

Arcana Trestleboard

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Worshipful Masters News

In Memoriam

Senior Wardens News

Greetings from the East

Brethren,

It has been a while since our last Trestleboard Newsletter. As you can see I have been elected your Master again for a third term. With this being my last term as Master of Arcana Lodge I plan on trying to accomplish the final goals that I set when I became Master for the 1st time back in 2009. This will include raising more Master masons this year then both of my last two years and giving us a positive membership breakdown at the end of the year. I am also working hard with the other line officers to get us more visible in our community, which is a vital aspect in insuring Arcana's future. We will also be working on putting together several fundraising events and other special events. As I have said in the past we are in a time of re-building both in membership and building needs. We need to raise a good amount of money this year for building repairs and most of all upgrading our Elevator to current standards. I am looking at it that we need to raise a minimum of \$300,000.00 this year to get things rolling. I know this number sounds impossible to reach in current financial times, but as always I disagree. I believe that if we work together and put our best efforts into helping out with all events that we put together that it can be achieved. To any who have come down to the lodge in the last 6 months will have seen a very nice hand made donations box that was made and presented to me this last year by MWB Don Severson. I am forever grateful to MWB Don for all he has done for us during my years as master with degrees as well as being my installing master in 2009 and this year. I am glad to say that this year for the 1st time in many years we have a complete line of officers that are non past masters. I would like to

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The following Brothers have recently answered the roll call of the Grand Architect of the Universe:

Donald L. Larson

EA May 25, 1959
FC June 10, 1959
MM June 27, 1959
Passed September 14, 2010

Carl M. Nelson

EA October 22, 1957
FC November 06, 1957
MM November 16, 1957
Passed December 12, 2010

Greetings from the West

Brethren,

Greetings from the West. It's March now, and you know what that means. The annual Ides of March Spaghetti Dinner was on March 12th, and our first set of Degrees this year are coming up, with the first being on March 21st.

I am particularly excited for the Entered Apprentice Degree this year. Brother Micheal Flueckiger, also my cousin, will be presiding for the first time as Worshipful Master. Meeting new people through masonry is one of my favorite things about Masonry (of which there are many). At the

same time, there's nothing quite like experiencing something so exciting and then seeing someone you've known forever go through the same. I remember my first (of 2 so far) time presiding. It was scary at first. The days before were stressful. Would I do a good job? Would the candidates get out of it what I did when I was initiated? It wasn't perfect, but after I felt fulfilled. The overwhelming sense of accomplishment swelled inside. I have full confidence in Brother Micheal Flueckiger abilities, I know he's worked hard, and I hope that he captures the same feeling of inspiration from the experience as I did. In addition to that a longtime and very good friend of mine, James Breiter, will be initiated into our Lodge. It should be a great Degree all around.

Then, of course, the Annual Grand Lodge Communication is right around the corner. Last year was such an interesting learning and Masonic networking event that I can hardly wait until this year. With all three principle officers attending it should be an exceptional weekend.

After Grand Lodge it's back to business as usual, the Fellow Craft Degree. I will be presiding over this Degree. I'm not as nervous this time around. I'm going into it with more confidence than before and, obviously, more understanding as to how to run a Lodge. It will be my privilege and pleasure to pass my good friend, and by then newly admitted brother, to the degree of Fellow Craft.

Fraternally Yours,
Br. Joshua Anderson

We are working at setting up

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Junior Steward	Nick Settich	(952) 220-3616
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introduce to you our four new line officers this year they are JD Bro. Mazdak Rezaie, SS Bro. Peter McLeod, JS Bro. Nick Settich, and LEO Bro. Aleksandar Nedich. These brothers showed great initiative this last year helping out with lectures and parts in the degrees. I'd also like to add that Brothers Mazdak & Peter were raised in Dec.09 and Bro. Nick June 2010. It's new members like these guys that show us all what can happen if we give our time and knowledge to them and of course a job to do. I ask more brothers to come down see these new young members give them some of your knowledge and see the good work they are doing here in the lodge. If there are any brothers who would like to take part in a committee help out with degrees or put your name in for a future spots in the line contact me or the Senior Warden.

