

Arcana Trestleboard

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News from the East

In Memoriam

News from the West

Greetings from the East

I cant believe the response I've been getting over my last column. Brothers have been calling me and asking how they can help with upcoming events and about attending our dinner meetings. Many smiles are once again seen on the sidelines at regular stated communications. Interest in the lodge is on the rise, and I for one am happy to see the growth.

My reply to these good fellow brothers is that they simply show up to meetings and events. While there, they will find not only fun, but how and when to assist in lodge events. Remember, there is nothing that will conflict with your family or other obligations you might have. What I'm trying to say is that we will not make you do anything. We rejoice in the fact that when enough brothers volunteer, time slots to volunteer become available, and the work is spread out; leaving enough time for us to do what we do best... have fun!

I have made many friends over the years in this lodge, and I would really like to see them again. I know things have been said and done that have hurt our feelings which may cause reluctance to visit. Please for my sake, lets step up, be bigger men, and put the past behind us. Come visit the lodge, and don't be afraid to rekindle that spirit.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons.

Fraternally yours,
 WB Joe Macko

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

Richard F. Lattimer

EA	June 22, 1970
FC	September 09, 1970
MM	September 26, 1970
Passed	March 14, 2006

Greetings from the West

MASON jars (patented in 1858 by John Mason) have been a factor in my life. My mother and then my wife worked to preserve the vegetables and fruits of our labor by "canning" them in glass MASON jars with screw tops.

Mason jars, like Speculative Masons, are quite diverse. Most are formed in colorless glass, but some are transparent light blue or brown. They vary in size from 12 ounces to two quarts and all have, in raised letters, the manufacturer's name (Atlas, Ball or Kerr) and other descriptive information.

Some have raised vertical ribs on the outside. Some are calibrated in ounces or cups. Additional descriptive lettering may identify the jar as having STRONG SHOULDER (that's the kind of Mason we like to have around), or WIDE MOUTH (how many brothers do we know like that?) All the better to give lectures or eat spaghetti.

But the jars that catch the eye, are those labeled PERFECT MASON. They don't look any different to the casual eye, and have the same capability as other MASON jars. They can only 'suggest' perfection. They cannot aspire to be better than they are..

Speculative Masons, however, **have** sought to improve and can recognize and heed a call for help. Well, what do you know? Here come a couple of them now.

Brothers, I am asking for help. We have a **Spaghetti Dinner** in March to raise money for parking lot repair, and need you to make it work. Sure, buy tickets, but also volunteer to help prepare and serve it (the fun part)!

Widows' Dinner. This spring we go back to our roots and serve the Widows a delicious dinner. I am now locating them to confirm mailing addresses. If you like to use the telephone this way, phone me and I'll give you a list to call. We will need Brothers to bring some of them to the Lodge and others to help prepare and serve the meal. **Tell me if you like to entertain.**

Vern Bandel, Senior Warden

"The person who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." ~ Chinese

**Arcana Lodge #187
 Ides of March Spaghetti Dinner**



**March 25, 2006, 5:30 to 7:00 PM
 920 Lowry Ave NE, Minneapolis**

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.

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

March Anniversary Brothers	Date Raised
Leland La Fon	March 24, 1945
Einnar Anderson	March 12, 1949
John Peterson	March 25, 1950
Russell Peterson	March 25, 1950
Earl Swanson	March 29, 1952
Lloyd Bergman	March 14, 1953
Werner Hegstrom	March 14, 1953
Vernon Hoium	March 12, 1955
William Rieman	March 12, 1955
Richard Lykke	March 2, 1957
D Neil Ouimette	March 30, 1957
Hardy Morningstar	March 1, 1961
Virgil Magnuson	March 24, 1962
Vern Bandel	March 30, 1963
James Rust	March 30, 1963
Curtis Bymark	March 14, 1970
Jack Dickerson	March 14, 1970
Ronald Gullick	March 14, 1970
Richard Anderson	March 24, 1973
James Higgins	March 24, 1973
Robert Ramsay	March 24, 1973
James Duffey	March 8, 1975
Curtis Johnson	March 13, 1976
Gordon Gilbertson	March 27, 1976
Frank Ressler	March 26, 1977
Philip Hillbeck	March 29, 1986
Mark Blegen	March 14, 1992
Richard Skwarek	March 14, 1992
John Fosdick	March 20, 1993
Jay Peterson	March 20, 1993
Bryan Black	March 2, 2001
William Vice	March 2, 2001
Richard Hampton	March 8, 2003

