Many people, upon finding out that I am a mason, always ask, "What do they do?". I am ashamed to say that I did not have a good answer to that question. I have since traded the "they" in the question and inserted "me". I am the one that needs to do something. I am the one who should greet my fellow man with joy and reverence and not with contempt or talking behind others backs. (Something that I am guilty of.) And from this will rise more and greater opportunities for our fraternity to use our working tools to help, aid and assist our fellow man. Then will we see a rise in membership. I as master of the lodge guarantee it.

I would also like to welcome and introduce our two newest Master Masons who were raised on December 10. Brothers Matthew Wells, and Mark Moriarty. Both of our new brothers were present at our Annual meeting and have volunteered to take offices in the lodge. Congratulations on your appointments and welcome to Masonry.

Fraternally yours,
Joseph P. Macko, Worshipful Master

The following Brother has recently answered the roll call of the Grand Architect of the Universe:

Robert D. Hicks

- EA October 12, 1955
- FC November 02, 1955
- MM November 26, 1955
- Passed October 11, 2005

Carl A. Ahlquist

- EA March 28, 1956
- FC April 11, 1956
- MM May 12, 1956
- Passed December 23, 2005

Virgil L. Lehmann

- EA February 29, 1956
- FC March 14, 1956
- MM April 14, 1956
- Passed January 03, 2006

Roger O. Schnabel

- EA May 03, 1951
- FC June 13, 1951
- MM June 27, 1951
- Passed January 03, 2006

Greetings from the West

Albert Schweitzer said, "On thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve"

Brethren,

We are fortunate to have the enthusiasm of Worshipful Brother Joe Macko in the East once again.

This is a great opportunity to develop teams promoting membership, degree proficiency, Social Activities, dinners, and getting back to our roots with a Widow's Luncheon and appropriate Charitable Projects. This year we will celebrate each members Masonic anniversary by inviting them to dinner during the month they were raised. For those who cannot attend we are asking that they share comments about the night they were raised, or some other Masonic story they remember.

Call one of the Line Officers today and state your area of interest for making this a successful year. We are all committed by our obligations to work for

the common good of Masonry.

Fraternally,
Vern Bandel, Senior Warden

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Masonic Anniversary

This year Arcana Lodge is celebrating the Masonic Anniversary of each member with a dinner and small presentation during the anniversary month of the date each brother was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The members and officers look forward to seeing each of you, but if you cannot attend your Anniversary, please regale us with a story about the night you were raised, or a favorite Masonic memory.

January Masonic Anniversary Monday, January 23, 2006 Dinner 6:30 PM — 7:30 meeting

January Anniversary Brothers	Date Raised
Daniel Sjodin	January 1, 1948
Wayne Sampson	January 25, 1952
Ronald Stockton	January 16, 1961
Roy Downs	January 6, 1965
Paul Hoopingarner	January 6, 1965
Robert Brom	January 28, 1967
Scott Benson	January 22, 1983
Ivan Erickson	January 22, 1983
Earl McNeal	January 22, 1983
George Shabatura	January 22, 1983
James Jansen	January 18, 1985
Michael Tigner	January 19, 2002
Corey Erickson	January 18, 2003
Jeffrey Hunt	January 18, 2003
Dmitri Ivanov	January 15, 2005

February Masonic Anniversary Monday, February 27, 2006 Dinner 6:30 PM — 7:30 meeting

February Anniversary Brothers	Date Raised
Edward Singer	February 25, 1956
Irving Koponen	February 14, 1959
Harry Sarich	February 14, 1959
Gerald Magee	February 20, 1960
Edward Bramwell	February 27, 1960
Robert Peterson	February 27, 1960
Richard Anderson	February 1, 1964
Gary Hagstrom	February 29, 1964
Kenneth Halvorsen	February 19, 1966
Sidney Lee	February 19, 1966
David Sanders	February 24, 1973
Terry Thiele	February 24, 1973
Douglas Pederson	February 17, 1979
Scott Stangler	February 17, 1979
Richard Thompson	February 17, 1979
Keith Felland	February 14, 1981
Henry Maday	February 14, 1981
Howard Grace	February 11, 1995
Mike Irons	February 11, 1995
David Kuebler	February 11, 1995

Membership

Do you have friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers who would appreciate the teachings, and brotherhood of being a Mason? Do you know any young men between 13 to 21 years old who may be interested in the social activities and fraternal brotherhood found in DeMolay? If you do, please tell them about these great organizations. If you're not sure how to handle certain questions or situations, or if you would just like to have the assistance of another knowledgeable Mason from our Lodge to help with some of the tough questions please contact any of the names below.

