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## FOREST LAKE LODGE #344

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## The Masters Column

### From the East

I am humbled by your faith in me serving as Master for 2017. I am so fortunate to have served under our last past master WB Mike Hill and his officers who has done some great things in 2016 under his tenure. I am also so fortunate to have the support and guidance of so many Past Masters in our lodge.

I will be the first Master that has not served previously as a Master since Mike Schultz was first installed in 2011. With that said we have had the luxury of having seasoned Masters for the past 6 years. Now I am not as seasoned but I will work hard to make you proud of me and our lodge. I am sure some of the past masters will help me along the way, of which I am grateful.

My first priority is the add membership to our lodge. We are a lodge with great history, but we need more energetic and involved men do the work and invite others of similar ages. We need to be welcoming to all men and their families. Now more than ever men are expected to be integrated into so many activities in the family lives that often there is no time for additional time apart from the family. So we need to meet men where their lives are not to expect them to back away from their current responsibilities. We are incorporated in the family lives more today, so I suggest that we incorporate families more into our activities. Other groups encourage a relationship of family activities, a family making meals for stated meetings, movie night at the lodge, maybe a playground, and lots more ideas.

One of the wonderful things about our lodge is that we have

so many members that have been Masons for a long time. This is a great sign to a Speculative Mason by showing it is a group that stays together and they will be part of something greater than themselves. We are noticing that many older Masons are not as able to help with projects or stay for lodge because of night driving concerns. I hope you will continue to be present as much as you can. I ask that all of our senior members also help me with membership. You all know people around you that has potential. So many times all it takes is to extend and open hand and an invitation.

A special thanks to all that made the open installation on 12/11/12 a great event and supporting your officers for 2017.

*From the East  
your devoted brother and Master  
Michael Perreault*

So very true.....

#### TEN MASTER MASONS

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;  
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.

Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;  
One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;  
One joined to many clubs, then there were seven.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;  
One grew discouraged, then there were six.

Six Master Masons, all very much alive;  
One lost his interest, then there were five.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;  
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be;  
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you?  
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

## Senior Wardens Article

Brethren,

We are starting off a new year at the Lodge and our newly elected Master, Mike Perreault would like see you at the next Lodge meeting, if you are not vacationing in some warmer climate. His goal for the next year is to increase the membership. If you need a petition to sign up a new candidate call me or come to the Lodge. I believe there are still petitions right by the front door. Let's make some new friends by bringing in new members.

Our installation of officers turned out be really great on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>. I know it was a little snowy that day and we still had a great installation. We do have a couple of new officers in the chairs this year. Check them out.

We have obtained three bids for replacing the carpet upstairs and at the officers meeting we pretty much decided who we would like to do the job, now we need to find a way to pay for it. If you would like to help us with this project let me know or let our secretary, WB Ralph Magnusson know. I think this would really be a nice improvement to the Lodge.

The one-day-to-Masonry will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Grand Lodge Heritage Center. They will do all three degrees in one day. If you have not been to one of these, you really should go. The work is excellent and well worth seeing. Contact me or Secretary Doug Campbell at Grand Lodge if you are planning to attend. A meal will be served.

For those of you who are East Central Shrine members, we will be dark until March and I believe we will be meeting at the Wagon Wheel in Chisago at the March meeting.

Stay healthy and stay in touch  
SW Mike Schultz

## Junior Wardens Article

### **A New Year Is Upon Us!**

Brethren, it is with great pleasure that I sit in the Jr. Warden's chair this year to serve you. Our Worshipful Master has a year planned that all may participate. To that end we have officers taking new chairs, learning new skills, and engaging in all aspects of the fraternity. This is well since it will also be my last year sitting in an officer's chair...so others have a chair to move to.

A good place to learn the fundamentals of the Craft is to join the Officers during our practices. To that end, officers will be practicing their open & closing ceremonies on January 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and you're welcome to join us. And, of course, WB Mike Schultz continues to meet with Brothers each Monday wanting to brush up and/or improve their cipher reading skills. No one is ever too old to learn to read...

Our Worshipful Master has proclaimed his year to be that of membership. In short to find men worthy of becoming Masons, those whose word results in action, and have the desire to be part of something greater than themselves. Who are these men? Well, you play cards with them, work with them, see them in church, they're your neighbors; they belong to other organizations that you do and/or happen to run into by accident at a store or function. They are exactly like you all those years ago before you became a Mason.

Membership brochures are at the lodge, on our website at <http://forestlakemasons.com> to print off or you can contact our Lodge Secretary, at the newsletter address, and have it mailed to you. To that end, let me leave you with a smile from the past:

While visiting a newly initiated brother at home one day, the new brother's wife took me to one side and said her husband had started behaving very strange since joining.

I asked in what way? She said that he locks himself in the toilet for hours on end mumbling to himself with his little blue

book.

Later that evening I turned the talk to lodge, and asked him how he was getting on. Oh fine was his reply.

I asked him about his behavior and if there was anything wrong. No, was his reply.

So why read the book there? Well he said "It's the only TYLED room in the house"....

Fraternally yours,

*Mike*

Michael Hill  
Jr. Warden

Two Master Masons with so much to be done;  
One said "What's the use," then there was one.

One Master Mason, found a brother -- true!  
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.

Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;  
Each brought another, then there were four.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodges fate;  
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright  
sheen;  
Talked so much about it, they soon counted  
sixteen.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;  
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-  
two.

So we can't put our troubles at the Lodges door;  
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.

Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in  
the East;  
Keep your obligation by serving even the very  
least.

Author Unknown



## January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Happy Birthday Br Barry Olson	3	4 Happy Birthday Br Terry Lee  <b>6pm Practice Open and Close</b>	5 Happy Birthday Br David Purdy  <b>6:00pm Pasta Dinner 7:30pm Stated Meeting</b>	6 Happy Birthday Br Bob Shoberg	7
8	9	10	11	12 <b>6:00pm Officers Meeting</b>	13	14 8-11am Actual Past Master's Degree
15	16	17	18	19 Hi 12	20	21 8:30am – 4:00pm One Day to Masonry at the Heritage Center
22	23	24 Happy Birthday Br Phillip Mattison	25	26	27 Happy Birthday WB John Maddox	28 Happy Birthday Br Bill Henry
29	30	31 Happy Birthday Br Garnet Bergerson Br Greg Pepin	<b>Notes:</b>			

## February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:00pm Dinner 7:30pm Stated Meeting	3	4 Happy Birthday Br Michael Truman
5	6	7	8	9 6pm Officers Meeting	10	11
12	13 Happy Birthday WB David Scott	14	15 Happy Birthday Br Justin Miska	16 Hi 12	17	18
19	20 Happy Birthday Br Kirk Luettinger	21	22	23 6pm Practice Receiving a Grand Lodge Officer	24	25
26	27	28	Notes:			