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April Masonic Anniversary Monday, April 24, 2006 Dinner 6:30 PM — 7:30 meeting

April Anniversary Brothers	Date Raised
Lester Johnson	April 13, 1946
Bruce Peck	April 30, 1948
Glenn Pletscher	April 30, 1948
Walter Svendsen	April 30, 1948
Allwyn Johnson	April 11, 1953
John Lovaas	April 11, 1959
Gordon Johnson	April 17, 1965
Kevin Erickson	April 2, 1966
Harold Hagfors	April 8, 1967
William Crowell	April 8, 1972
Leroy Christen	April 26, 1975
Clarence Engebretson	April 28, 1975
Mervin Ellestad	April 8, 1978
Brian Pletscher	April 8, 1978
Gregg Johnson	April 29, 1978
Robert Tomlinson	April 29, 1978
Wallace Falldin	April 21, 1979
Robert McDonald	April 21, 1979
David Thompson	April 21, 1979
William Esswein	April 5, 1980
Gary Grose	April 5, 1980
Frank Lozar	April 5, 1980
Ronald Lappi	April 24, 1982
Gary Barnes	April 18, 1987
John Hannay	April 18, 1987
Frederick Sibben	April 18, 1987
Mark Coleman	April 4, 1998
Tony Brandt	April 1, 2000
Wilbert Thomas	April 20, 2002

The 17th of March

A great day for the **IRISH**, and all those who like corned-beef and cabbage. Not so for the **BRITISH** however. This was the day back in 1776 that British presence in Boston ended after 145 years. **GENERAL WASHINGTON'S** first victory in the Revolutionary War.

ARCANA LODGE OFFICERS

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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

The "Forget Me Not" Pin and Masonry

The Forget-Me-Not (Das Vergissmeinnicht)
The Story Behind this Beloved Emblem of the Craft in Germany

The following is taken from a presentation card issued by the American Canadian Grand Lodge, AF & AM within the United Grand Lodges of Germany.

In early 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became evident that Freemasonry was in danger. In that same year, the "Grand Lodge of the Sun" (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges, located in Bayreuth) realizing the grave dangers involved, adopted the little blue Forget-Me-Not flower as a substitute for the traditional square and compasses. It was felt the flower would provide brethren with an outward means of identification while lessening the risk of possible recognition in public by the Nazis, who were engaged in wholesale confiscation of all Masonic Lodge properties. Freemasonry went undercover, and this delicate flower assumed its role as a symbol of Masonry surviving throughout the reign of darkness.

During the ensuing decade of Nazi power a little blue Forget-Me-Not flower worn in a Brother's lapel served as one method whereby brethren could identify each other in public, and in cities and concentration camps throughout Europe. The Forget-Me-Not distinguished the lapels of countless brethren who staunchly refused to allow the symbolic Light of Masonry to be completely extinguished.

When the 'Grand Lodge of the Sun' was reopened in Bayreuth in 1947, by Past Grand Master Beyer, a little pin in the shape of a Forget-Me-Not was officially adopted as the emblem of that first annual convention of the brethren who had survived the bitter years of semi-darkness to rekindle the Masonic Light.

At the first Annual Convent of the new United Grand Lodge of Germany AF&AM (VGLvD), in 1948, the pin was adopted as an official Masonic emblem in honor of the thousands of valiant Brethren who carried on their Masonic work under adverse conditions. The following year, each delegate to the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D.C., received one from Dr. Theodor Vogel, Grand Master of the VGLvD.

Thus did a simple flower blossom forth into a symbol of the fraternity, and become perhaps the most widely worn emblem among Freemasons in Germany; a pin presented ceremoniously to newly-made Masons in most of the Lodges of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge, AF&AM within the United Grand Lodges of Germany. In the years since adoption, its significance world-wide has been attested to by the tens of thousands of brethren who now display it with meaningful pride.

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. The Forget-Me-Not is yet another one of Masonry's images which are often quoted as being "A beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols". In that light the following is another view of the Forget-Me-Not.

In the years between WW1 and WW2 the blue Forget-Me-Not was a standard symbol used by most charitable organizations in Germany, with a very clear meaning: "Do not forget the poor and the destitute". It was first introduced in German Masonry in 1926, well before the Nazi era, at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge "Zur Sonne", in Bremen, where it was distributed to all the participants. That was a terrible time in Germany, economically speaking, further aggravated in 1929 following that year's "Great Depression". That economic situation, by the way, contributed a lot to Hitler's accession to power. Very many people depended on charity, some of which was Masonic. Distributing the Forget-Me-Not at the Grand Lodge Communication was meant to remind German Brethren of the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge.