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Behind the Symbol

The following is a continuation from the November issue of the Arcana Trestleboard of an excerpt from The Masonic Service Association of the United States Short Talk Bulletin, Volume 32, July 1954.

Recent publications such as the movie *National Treasure*, and Dan Browns popular book *The DaVinci Code* have brought Masonic symbols into light for the general public. As Masons we should remember that Masonic symbols are like many common words which mean different things at different times to different people when used in different ways. A large book would be required to list all Masonic symbols and even suggest the several meanings of each. All that may be attempted here is a suggestion of the "symbol behind the symbol" in a few of Masonry's images often quoted as "A beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols".

The second great symbol of the fellowcraft Degree is the letter G. Of its obvious meanings the degree is sufficiently explanatory. But why the emphasis upon geometry?

"Prove all things - hold fast to that which is good (I Thessalonians V:21).

There is no such thing as a proof of a belief which has no evidence; man cannot "prove God" in the same way in which he can "prove" an algebraic equation. Faith is a matter of the heart; geometry is a matter of the mind. But there is a meeting point where mind and heart touch. And there is a meeting point where faith and science touch.

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Our Masonic Family



Arcana Lodge #187
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
 Joseph P Macko, Worshipful Master
 Second and Forth Monday 7:30 PM



Lincoln Chapter
Order of DeMolay
 First and Third Thursday 7:30 PM



Arcana Chapter #38
Order of Eastern Star
 Sharon Olson, Worthy Matron
 First and Third Tuesday 7:30 PM
 Dark in July and August



Minneapolis Council No. 2
Cryptic Masons
 Last Thursday 7:30 PM

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The "question of the watch" has confounded many who have refused to believe in a Creator. It is impossible for the human mind to believe that a watch can make itself, wind itself. It must be the work of a man. Inasmuch as it can predict, it must work in accord with natural laws.

No one who found a watch, going, could be convinced that it had not been wound within thirty-six hours, and had not been put where it was found by a human agency.

Geometry proves the visible universe to be a great watch. Geometry can predict the future, just as a watch can predict the interval of elapsed time before a certain hour. As, obviously, man did not create the solar system, or the laws by which geometry can predict the eclipses, the sunrise and sunset, the phases of the moon, the tides, they must have had another, not a human creator.

Geometry proves that the universe runs according to law.

Masons name the creator Great Architect of the Universe. Other men have a thousand different names for Him.

But it is Geometry which produces the nearest possible "proof" of His existence. Hence the symbol behind the symbol of the letter G is the scientific demonstration not only that "order is heaven's first law" but that there is a Creator, name Him as you will.

One of the many mysteries which Freemasonry presents to those who love and follow her in the absence of comprehension, on the part of the many, of the real content of the Master Mason Degree. It is, apparently, being unable to see the forest because there are so many trees; an inability to see the

ocean because there are so many waves and so much foam!

No greater ceremony to express man's longing for and belief in immortality has yet been conceived; no more beautiful mental rainbow has ever arched through the skies of the mind than "The Search for That Which Was Lost". Yet too many see only the literal story of the tragedy of Hiram and thus fail to see as their personal own a vista which has for a far horizon the realization of the dearest hope of all mankind.

The histories of all peoples reflect a belief in an ancient and lost Golden Age; an Arcady; a Fairyland; a Lost continent in which all men were happy and all joys were constant; a place and time of contentment before evil came to the world.

It is the basis for all the "searches"-- for the hope of the recovery of the Holy Grail; the wish for a faith which cannot be undermined; the longing for a certainty about life here and hereafter.

Had we lost merely a word - one or more syllables - how easy to invent another. But the "word which was lost" is the memory in man's consciousness that there is a Something Beyond his senses, the knowledge they bring him, his understanding of the life he lives. It is his longing to possess this again - as racial memories demonstrate that he once possessed it - which is Masonically expressed in The Search.

This is the symbol behind the symbol of the Master Mason Degree.

Happy the brother - if he exists - who following this thought, finds his Masonic pot of gold at the end of the rainbow which is the Lost Word.

