

# Arcana Trestleboard

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**News from the East**

**In Memoriam**

**News from the South**

**Greetings from the East**

Well here we begin the new year. I look forward to this coming year and have a lot of plans that I have laid out, and some I am still working on for this next year. I am proud to be the New Master for Arcana Lodge #187. You have bestowed a great honor upon me, and I will do my best to show you that your faith in me to be master is well founded.

I would like to use this article to discuss some of our problems from this last year introduce some of my plans for this year to fix them. I have found that many of us did not earn our wages last past year. Where as operative masons of the past earned their wages by building the temples, cathedrals and castles of old. We as accepted masons earn ours by taking part in our lodges working with new members, participating in degrees, helping out at events. We need to be more active, take more of a part in the lodge, and work more with new members.

In the last 3 years we have raised at least 7 new masons and only 1/3 of them ever make it to lodge. Some have stopped even communicating with the lodge. If we are to

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

**Harold H. Johnson**

EA March 14, 1979  
 FC June 13, 1979  
 MM June 30, 1979  
 Passed September 13, 2008

**Lyle A. Halberg**

EA October 12, 1966  
 FC November 09, 1966  
 MM November 26, 1966  
 Passed December 06, 2008

**Greetings from the South**

I'm happy to be here again for the third time. It shows that I must be doing something right. It also shows the confidence our fellow brothers have in me. It also shows there are not enough brothers to step forward and become involved in this great institution.

With that being said, I relate to what a visiting Grand Lodge brother imparted at a recent Blue Lodge Meeting: "The greatest generation is dying off and taking with them vast knowledge of our rites and rituals."

Brothers, I, as a past master, implore you to come to Arcana #187 and relate what you know. We need to learn and hear the stories which would be of incalculable benefit to our lodge. These stories are then passed down from

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**ARCANA LODGE OFFICERS**

Master	Mark Moriarty	(763) 503-4959
Senior Warden	John Fosdick, PM	(763) 781-7363
Junior Warden	Joe Macko, PM	(612) 423-6781
Treasurer	Kevin Erickson, PM	(612) 781-7352
Secretary	Doug Roswold, PM	(651) 269-2707
Senior Deacon	Josh Anderson	(763) 571-4430
Junior Deacon	Mike Flueckiger	(612) 789-2715
LEO	Jerry Chartrand, PM	(763) 862-3244
Chaplain	Ken Odegaard, PM	(612) 379-2344
Senior Steward	Stanley Leino	(763) 234-6137
Junior Steward	Chuck Berger, PM	(763) 420-4721
Marshall	Dave Sibben, PM	(763) 785-1975
Tyler	Dick Hunt, PM	(651) 631-2285

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



**March 14, 2009**

**6:00 to 7:30 PM**

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**\$7.00 Donation**

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continue as a lodge, or as a fraternity we must change this. We have to show the new members that our lodge is a lodge they want to belong to, that we are here to help them and support them. We need to take a more active mentoring role with these members. They need to know that they will get something from being a mason and member of Arcana Lodge.

People learn by example, and if we give an example that coming to lodge doesn't matter we won't see them in lodge, and eventually they will lose the desire to even be a member. Remember these young men are the future.

I'm putting together three committees to help work on some of these things they are an Education Committee, Membership Committee, and Mentoring Committee.

The Education Committee will be there to assist new members who often come in to learn about Masonry it's symbols and esoteric aspects. Young members often get bored with meetings that contain nothing but business.

The Membership Committee will be tasked to find ways that we can make our selves more visible, and how we can get new members.

The Mentor Committee to work on how we can better mentor new candidates, and keep them involved. I am also looking for 3-4 members of the lodge who would like to be mentors this year for new candidates. What I'm looking for in a mentor is someone who will keep in regular contact with the new candidate through his degree process assisting him with learning all of his prove ups and following up with them on a regular basis after they are raised to keep them interested and coming to lodge. If you would like to take part in any of these committees or as a mentor contact me or the lodge.

My other plans involve trying to make our lodge more visible by doing more special events Kids ID, School Supply give away, NE Parade, State Fair, and other social events like our Spaghetti Dinners. I also want us to try and put on more internal social events like a lodge Bar-B-Q, sweethearts dinner, poker nights, picnics and other similar events.

I am also going to start having officer meetings each month before our 1st meeting. This will help me to get better feedback from the officers and keep everybody better informed of upcoming event ideas. I have 3 goals to for this next year:

1. I want us to achieve a silver rating on the lodge recognition program.
2. I want to try and raise at least three new members this year.
3. I want to get three new line officers for next year that are not past masters.

