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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 had 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, our goal is to have the lodge room updated with new carpet and tile before his next visit at the September Stated Meeting. We will also be giving out awards at the September Meeting.

We will be raising our spring group of men June 8th. 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,
Summer is really turning out great. I am sure many of you are making plans to make the most of our short summer. I have managed to get in a few rounds of golf. Patty and I also hosted an Easter dinner at our house for 20 people and most recently we hosted a Mother's Day dinner for about 15 people. It is always nice to get together with family and catch up on their lives. Most of my family lives in the Hutchinson area, which is about 100 miles from Forest Lake.

Recently we distributed our Girl Scout cookies to the Ronald McDonald House in Mpls. There is a picture of us with the outgoing Girl Scouts and the incoming Girl Scouts on the back page of the Triangular. This year we distributed 635 boxes of cookies. I don't know how many of you have been to the Ronald McDonald House on Oak St., but it is well worth a visit if you ever get a chance and any

donation they receive is so much appreciated. The children that are in the hospital have some very serious medical issues and for family to have a place to stay with meals and schooling for the brothers and sisters takes some much of the burdon off the family so they can support the child that is in the hospital. Thank you for doing your part by supporting this program.

On Monday, June 5th, we will be presenting three scholarships to three Forest Lake HS students again this year. We have been giving out \$1000 scholarships for many years and we raise the money by having a golf tournament. This year our scholarship recipients will be Sarah Burger, Shelby Collins, and Ross Peterson. Thank you all for supporting our golf tournament so that we can continue to give out these scholarships every year.

Our next Scholarship golf tournament will be at Oneka Ridge GC in Hugo on Saturday, September 9th, at 1:00 pm. You can show your support in many ways. You could sponsor a hole and we would have the printers make a professional sign with your name or the name of your business that we will post on a tee box at the golf course, you could play in the tournament, you could donate money to our scholarship fund, you could donate prizes to be given at the end of the tournament or you could help by giving your time. It is very expensive to go to college these days and scholarships are one way to help with the costs. Give me a call and let me know how you can help.

Get your reservations in now to me or Bill Brown for our annual St. Paul Saints game. The game will be on July 21st. We will meet at the ballpark in St. Paul, have a wonderful meal at the park, enjoy the game and afterwards watch the fireworks. The cost for this wonderful evening will be a mere \$25. Bill has already made arrangement for a block of 50 seats. Bring your family, Bring your friends. This event is open to everyone.

My information is on the front of the Triangular.
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Stay healthy and stay in touch.

SW Mike Schultz

Junior Wardens Article

Making History Again

Forest Lake Lodge remains on the move Masonically and in our community, which is very exciting. In April there was the pancake breakfast with our sponsored group, the MOST program. A group of really hard working kids with genuine smiles on their faces. This was followed by our annual widows and widowers program and meeting in May, in which we were pleased to receive the Grand Master of Masons John Studell and brothers from surrounding lodges. A memorable night...

In June, another pancake breakfast on June 4th the Forest Lake High School Honors Society being sponsored. And, for our Lodge, in addition to our regular stated meeting, there were three new Master Masons being raised on June 8th.

The above is current history of course, of which we want you to be an active participant. That said, the foundation of Masonry is something that didn't happen overnight. On June 24, 1717 four lodges assembled at the Goose & Gridiron in St. Paul's Churchyard and created the Grand Lodge of England. This was also a date of significance being the Feast of St. John the Baptist, a religious holiday, and the Summer Solstice.

"According to McCoy's *Masonic Dictionary*, the Festival of St. John in summer is a duty of every Mason to participate in, and should serve to be a renewal and strengthening of fraternal ties and a celebration of Masonry from "olden-times". It functions as a connection between the past and the future.

The festival, to non-Masons, has been called the "Setting of the Watch", where ceremonial bonfires were lit after sunset with men, women, and children jumping through the fires for luck. Across Europe, this holiday is still celebrated in many ways. The meanings of ancient traditions are lost today on our society, but a link was made at some point to John the Baptist.

In looking toward the future, St. John the Baptist Day is an appropriate celebratory day for Freemasons, as it is a good day to come together and reflect in our past and in our future. It stands to remind us, not just of our past, but also of a re-commitment of our

circumscribed passions. In all of our time they're as a fraternity, union celebrations such as this one help us to reaffirm our ties that bind." (1)

06/04 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM Forest Lake Lodge - Pancake Breakfast

06/08 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM
Forest Lake Lodge – 3rd Degree

06/15 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM East Central Shrine Club- Vannelli's in Forest Lake

07/09 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Hiram Lodge - Pancake Breakfast

- (1) <http://freemasoninformation.com/masonic-education/esoterica/the-holy-saints-john-duality-in-the-construct-of-one/>

Fraternally,
Mike, Jr. Warden





June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy Birthday WB David Schuman 6:00pm Chicken Fettucine Dinner 7:30pm Stated Meeting	2 Happy Birthday WB John Coy Br Richard Moody	3 8am Pancake Breakfast Set up
4 Happy Birthday Br Loren Lex 8am to 12:30pm Pancake Breakfast	5 6pm Master Mason Degree Practice	6	7	8 Hi 12 Sloppy Joes At John and Sally's in White Bear 5pm Master Mason Degree	9	10 Happy Birthday Br Dallas Berggren
11	12	13	14	15 5:30pm EC Shrine at Vannelli's	16	17
18	19	20	21 Happy Birthday Br Justin Thunstrom	22	23	24
25 Happy Birthday WB Richard Anderson	26	27 Happy Birthday Br Marc Asch	28	29	30	Notes:

July 2017

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