

Arcana Trestleboard

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News from the East

In Memoriam

News from the West

Greetings from the West

Brethren, I'd like to talk about Fraternal Relations and Outreach to the community. In my travels around Minnesota on Eastern Star activities, I've noticed that, in some communities, the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapter share their fund raising and social activities as a matter of course. These are examples of good fraternal relations. Some seem to think we have to join the Shrine for fun.

The last two Lodge Spaghetti Dinners were great examples of good fraternal relations. (this year's especially, with Joe Macko's accordion in play). We had the Eastern Star working to help with the dining room service. In the not-to-distant past, Arcana Chapter, in appreciation of this fine building for its home, celebrated the Chapter Centennial by re-carpeting the Lodge room and redecorating the dining room. The Lodge will be getting an invitation to join in a social event with the Eastern Star in the Lodge dining room in August.

For outreach, the thing the Eastern Star has done well with is fund raisers. They have to, with less than 190 members (33 really active ones). They raise BIG bucks for charities like Red Stocking, Food Shelves, and especially about \$1200 -1600 for the Masonic Cancer Center every year with a dance and silent auction.

We, in the Lodge, could work on a little outreach to the community, ourselves. I suggest, for starters, that we schedule a Children's ID Program at the Lodge this summer and/or staff the children's ID booth for a shift at the State Fair this fall. Brothers wishing to participate can email me at: durn-vern@usfamily.net.

Vern Bandel, SW

Arcana Lodge Widows Dinner

Sunday, June 11, 2006, 2:00 PM

Please invite our departed brothers widows who you know through your church or social circles in case the Lodge has lost touch with them over the years. Offer them a ride if needed and join us for a nice dinner and program. RSVP to our SW Vern.

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

Peter R. Super

- EA September 04, 1974
- FC September 25, 1974
- MM October 26, 1974
- Passed October 26, 2005

Raymond Zukowski

- EA April 03, 1963
- FC April 24, 1963
- MM May 25, 1963
- Passed March 11, 2006

Frank D. Chapman, Jr.

- EA May 14, 1946
- FC May 22, 1946
- MM June 14, 1946
- Passed March 22, 2006

Greetings from the South

Brethren, the year is nearly half over, and I'm finally getting around to writing an article for the Trestleboard. I apologize for being so tardy. I offer no excuses, but I can give you a reason; a severe case of procrastination, for which the only cure was sitting down at my computer and writing!

And to think that my main task as Junior Warden is to observe the time. (And, of course, to see that none convert the purposes of refreshment to intemperance or excess, but that's another subject for another time).

Speaking of procrastination, I believe it's something we all suffer from to some degree, and I think it may affect us in our ability to recruit new members.

How many times have we had the opportunity to talk to a family member, a business acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend about Masonry? Then, for so many of us, we elect to do it the next day, or the next week, or the next month. Pretty soon we just forget to do it at all.

Our beloved Fraternity, the greatest one in all the world, is losing more members every year than it gains, and is in danger of becoming as extinct as the dinosaurs.

I believe that we need to stop waiting and start asking! I think we need to spread the word that Masonry is worth joining and becoming an active member of in pursuit of that one important role... that of making good men better.

The timing couldn't be better, with all the attention around the new Tom Hanks movie of the Dan Brown book *The DaVinci Code* coming out in May. There was even a full segment about Freemasonry on *Good Morning America* a few days ago, followed the next day by a look at the history of the Knights Templar. With this kind of free press it should be easy to strike up a conversation about our craft.

Please ask a man you know to be of good character to join us. And please... don't wait until tomorrow.

Bernie Wiklund, JW

Outdoor Master Mason Degree with Anoka Lodge

Saturday, June 17, 2006, 9:00 AM 1st Section at Arcana
 12:00 Noon Lunch & 2nd Section at Armstrong Kennels & Ranch

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.