We also have had 2 new Brothers raised this year Bro. Michael Beason who was raised in a courtesy degree for us by St. Johns lodge, and Bro. Eli Barrows who was raised in the Grand Lodge one-day class. By the time this comes out we will have completed our 1st Entered Apprentice Degree of the year and initiated 4 - 6 new brothers. We will be doing our Fellow craft Degree on April 18th at 7pm. If you would like to help out with it or just come see it give a call to our SW Josh Anderson or myself. I know that we would all love to see some of our brothers who have not been to the lodge in awhile. We do also plan on putting on a dusty square and compass program during this year. If you are interested in attending let me know and I will make sure that we get the information to you about when it will be. This year I plan on continuing what I started last year by visiting other lodges and spreading the word about the good work being done in our lodge as well as seeing what other lodges have been doing that could help us to add new programs here. Last year I was able to visit 4 lodges this year I hope to double that. The 1st visit in a way this year was attending a weekend retreat with the members of Cataract Lodge at the Frozen 4 on Gull Lake. I must say it was an excellent weekend of golfing, tubing, and good fellowship. I thank the brothers from Cataract for inviting me along with them. I can definitely say that I will be one of the 1st to sign up for it next year when they put it on again. I do also plan on visiting one of their stated meetings this year. I have great hope for what we can accomplish this year and for the future of this lodge. I hope to see many of you the members of Arcana Lodge at our meetings and events this year. Remember being a mason is not just a membership it is a privilege, and you can get a lot from masonry but nothing close to what you can get from being active in your lodge.

Do You Need a Ride to Lodge?

Phone Chuck Berger — 763-420-4721

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DeMolay Masonic Appreciation Dinner

Presented by: Lincoln Chapter DeMolay
At Arcana Lodge before our stated meeting on May 23rd. The DeMolay Chapter invite all our members to bring their sons, grandsons, neighbor kids, etc. between the ages of 13 and 21, to the dinner, or at least bring the names and contact information for the candidates. The young men of Lincoln will be able to answer any DeMolay questions and will have information about DeMolay available for interested candidates and their parents.



News From The Nordeast Corner

By: Nick Settich

Thoughts and Prayers to all of our Masonic Brothers and their Families in Japan

My body was in Lodge and my mind was somewhere else, when WB John Fosdick brought home my distracted thoughts. WB Fosdick stood up, saluted and asked if "any of us knew of anything or anyway to help our Masonic Brothers and their families in Japan." The images of Tsunami ravaged homes and burning nuclear reactors that were currently filling my head came into an entirely new context.

Our Brothers in Japan have faced many challenges and always have seem to survive and triumph with hope and faith in their hearts and charity in action.

Masonry was historically reported establishing itself in Japan in 1853 with the visit of US Naval Commodore Matthew C Perry. That same year the first Masonic Meeting was held in Japan by Americans and Freemasonry started to grow in Japan. In 1867, the Yokohama Masonic Center was built.

Freemasonry grew and struggled, with the government looking upon it as "secretive and subversive". After WWI, Army officers were forbidden to be Masons. In the 1920s a large anti-Semitic and anti-Masonic sentiment grew. "The Japanese people could not understand what the problem with Freemasons was when American Presidents, Kings of Great Britain, and many other exceptional statesman were members of this Fraternity. Dr. Sakuzo Yoshido, a scholar, was accused of a being a Mason. He was brave enough to publish a booklet entitled, "The Study of Freemasonry" in which he strongly defended the Fraternity."

As WWII approached, the Japanese Government translated Anti-Masonic propaganda from the Third Reich and banned Freemasonry as well as the Boy Scouts (for having a Masonic inspired oath). Lodges had to shut their doors, until after the war.