Do you need a ride to Lodge?

Phone Kevin Erickson — 612-781-7352,
 or Curt Johnson — 651-633-0166

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Arcana Lodge Calendar

January

16	Mon	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i>
17	Tue	Arcana Chapter #38 OES
18	Wed	Koffee Klub
19	Thu	Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
21	Sat	Arcana Chapter OES
21	Sat	One-Day-to-Masonry
23	Mon	Arcana Lodge Dinner
23	Mon	Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
26	Thu	Minneapolis Council #2

February

1	Wed	9:30 AM	Koffee Klub
2	Thu	7:30 PM	Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
7	Tue	7:30 PM	Arcana Chapter #38 OES
12	Sun		<i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>
13	Mon	7:30 PM	Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
14	Tue		<i>Valentine's Day</i>
15	Wed	9:30 AM	Koffee Klub
16	Thu	7:30 PM	Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
20	Mon		<i>President's Day</i>
21	Tue	7:30 PM	Arcana Chapter #38 OES
23	Thu	7:30 PM	Minneapolis Council #2
27	Mon	6:30 PM	Arcana Lodge Dinner
27	Mon	7:30 PM	Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting

March

1	Wed	9:30 AM	Koffee Klub
2	Thu	7:30 PM	Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
7	Tue	7:30 PM	Arcana Chapter #38 OES
13	Mon	7:30 PM	Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
15	Wed	9:30 AM	Koffee Klub
16	Thu	7:30 PM	Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
17	Fri		<i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>
21	Tue	7:30 PM	Arcana Chapter #38 OES
25	Sat	5:30 PM	Idea of March Spaghetti Dinner
27	Mon	6:30 PM	Arcana Lodge Dinner
27	Mon	7:30 PM	Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
29	Wed	9:30 AM	Koffee Klub
30	Thu	7:30 PM	Minneapolis Council #2

April

2	Sun		<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>
4	Tue	7:30 PM	Arcana Chapter #38 OES
6	Thu	7:30 PM	Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
10	Mon	7:30 PM	Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
12	Wed	9:30 AM	Koffee Klub
15	Sat		<i>Tax Day</i>
16	Sun		<i>Easter Day</i>
18	Tue	7:30 PM	Arcana Chapter #38 OES
20	Thu	7:30 PM	Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
24	Mon	6:30 PM	Arcana Lodge Dinner
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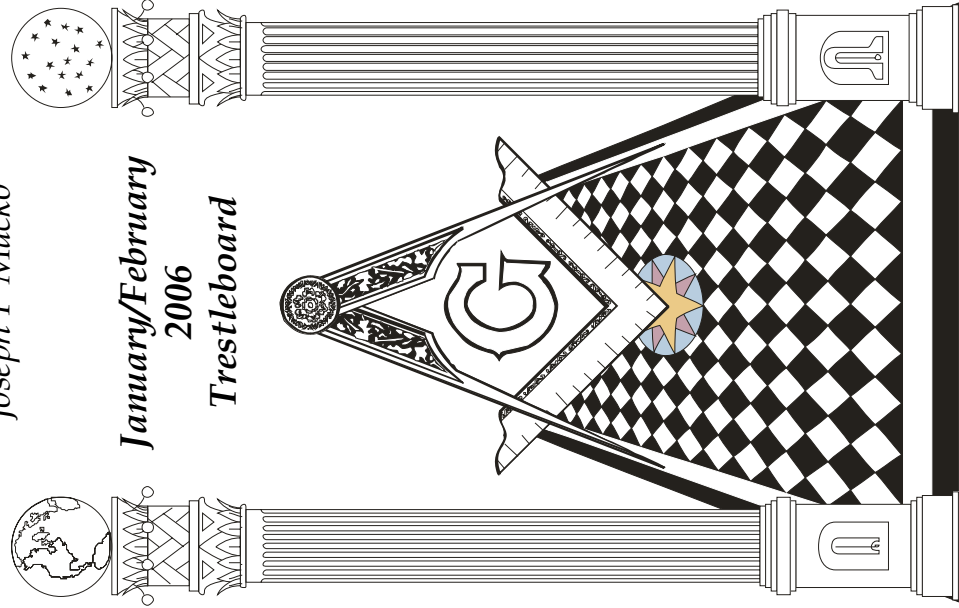
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