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## FOREST LAKE LODGE #344

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## The Masters Column

### **This year's theme "Grow and Glow"**

We have had quite a busy spring. Many projects that have been in need of attention for years are being addressed utilizing all the members that are stepping up volunteering their time and talents.

Our next project is huge from a financial standpoint. We have quotes in for replacing our flooring in the lodge and the best price all-inclusive will be \$10,000. In the past, I was Treasurer when we had two other costly projects, the grills and the replacement of the driveway/parking lot. They were projects that were not possible based on what we had in the bank. In fact, several of you might remember that I stood up in the lodge and I told the lodge that there was no way we could afford the projects. Those were the years when even our basic accounts were dangerously low. I was told by some of the past masters to just give it some time and have some faith in your brothers. I have seen what brotherly love and commitment can do. On both projects, brothers stepped up and gave accordingly to their ability. We are all equal in the lodge and in God's eyes. If you are blessed with the ability to contribute liberally, your support will be appreciated. We have already had a brother that is willing to buy the tile and install it under the alter.

Along the topic of brotherly love we have a wonderful Widows and Widowers Dinner at our last stated meeting provided by

Mike and Jenny Hill. It really makes me proud to be part of an organization that honors their brothers and families when they are no longer with us. When you are joining masons you're not a member, your family. Members get forgotten, but family lives on in our hearts.

To our senior brothers all summer long the lodge meeting will be done before dark. So no excuses the younger guys need to meet you. So driving after dark should not be an issue.

Oh, one last thing when the Grand Master of Minnesota was sitting with me in the East he mentioned it was nice to see all the things our lodge was doing to preserve our heritage, involve our brothers and give back to the community. I replied graciously and thanked him and our goal was to have the lodge room we well worthy of his visit at our stated meeting in September when we give out lodge awards.

We will be raising our spring group of men. Now is the time to look around you for brothers that might make good masons and let them know what masonry has done for you. We will be having a full set of degrees so now is the time to get those petitions in.

We are on track to achieve Gold Status as a lodge.

*From the East  
Your devoted brother and Master  
WB Michael Perreault*

### Senior Wardens Article

Brethren,

On June 8<sup>th</sup> we recently raised three new members, John Hawes, Mark Long and Terry Sweeney. I was really impressed with the turnout. We had several Masons from other Lodges. That was really nice to see. Terry's brother came from Bawabik, MN to watch him be raised. Thanks to all of you that were at the degree and especially those of you that participated in the degree.

At our last Stated Meeting Br. Bob Blaisdell gave the LEO presentation. The subject was meditation. Honestly it was much better than I had expected. I actually learned a lot about meditation that I never knew. I did not know there were so many types. It just goes to show that as a Mason and a person you should be open to many different things. This is how we grow as a person.

Another one of our projects is almost complete. The kitchen cabinets are being painted white and they are almost complete. You can thank Br. Bob Moorhouse and Br. Wayne Schmitt for taking on that project.

One of our newest Brothers, Mark Long, volunteered to paint the front doors. They were getting a little weathered. Thank you Mark, it looks great.

The East Central Shrine will be doing their annual Riverboat Cruise on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The paddleboat will take off from Stillwater at 6:15 sharp. It is recommended that you check in by 5:30 pm. The meal for the evening will be BBQ chicken and ribs buffet. They do a really good job on the food. As always any Mason and their guests can attend. To make a reservation call 651-430-1234 and let them know you are with the East Central Shrine. For more information you can also go to their website, [stillwaterriverboats.com](http://stillwaterriverboats.com).

Another event that has gotten very popular is the St. Paul Saints game at their new stadium in St. Paul. The event is on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>. Make your reservation with me or WB Bill Brown. Email Bill at [webrowndb@hotmail.com](mailto:webrowndb@hotmail.com). My info is on the front page of the Triangular. PLEASE do not delay. Let us know ASAP. The cost for the game and the food is \$25. Oh, and did I mention there will be fireworks after the game.

On the back page of the Triangular is a collage picture of several of us attending the Zurah Shrine annual Gala. This was a fundraiser for the Shrine Hospital. The event was held at the

Renaissance Hotel next to the Depot in Minneapolis. Wow, what a nice event. Everyone at the table was totally impressed. The food was excellent; there was an open bar for the first hour and a huge silent auction. There were many ways to make a donation.

Dust off those golf clubs. We are having our annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Oneka Ridge GC in Hugo on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Everyone that attended last year had a great time. The food will be prepared by Mike Perreault. He always does a great job. There will be lots of great prizes. Get a team together and give me a call or email. If you don't have a team that's ok too. We will find someone for you to golf with. It's all about raising money and having a good time. The cost of for all of this is \$75.

Stay healthy and stay in touch  
SW Mike Schultz

### Junior Wardens Article



My mother and I were recently traveling in the Big Horn Mountains on our way for breakfast at a lodge. The food is always good and we often see animals such as mule deer, antelope, elk or moose. Spring time in the mountains usually means snow, out-of-state tourists and the weather different from the valley below.

On this day we found ourselves behind an Alabama driver who appeared more focused on the switch backs than his surroundings. As such, they missed seeing a baby moose standing alongside the road and understanding the beauty of the moment...

As Masons we know there are many symbols

attached to the fraternity. We drive past the square and compass attached to our lodge, walk past those wearing Masonic rings and watches, and sit in the lodge room surrounded by furniture, tools and even more symbols. However, how many of us actually understand the morals and lessons they provide?

We've all knelt at the altar of Masonry, but what is it? The answer is that it represents the sanctity of the Altar of Incense within the Holy of Holies (Sanctum Sanctorum) in King Solomon's temple. More than that, it assists Freemasons in their quest of pleasing their Creator's eyes and in turn receiving his blessings. Like each of our ancient forefathers before us, our masonic altar is symbolic of our quest to commune with our creator.\* Through this, Masons are empowered, through the Grand Architect, to make our communities and the world a better place for all to live.

So take a moment each day to drink in your surroundings, learn more about your Masonic symbols, share your knowledge, and become a better man. Be the one who sees the moose that others have passed by and missed the beauty.

07/16            8:00 – 12:00 PM    Hiram  
Lodge – Pancake Breakfast. Cost \$7.00.

07/20            5:30 PM            ECS Club  
– Paddleboat Buffet Dinner, Stillwater

07/21            6:00 PM            Forest  
Lake Lodge – St. Paul Saint's Baseball

08/06            2:00 - 4:00 PM    Hiram  
Lodge – Annual Pig Roast & Pot Luck

Fraternally,

*Mike,*

Jr. Warden

\* <http://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/masonic-altar.html>



Scholarship Night: Trent Mastenbrook, Sarah Burger, Shelby Collins, Ross Peterson, WB Dave Scott



Spring 2017 New Members. Three from the left is Terry, Mark and John.



Shrine Hospital Gala 2017

## July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Happy Birthday WB Roy Truax Br Ted Olson	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Happy Birthday Br Norm Fedun Br Duane Olson  <b>6:00pm Taco Bar Dinner</b> <b>7:30pm Stated Meeting</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Happy Birthday Br Robert Kendall
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> HI 12 at John and Sally Ede's  6:00pm Officers Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Happy Birthday Br Joe Will	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30pm ECS Paddleboat Ride	<b>21</b> 5:00pm St Paul Saints Game	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Happy Birthday Br Mike Truman
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Happy Birthday Br Gary Lovas	<b>Notes:</b>				

## August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>20</b> East Central Shrine Picnic	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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