With strong political endorsements from Japanese leaders after the war including support from many others like General Douglas MacArthur. Lodges began to spring up after WWII and the first post-war Japanese Masons were raised in 1950.

The next installment on Masonry in Japan with some updates on the life of our brothers in Japan will appear in the next edition of the Arcana Trestleboard.

Our Masonic Family



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

Second and Forth Monday 7:30 PM



**Arcana Chapter #38 consolidated with
St. Anthony Park Chapter #212
Order of Eastern Star**

First and Third Thursday 7:30 PM
at Tusler-Summit Lodge, Roseville



**Minneapolis Council No. 2
Cryptic Masons**

Last Tuesday 7:30 PM



**Lincoln Chapter
Order of DeMolay**

First and Third Thursday 7:00 PM
at St. Paul Masonic Center 200 Plato Blvd.

Mason of the Month Brother Larry Ranallo



Brother Larry Ranallo was presented with the Citizen's Award of Valor by the City of Minneapolis Police Chief on December 20th 2010.

Arcana's own brother stopped the assault of a woman during a purse snatching, pursued the assailant and captured him. Along with his fund raising work with the lodge; we couldn't be prouder to name Larry Ranallo our own Mason of the Month.

Elsewhere about the lodge WB Doug Roswold, WB Chuck Berger, and WB John Fosdick scrambled for candles and to start the dinner service.

Attendees were in fantastic spirit and enjoyed the first hour of the dinner in very romantic candlelight setting.

Once the power was restored WB Kevin Erickson immediately filled his post at the ticket counter and Demolay Brandon started serving the guests.

A very special thanks needs to go out to our chef WB Doug Roswold.

And thanks to all the volunteers for the event!

Annual "Ides Of March" Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday March 12, 2011

Unexpected Candlelight Dinner

The Annual "Ides of March" Spaghetti Dinner was a great success again this year with the attendance and donations from our brothers and friends. We hope to have the final numbers soon, we are still waiting for some donations to be sent into the Lodge.

WB Kevin Erickson did not volunteer to play Caesar this year, but when the power failed not only in the entire building but several block radius. The die was cast. WB Kevin Erickson having slipped on the ice just weeks before and undergone some very painful surgery. He bravely sought to make his return trip to the lodge to volunteer his time. WB Kevin and Lincoln DeMolay Chapter Brandon were stuck in the elevator between floors at the moment the power went off and remained there for nearly two hours.

WB Kevin described Brandon's actions as "heroic" and "fantastic". Brandon within five minutes of being suspended in the elevator had gotten the walker WB Kevin was using converted to a seat and called the fire department. Using his cellular phone as a light and source of entertainment for two men separated by generations and joined through circumstance; took advantage of the time

Art-A-Whirl Weekend

Gallery Exhibition / Open House & Kids ID
May 20-22 2011

For the first time in our history we will be having a three day gallery show as part of Art-A-Whirl Weekend. Artists will be featured on both the 2nd and 3rd floors of the lodge. We will have a booth on Masonry and Appendant Bodies all weekend as part of the Open House. We are also hosting a Kid's ID on Saturday from 1pm-5pm. Volunteers will be needed for hosting, working the Kids ID event, clean-up, refreshments etc. Please contact Nick Settich for volunteering opportunities. 952-220-3616. You can help save a child and be a great help to your brothers and community by volunteering.

Arcana Building Restoration

We are now officially kicking off our fundraising campaign to not only work on the restoration of our Masonic Hall, but we need to bring some things up to meet the new codes.

The elevator in our Lodge will be one of the first projects and also one of the most costly. Our first two quotes start at \$78,000.

MWB Donald Severson made us a beautiful donation box to get the ball rolling. Now it is up to the rest of us to make it happen.

If you would like to join the Building Maintenance or Fundraising Committee please contact Brother Nick Settich at 952-220-3616 or nsettich@gmail.com. We have something to do for everyone.