May Masonic Anniversary Monday, May 22, 2006 Dinner 6:30 PM — 7:30 Meeting

May Anniversary Brothers	Date Raised
Donald Kreitz	May 28, 1945
Milford Studell	May 23, 1947
John Ternes	May 17, 1948
Norman Perl	May 16, 1951
Robert Holmbeck	May 27, 1953
Richard Parrill	May 18, 1954
Milan Bozony	May 22, 1954
John Chamberlain	May 12, 1956
Wayne Dagleish	May 12, 1956
Paul Dillon	May 12, 1956
Clayton Gutzke	May 11, 1957
Robert Wilson	May 11, 1957
David Hodgson	May 9, 1959
Steven Clark	May 23, 1960
Richard Butler	May 27, 1961
Richard Berg	May 26, 1962
James Pulk	May 26, 1962
Harry Crooks	May 25, 1964
Richard Hastings	May 27, 1967
Ernest Hanka	May 8, 1971
Roger Jones	May 8, 1971
Franklin Johnson	May 16, 1973
Bernard Frankowski	May 26, 1973
Terrance Nelson	May 26, 1973
John Pearson	May 31, 1980
Bradley Almen	May 30, 1981
Kevin Almen	May 30, 1981
Bruce Anderson	May 4, 1996
Mark Manthey	May 17, 1997
Carl Lundin	May 21, 2003
David Baker	May 21, 2004
Timothy Cornell	May 21, 2004
Jeffrey Hampton	May 21, 2004

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June Masonic Anniversary Monday, June 26, 2006 Dinner 6:30 PM — 7:30 Meeting

June Anniversary Brothers	Date Raised
Wendell Wuori	June 4, 1946
Kenneth Hedberg	June 29, 1950
Alfred Martinsen	June 11, 1951
Kenneth Skoog	June 27, 1951
Richard Carlson	June 7, 1952
Lynn Thiele	June 20, 1953
Andrew Kohlan	June 2, 1956
Charles Malmberg	June 10, 1957
Charles Berger	June 22, 1957
Hobart Swan	June 22, 1957
Bruce Gall	June 27, 1959
Donald Larson	June 27, 1959
Donald Severson	June 27, 1959
Harold Fjerstad	June 30, 1962
David Fruke	June 30, 1962
Lawrence Judkins	June 30, 1962
Robert Emery	June 19, 1965
David Norling	June 19, 1965
Galen Graham	June 28, 1969
Robert Saeger	June 28, 1969
Walton French	June 26, 1971
Donald Neuman	June 26, 1971
Arnold Schumacher	June 24, 1972
Gregory Kaslow	June 29, 1974
Steven Christen	June 14, 1975
Darryl Metzger	June 14, 1975
Daniel Ouimette	June 14, 1975
Dale Clementson	June 12, 1976
Thomas Lutgen	June 12, 1976
Harold Johnson	June 30, 1979
John Lilja	June 30, 1979
Russel McGinnis	June 30, 1979
Wallace Stommel	June 30, 1979
Robert Gadbois	June 12, 1982
Virgil Ellis	June 25, 1983
Kenneth Odegaard	June 18, 1988
Bernard Wiklund	June 17, 1995
Louis Christen	June 20, 1998
Stanley Leino	June 20, 1998
Justin Sibben	June 20, 1998
Bradley Jones	June 21, 2003
Scott Pfankuch	June 21, 2003
William Bauer	June 7, 2004

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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

I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU

by Tom Lyle

His wife directed me to a wood working shop in his backyard. He was sitting on a tall stool, bent over his wood turning lathe, creating a master's gavel from a portion of an old plum tree stump which a neighbor had given to him. I would discover in the coming months that his work was as precise as his memory, and as beautiful as his heart.

He was to be my first friend in Masonry. He shared his knowledge with me. He knew what I had to do to strive for the higher degrees in Masonry. I called him "Coach", and that's the way he wanted it.

To him it was a warm and friendly nick name, but to me it was far more than that. I spoke it with a friendly, enthusiastic, and often times reverent tone of voice. Although he taught others, I still referred to him as "my coach". He was dedicated to Masonry. He was dedicated to his lodge. He was dedicated to coaching, and it was quite obvious to me that he was totally dedicated to getting me through my degree work in the most efficient yet friendly manner possible.

As you can "probably" tell, I was greatly impressed back then as an Entered Apprentice Mason, but this soon evolved into a very sincere gratitude when, after a word perfect proficiency, I was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft Mason. You see, I was never one to get involved in memory work. So I had to ask in prayer for help in memorizing my degree work. My prayers were answered through the friendly encouragement and hard work of my coach, for, I was raised a Master Mason on October 31 - yes, Halloween!

The Master of the lodge decided to raise me on Halloween because then I would never forget my Masonic anniversary. I felt then, (and even more so now), that it was an honor and a privilege to be a Mason and sit in my lodge with my brothers in Masonry, especially when I sat next to my coach. It was one of the greatest moments of my life.

