

Arcana Trestleboard

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News from the East

Greetings from the East

The lodge has been fairly quite since the last newsletter. Here's a little summary of what has happened, and what's coming up this fall.

With spring comes the annual "Ides of March" spaghetti dinner. This was the first year that I have had the opportunity to participate in this tradition. As with most of these functions, the regular workers become a well-oiled machine over the years. Each person tends to know his or her job so well, that it is almost difficult for a newcomer to fit in. Don't take me wrong though, there were plenty of jobs for me to do and I'm sure that there will be plenty of jobs for any of you that would like to volunteer next year. I was amazed at the time that went in to the preparation and cooking of the huge kettle of Worshipful Brother Doug's secret recipe sauce! Thank you to everyone that participated in this important fundraiser, whether as a worker or as a diner, or donator, you are appreciated!

Also with spring comes the issue of our parking lot. It was our understanding that the lot would be paved as soon as the weather conditions permit. Unfortunately the contractor who started the project defaulted, and we've had to find another willing to take over. If you are not aware, through a recent assessment of our property lines, we will be adding some additional space to our parking lot. I'm sure that this will be a welcome addition for those who use that parking lot on a regular basis.

In closing, we also have another spring

In Memoriam

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

David C. Fruke

EA May 09, 1962
FC June 06, 1962
MM June 30, 1962
Passed February 11, 2008

Charles R. Malmberg

EA June 04, 1953
FC May 31, 1957
MM June 10, 1957
Passed February 12, 2008

John E. Peterson

EA February 15, 1950
FC March 08, 1950
MM March 25, 1950
Passed February 21, 2008

Richard G. Lykke

EA January 16, 1957
FC February 06, 1957
MM March 02, 1957
Passed April 07, 2008

John P. Lovaas

EA January 14, 1959
FC January 28, 1959
MM April 11, 1959
Passed April 11, 2008

Harold A. Boetcher

EA August 13, 1947
FC September 05, 1947
MM September 19, 1947
Passed June 11, 2008

Kenneth V. Halvorsen

EA January 12, 1966
FC February 02, 1966
MM February 19, 1966
Passed July 20, 2008

tradition, the first set of degrees for the year. We have a candidate and will be beginning the degree set
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News from the Secretary

Secretary's Notes

Greetings brothers,

I trust everyone's enjoying their summer. As you know the lodge was dark these summer months of June, July and August. We look forward to resuming our work in September. We will be kicking off the second half of the term in grand fashion. Our first stated meeting in September on Monday the 8th, we will start the night at 6:30 PM with Prime Rib dinner fundraiser for the Masonic Cancer Center Fund at the University of Minnesota. The dinner will be free and we ask those who participate to make a donation of at least \$25 to the fund. In past years several members donations to this fund have been in the \$100's and even \$1,000 dollars! Arcana's raised about \$20,000 over the past 10

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FOR RENT

1,500 Ft² RETAIL
and/or
1,367 Ft² RETAIL / OFFICE SPACE

Arcana Lodge has two street level retail/office spaces available for rent. They can be rented individually or together for a combined 2,867 Sq Ft Space. The spaces are located on the busy corner of Lowry and Central Avenues in the center of the once again thriving NE Minneapolis business community.

For more information please contact Arcana Trustee James Higgins at (612) 789-7231.

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shortly. If there is anyone reading this who has ever thought about participating in a degree, but has not had the chance, we have many entry-level parts available. Don't be bashful! Give me a call!

Well gosh, if the first several paragraphs of my writing sounded dated, it's because I wrote that almost four months ago. It is now the middle of August. The Lodge has performed its spring degree cycle, and we have raised a new Brother! Welcome Brother Michael Flueckiger! I would like to thank, as well as praise Worshipful Brother John Fosdick for leading the EA degree, and Brother Mark Moriarty for leading the FC degree. I got off easy, as Minnehaha Lodge performed a courtesy third-degree for us. Getting off easy sometimes has its payback. I took on "canvas duty" in the courtesy degree, and got smacked in the face by one of the "retiring" candidates. All in all, it was a wonderful evening and I sincerely think Minnehaha Lodge for their fine degree work.