These goals are achievable but I will need you the members of Arcana to help me accomplish them. Now let's look at the brothers who will make up our line for this next year. WB John Fosdick agreed to help out in the line again this year as our Sr. Warden, and WB Joe Macko agreed to step in to the line for the year as our Jr. Warden. WB Doug Roswold and WB Kevin Erickson will be returning as our Secretary and Treasurer again. WB Gerald Chartrand will be our LEO this year. Our Outgoing Master WB Ken Odegaard will be our Chaplain. Our deacons are two of our newest members Joshua Anderson Sr. Deacon, and Mike Flueckiger Jr. Deacon. Our Stewards will be Stan Leino Sr. steward, and WB Chuck Berger Jr. Steward. Our marshal will be WB Dave Sibben, and WB Richard Hunt will be our Tyler. I would like to thank all of our past masters who have stepped up in the past as well as this year to fill empty spots in the line. My plan this year is to try to get enough new members raised and involved in the lodge so that next year we can let some of our Past Masters sit back and watch from the sidelines. I have high hopes that this next year if we can get more people involved in the lodge we could make this lodge and our line healthy again.

Fraternally,  
Mark Moriarty, Master

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the greatest generation to those who are now active, and would be of good reference to the future of this fraternity.

This activity will not only get you out of the house (you can call for rides), but it will make you feel useful to the fraternity again. By this I mean we are all searching to complete ourselves; to make ourselves the best we can be. And with this being said, I call upon you, the greatest generation, to make this sacrifice again. We need you. Please come to the lodge to meet new friends, and remake old acquaintances. But more importantly, to pass on the knowledge of your years, so our fraternity can grow.

I look forward to meeting all of you.

In Brotherly Love,  
Joseph P. Macko P.M.

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# Our Masonic Family



**Arcana Lodge #187**  
**Ancient Free & Accepted Masons**

Second and Forth Monday 7:30 PM



**Lincoln Chapter**  
**Order of DeMolay**

Second and Forth Thursday 7:00 PM  
 At Tusler-Summit Lodge



**Arcana Chapter #38**  
**Order of Eastern Star**  
 Colleen Page, Worthy Matron

First and Third Tuesday 7:30 PM  
 Dark in July and August



**Minneapolis Council No. 2**  
**Cryptic Masons**

Last Tuesday 7:30 PM

## From the Secretaries Desk

Greeting from the brother who sits to the left of the Worshipful Master in the East.

I'd like to take this opportunity to let everyone know how the Lodge is doing. Like many of us this past year was a difficult one for Arcana. Our building is hanging in there, but she's really showing her age. Last year we had very large repair bills for the buildings air conditioning system, and elevator. We've also experienced some problems with kitchen appliances and a leaky roof. Last year we made some simple roof repairs, but after that balmy weather a couple weeks ago it appears more work is needed. On the positive side, thanks to your support of our annual spaghetti dinners over the past few years we were finally able to repave the parking lot and let me tell you it looks fantastic!

To compound our exceptionally high maintenance bills last year, we also went most of the year with a vacancy from one of our first floor renters. I'm happy to report that last Halloween our new tenant NE Tattoo opened for business. I have a very good feeling about our new tenants. Not only did I personally raise one of their principle owners, Br. Martin Nedich, but his brother Aleksandar and several others who work there are also Masons. At our dinner meeting in January another one of their employees petitioned our lodge in front of visitors from a lodge in Finland and a brother from the Grand Lodge of Washing. At our first meeting in February Joshua Strand from NE Tattoo was elected to receive Masonic degrees.

Many of you know that the speculative apron of the lodge secretary is not the only apron I wear, and in a few short weeks I look forward to donning the operative apron of chief cook and bottle washer for another Ides of March Spaghetti dinner. The past few years our attendance has been off somewhat from in the beginning when we were serving over 400 members and guests, but hopefully this year with all the exciting and energetic new officers and members we'll see a return to those kinds of numbers. Please remember to return your reservations and ticket payments on time so I can plan on the right amount of food.

Finally, as of this printing about 30% of our members have not yet paid your dues for 2009, and about a quarter of them

also still owe their 2008 dues. These hard economic times have brought a greater number of brothers requesting assistance with their dues from the Arcana Brotherhood Fund, and we are thankful that we can still extend that support. However, those increased numbers make it all the more important for the rest of us who have not fallen on the hard times of unemployment and catastrophic medical bills to meet our obligation to support the Lodge by paying our dues in a timely fashion.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Ides of March dinner on Saturday, March 14th.