Yes, I worked hard for that day, but so did my coach. He was there for me. I will always remember using the old push broom to sweep aside the sawdust and plum wood chips on the floor so that we could set up our two wooden stools to sit on. When he asked me where I was first made a Mason, it gave me a very warm and comfortable feeling to be able to say, "in my heart". One session, after going through my questions and answers for him, (Yes, I learned the questions as well as the answers), coach surprised me to the point where my chin hung down to my chest. With the biggest grin I ever saw on him, he shared with me that, "Just yesterday the Grand Master sat on that very same stool that I was now sitting on. It turned out that coach and the Grand Master talked about Masonry for a long time.

It was then that I became aware that coach did work with the Grand Lodge as well as our lodge. I wondered where he found the time, then it dawned on me that he was using his working tools, especially the twenty four inch gage. He created eight hours for God and a distressed worthy brother in Masonry. (Personally, I figured he spent a lot more than eight hours per day). I learned from experience that he didn't count the hours, he happily counted each moment with which he had the opportunity to turn an Entered Apprentice Mason into a Fellow Craft Mason, and he delighted in turning a Fellow Craft Mason into a Master Mason.

It was kind of like him pondering that old plum wood stump for the right combination of grain, texture and strength, then he turned it into a thing of beauty which could be ideally used with wisdom and strength. This is not just a tribute to my coach, it is a tribute to all coaches in Masonry. Your hard work and sacrifice is a shining example of the use of our working tools, for without their consistent use no Mason could be called coach in a friendly, enthusiastic and yes, reverent tone of voice.

Arcana Lodge Honors 25 & 50-Year Members

Monday, May 22, 2006

Dinner 6:30, Meeting & Awards Presentation 7:30 PM

50-Year Awards

- John R Chamberlain
- Wayne Dalglish
- Paul C Dillon
- Andrew G Kohlan
- Edward C Singer

25-Year Awards

- Bradley S Almen
- Kevin C Almen
- Gerald Roger Chartrand
- Keith D Felland
- Henry A Maday

Arcana Lodge Calendar

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
 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
 6 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
 7 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 11 **Sun 2:00 PM** Arcana Lodge Widows Dinner
 12 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
 15 Thu 7:30 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
 17 **Sat 9:00 AM** Arcana Lodge Master Mason Degree
 17 **Sat 12:00 PM** Arcana & Anoka Lodge Outdoor 2nd Section at Armstrong Ranch
 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
 29 Thu 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2

July

4 *Tue* *Independence Day*
 5 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 6 Thu 7:30 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
 10 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
 19 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 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
 27 Thu 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2

August

2 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 3 Thu 7:30 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
 14 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
 16 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 17 Thu 7:30 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
 28 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner
 28 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
 30 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
 31 Thu 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2

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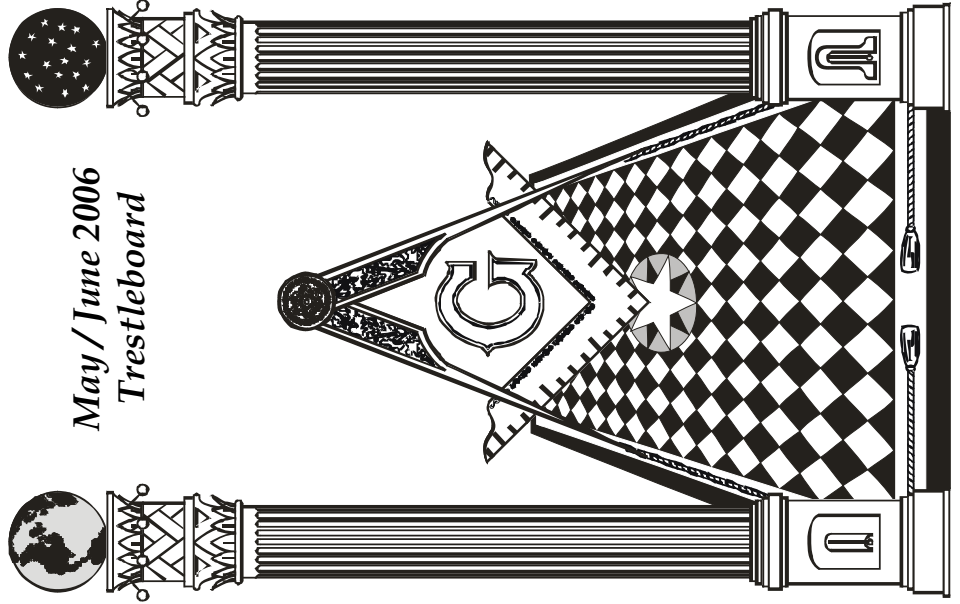
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