I will close this letter by stating that the Lodge will be dark until the stated meeting of September 8, 2008. On that evening, we will be holding our annual Awards Night and a fund raiser for the Partners of Life project at the Masonic Cancer Center University of Minnesota Hospital. I hope to see many of you at that function!

Sincerely,
Kenneth W. Odegaard, W. M.

**Congratulations
to Hiram Award recipient**

WB Kevin Erickson

**For his decade of service as lodge
Treasurer, commitment to the craft, and
adjacent Masonic bodies including:**

**York Rite,
Shrine, and
Eastern Star**

Presentation September 8, 2008

WANTED

The Arcana Board of Trustees are looking for Brothers willing to unlock the building and facilitate guests. We've received a number of requests from local groups and organizations to rent the second floor dining room area for meetings, receptions, etc. We are looking for responsible brothers willing to unlock the building, answer questions, make sure the group cleans up after themselves, lock the building, turn off the lights, water and gas. Typically these rentals are 3-4 hours during the day. We will collect a small fee from the group to compensate you for your time and courtesies. Interested brothers should contact the Lodge secretary at 651-269-2707 or by email secretary@arcana187.org.

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years we've been holding this fundraiser! Let's keep up the tradition, especially this year when our donations will be matched to have twice the effect.

Following the Prime Rib dinner we will be honoring our 50-Year and 25-Year Awards recipients'

50-Year Member	Date Raised
John B Hedberg	10/25/1958

25-Year Members	Date Raised
Scott T Benson	1/22/1983
Ivan B Erickson	1/22/1983
Earl J McNeal	1/22/1983
George R Shabatura	1/22/1983
Virgil A Ellis	6/25/1983
John H Hautla	8/6/1983

Although the lodge has been dark for several weeks it doesn't mean the officers and trustees have not been busy. Our building has been showing it age this summer. We've had to deal with very expensive repairs to the parking lot, the HVAC system, and the elevator. On top of the maintenance issues we received notice that our longest term first floor tenant Lowry Central Bowling Supply will be leaving us after several decades of operating from the corner space in our building. We wish Tom Reed good luck in his new venture which he says is a life long dream of his to run a bowling center.

2009 dues statements will be mailed out in a few weeks, and as always we will greatly appreciate your prompt payment.

Fraternally yours,
Doug Roswold, PM, Secretary

Do You Need a Ride to Lodge?

Phone Kevin Erickson — 612-781-7352
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Our Masonic Family



Arcana Lodge #187 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Second and Forth Monday 7:30 PM



Arcana Chapter #38 Order of Eastern Star

Colleen Page, Worthy Matron
First and Third Tuesday 7:30 PM
Dark in July and August



Lincoln Chapter Order of DeMolay

Second and Forth Thursday 7:30 PM
At Tusler-Summit Lodge



Minneapolis Council No. 2 Cryptic Masons

Last Tuesday 7:30 PM

Mehr Licht! More Light!

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Should Masonic Lodges Own their Own Buildings?

By Robert E. Davies, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ontario
Speech given at Grand Secretary's Conference, February 2002

The task assigned to me today is to address the pros and cons of Masonic ownership of real estate, at both the craft and Grand Lodge level.

In order to provoke the maximum dialog in the time assigned it is my intent to merely set the table for discussion by laying out a few bits and bites for you to pick up what you wish to expound upon.

Here we go! At the time of the formation of the Mother Grand Lodge, Masons gathered mainly in quarters located in taverns. Here they no doubt enjoyed reasonable accommodation at minimum expense. Masonry flourished and expanded rapidly. Why?

A century later Masons were concerned about their fellow man and began to erect Masonic homes and engaged in multi-faceted acts of charity. Masonry flourished even more. Why?

During the past century the emphasis seemed to shift to the erection of buildings on a grand scale where lodges could meet and their Grand Lodges could set up their administrative headquarters. Midway through the century, Masonry began its numerical decline. Why?

At the start of this current century we find many lodges struggling to fund ownership of their own building and even Grand Lodges are struggling to retain their own structures. Why?

What has gone wrong?

Do we allow our buildings to fall into disrepair and hence exhibit a negative influence of the Fraternity in the community?

Are our membership losses related to time devoted to the wrong concerns?