Fraternally yours,  
 Doug Roswold, PM, Secretary

## On the Lighter Side

*A Mason was telling a fellow Mason about the trouble he was having with his ritual. His friend said he knew a Brother down the road who sells parrots that know the ritual and then prompt you when you have any trouble.*

*So the next day off he went to the shop. After strict examination, the owner pulled a curtain to reveal three parrots. The first was wearing a Master's apron, the second had on a MM apron, and the third bore a Grand Lodge apron.*

*"How much is the one with the Master's apron on?"*

*"\$6000. He knows all the ritual including the inner workings, and will always prompt you when you get stuck"*

*"No, too expensive. What about the one with the MM apron on?"*

*"Well, that one is only \$3,000. He doesn't know the inner workings, but knows all the ritual and will always prompt you when learning."*

*"No, still too much I'm afraid. What about the one wearing the Grand Lodge apron?"*

*"Oh, I can let you have him for just 10 bucks!"*

*"Why so cheap? He must know all the ritual and the inner workings?"*

*"Oh yes, he knows all the ritual alright. But when you make a mistake all he does is sit there and mutter 'Tut, tut, tut!'"*

# Arcana Lodge Calendar

**March**

3 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES  
 8 Sun 2:00 AM *Daylight Saving Time Begins*  
 9 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting  
 14 Sat 6:00 PM **Arcana Lodge Ides of March Spaghetti Dinner**  
 16 Mon 7:00 PM Arcana Lodge EA Practice  
 17 Tue *St. Patrick's Day*  
 17 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES  
 23 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner  
 23 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting  
 24 Tue 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2  
 25 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub  
 30 Mon 7:00 PM **Arcana Lodge EA Degree**

**April**

6 Mon 7:00 PM Arcana Lodge FC Practice  
 7 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES  
 12 Sun *Easter*  
 13 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting  
 15 Wed *Tax Day*  
 20 Mon 7:00 PM **Arcana Lodge FC Degree**  
 21 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES  
 22 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub  
 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

**May**

5 Tue *Cinco de Mayo*  
 5 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES  
 10 Sun *Mothers Day*  
 11 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting  
 17 Sun *Syttende Mai*  
 18 Mon 7:00 PM Arcana Lodge MM Practice  
 19 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES  
 25 Mon *Memorial Day*  
 26 Tue 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2  
 27 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub  
 30 Sat 4:00 PM **Arcana Lodge Master Mason Degree**

**June**

2 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES  
 8 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting  
 16 Tue 7:30 PM Arcana Chapter #38 OES  
 21 Sun *Fathers Day*  
 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 9:30 AM Koffee Klub

**July**

4 Sat *Independence Day*

Put these dates on your *home* calendar

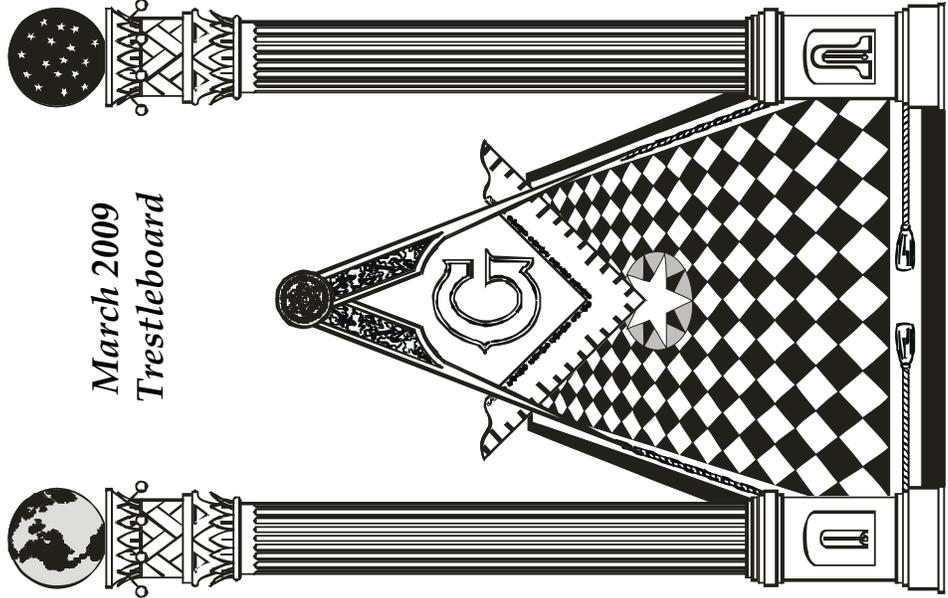


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