Arcana Building Calendar

April

- 13 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 18 Mon 7:00 PM **Arcana Lodge FC Degree**
- 21 Thu 7:00 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay (SPMC)
- 25 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner
- 25 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
- 26 Tue 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2
- 27 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 30 Sat 1:00 PM Job's Daughters Bethel #19 75th Anniversary

May

- 2 Mon 7:00 PM Arcana MM Degree Practice
- 5 Thu 7:00 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay (SPMC)
- 8 Sun *Mother's Day*
- 9 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
- 11 Wed 9:30 PM Koffee Klub
- 16 Mon 7:00 PM Arcana MM Degree Practice
- 19 Thu 7:00 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay (SPMC)
- 20-22 F/S/Sun All Day Art-A-Whirl Arcana Gallery Open
- 21 Sat 1-4:00 PM Kids ID Program (2nd Floor)
- 23 Mon 6:30 PM Arcana Lodge Dinner
- 25 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 30 Mon *Memorial Day*
- 31 Tue 7:30 PM Minneapolis Council #2

June

- 2 Thu 7:00 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay (SPMC)
- 11 Sat 3:00 PM **Arcana MM Degree**
- 13 Mon 7:30 PM Arcana Lodge #187 Stated Meeting
- 15 Wed 9:30 AM Koffee Klub
- 16 Thu 7:00 PM Lincoln Chapter DeMolay (SPMC)
- 19 Sun *Father's Day*
- 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

Lodge Education Events

- 25th April 8:00 PM Freemasons of Scotland Today by Bro. P. McLeod
- 13th May 8:00 PM Franklin's 13 Virtues Speech and Member Challenge by Bro. N. Settich
- 19th May 7:00 PM Art-A-Whirl & Kids ID Volunteer Meeting and Training

Volunteers needed for Art-A-Whirl weekend: Kids ID Program, Open House Greeters, etc. Please contact Nick Settich for more information. 952.220.3616 or nsettich@gmail.com

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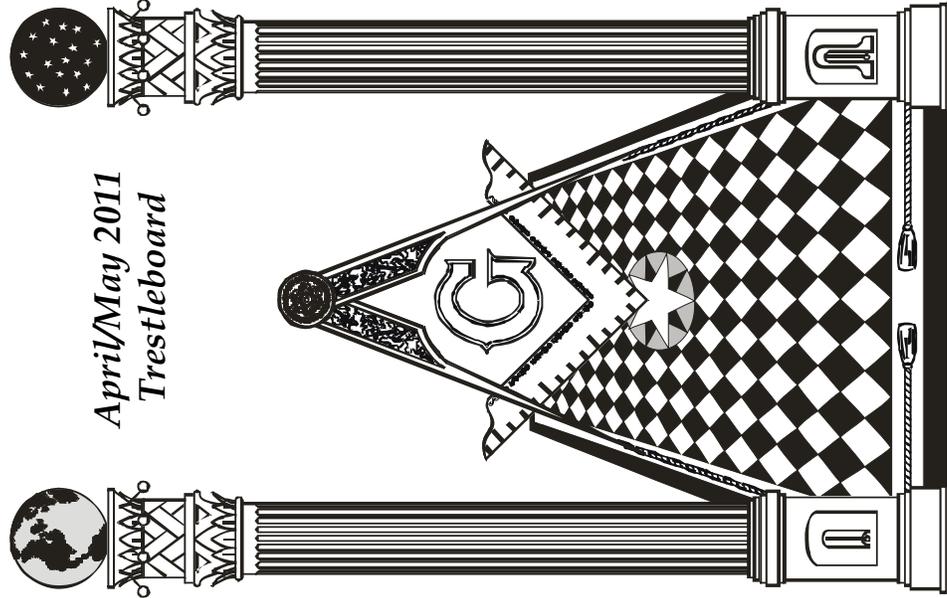
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