In 1936 the "Winterhilfswerk" (a non-Masonic winter charity drive) held a collection and used and distributed the same symbol, again with its obvious charitable connotation. Some of the Masons who remembered the 1926 Communication --and the Forget-Me-Not-- possibly also wore it later as a sign of recognition. We have no evidence of that and its general signification still was charity, but not specifically Masonic charity. Moreover it rapidly became quite impossible to risk wearing anything but Nazi pins. So there were probably only a very few Brethren wearing the Forget-Me-Not, and probably only for a brief time, until wearing any non-Nazi pins became suspect. There is absolutely no record of the pin, or the flower, ever having been worn during the war, even less in concentration camps, as the legend also goes.

Nonetheless, I personally know the pride with which German Masons display the Forget-Me-Not pin today. A few years after I was raised while in Hanover, Germany at an electronics trade show a local Brother made himself known to me and over refreshments at the Hofbraeuhaus he explained that Masons in his country do not wear the Square and Compass and told me the story of the Forget-Me-Not. He then replaced the lapel pin on my coat with the little blue flower pin from his own.

At Arcana Lodge we have chosen the Forget-Me-Not as a symbol to remind us that we should never forget our Brethren, and to that extent this year we are presenting a Forget-Me-Not pin to each brother at their Masonic anniversary celebration.

Arcana Lodge Calendar

March

15 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 16 Thu 7:30 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
 17 Fri *Saint Patrick's Day*
 21 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
 25 Sat 5:30 PM Ides of March Spaghetti Dinner
 27 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner
 29 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 30 Thu 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2

April

2 Sun 2:00 AM *Daylight Saving Time Begins*
 3 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge Entered Apprentice Degree
 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 *Tax Day*
 16 Sun *Easter Day*
 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
 24 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
 26 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 27 Thu 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2

May

1 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge Fellow Craft Degree
 2 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
 4 Thu 7:30 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
 7 Sun 2:00 PM Arcana Lodge Widows Dinner
 8 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
 10 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 14 Sun *Mother's Day*
 16 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
 18 Thu 7:30 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
 22 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner
 22 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting & Awards Night
 24 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 25 Thu 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2
 29 Mon *Memorial Day*

June

1 Thu 7:30 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
 3 Sat 10:00 AM Arcana Lodge Master Mason Degree
 6 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
 7 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 12 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
 15 Thu 7:30 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
 18 Sun *Father's Day*
 20 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
 21 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 26 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner
 26 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting

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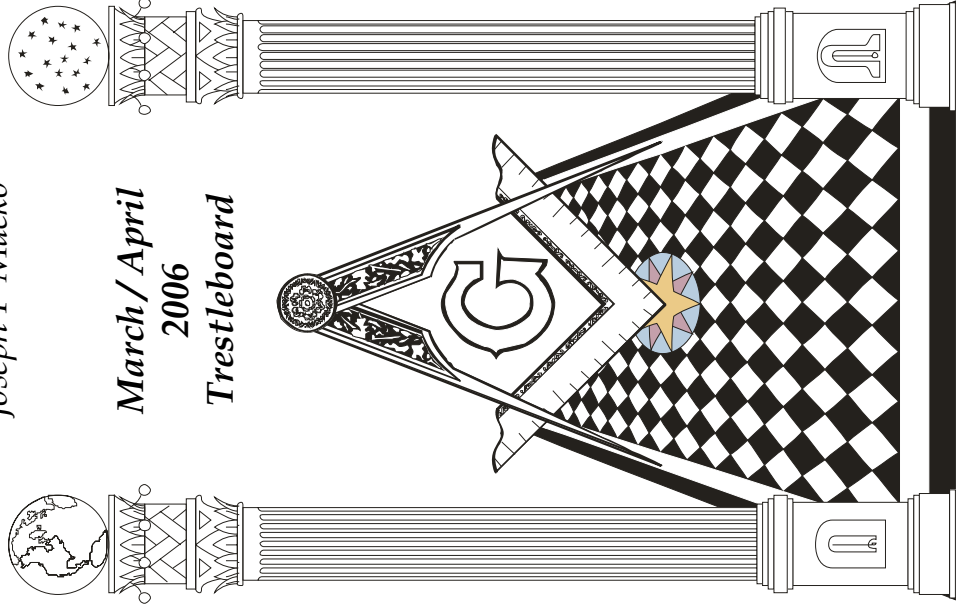
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