Do we still have time to teach and practice Freemasonry the way our forefathers did, or are we too busy trying to hang on to our expensive real estate?

Have we lost the social aspect of Freemasonry enjoyed so long ago when Masons met in taverns?

Is it time to take a serious look at the ever escalating cost in time and dollars, to meet once or twice a month in our own buildings?

Is it time to divest ourselves of what, in many cases, may be an albatross about the lodges' neck, in order to get on with the job of practicing Freemasonry in all its vicissitudes, cultivating harmony and extending our charitable endeavors?

Brethren, the table is set. Please pick up the bits and bites laid out for discussion!

Please remember: if you would like to participate in the latest Masonic Monday Question, please go to <http://www.lodgebuilder.org> and click on the Lodge Education forum. While the LEO Resources page of the Minnesota Grand Lodge Web Site is not working www.lodgebuilder.org is.

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Fraternally,
Ed Halpaus

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Arcana Lodge Calendar

September

- 1 *Mon* Labor Day
- 2 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
- 8 **Mon 6:30 PM** Arcana Lodge Partners for Life Prime Rib Dinner, Awards Night and Stated Meeting
- 10 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 16 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
- 22 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
- 23 Tue 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2
- 24 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 28 Sun Arcana Chapter #38 Reception for Grand Officers

October

- 7 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
- 13 *Mon* Columbus Day
- 13 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
- 15 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 21 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
- 25 Sat Arcana Chapter #38 Harvest Dinner
- 27 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner
- 27 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
- 28 Tue 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2
- 29 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 31 Fri Halloween

November

- 2 *Sun* 2:00 AM Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4 *Tue* Election Day
- 4 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
- 10 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
- 11 *Tue* Veterans Day
- 12 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 18 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
- 24 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner
- 24 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
- 25 Tue 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2
- 26 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 27 *Thu* Thanksgiving Day

December

- 2 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
- 8 **Mon 7:30 PM** Arcana Lodge #187 Annual Meeting & Elections
- 10 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 16 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES
- 22 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner
- 22 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
- 23 Tue 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2
- 24 *Wed* Christmas Eve
- 25 *Thu* Christmas Day
- 31 *Wed* New Years Eve

Put these dates on your *home* calendar

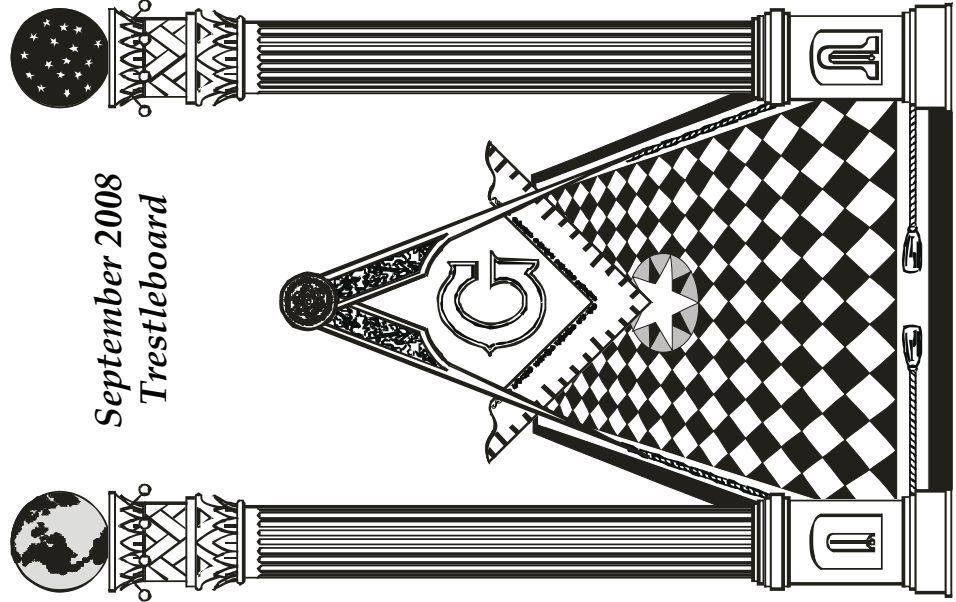


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