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## Greetings from the East

Well, it's been a long trip from being the youngest Entered Apprentice in the North East Corner to being the Worshipful Master who resides in the East. From sitting in the Marshal spot, to helping with meals as a steward, conducting candidates as the Sr. Deacon, to assisting the Worshipful Master in opening lodge in the west, it has been an enjoyable and educational journey.

My year has started with tragedy, the death of our brother Erik Bunes. We go through periods of shock as well as anger. But what I will take from this is how the brothers came together over the episode. We were there for each other. Thanks again to Mike Stattman for putting on the Saturday breakfast and for Tim Jirak for bringing together all that was necessary for the Masonic funeral including going back to the Lodge to get my top hat and apron. But, especially my thanks goes out to Leonard Andrews and Neil Neddermeyer for reaching out to their poor distressed brother Mason the way they did. The two of you have shown us examples of true up-right Masons.

My goals this year as Master of the lodge are to become acquainted with members of the lodge who may or may not regularly attend lodge. Many of you have received surveys which we are thankful for your input. I also want us to put on regular degree work while using the talent available within our own lodge.

I have enjoyed trying to do some things in the Lodge differently. Tuxedos are now the dress code for line officers during stated meetings. (This will be relaxed for the summer months). We now also hold our monthly officers meetings on the Friday before the stated meeting...at 6:30 AM! As strange as this may

seem, it actually is easier for our officers to schedule as opposed to afternoon or weekends. We also hold most of our rehearsals for degree work in the early morning hour.

We look forward to see our Brethern at the stated meetings. If you are a member who has an issue with transportation, please let an officer know and we will work to give you transportation.

Sincerely,

Dale Lillevold  
Worshipful Master

### WAYZATA MASON MENTOR PROGRAM

We need volunteers for Wayzata mentoring program. It is the goal of the lodge that each new Brother is to be assigned at least one mentor.

#### As a mentor, you will be responsible for:

- Helping the Brother through the examination requirements set out by the lodge
- Keeping in touch with the Brother between meetings and events
- Encouraging his participation in Lodge events
- Accompanying them to lodge to guide them during meetings and explain what they are observing

A mentor should plan on being active in the role with a new Brother for at least one year.  
Let's keep our new Brothers active in the lodge for a lifetime.

# 2009 Officer Instalation



**Back Row:** Leonard Andrews, Mike Stattman, WB Dave Camp, WB Mark Eilers, David Augustine

**Front Row:** Verl Raap, Tim Jirak, MWB Neil Neddermeyer (Installing Marshall), WM Dale Lillevold, WB Grant Lillevold (Installing Master), WB Erik Bunes, Bill Burrows

**Not Pictured:** Andrew Brennen, Charlie Leflar, Mark Bullis



Pictured with newly-installed W. Master Dale Lillevold, WB Grant Lillevold who installed him. Seated between them is their Grandma, Sally Olstad who is the widow of M.W. Brother Paul Olstad, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota 1964-1965.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER

With all of the Doom and Gloom today, Wayzata Lodge #205 is here to stay. Our finances are in fair shape. Our investments are down like everyone else's, but it looks like we are down only about 8 or 9 percent. Comparing this down to other's losses we are in good shape financially. With our 2 fundraisers coming at the end of April, our money will grow.

***Come to the French Toast Breakfast -  
eat well and Buy & Sell Geraniums!***

Fraternally,  
Lennie Andrews

## Refreshment

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the efforts on the part of Sr. Steward Bill Burrows and Jr. Steward Marc Bullis for their service and creativity for the meals that have been prepared for us at our Stated Meetings and Ritual Degree Work. We would like to take the opportunity to solicit your feedback or input on what you would like to see improved or to suggest your favorite meal choices. I know for example that most of you crave Brother Mike Stattman's meatloaf recipe.

Also, for your information, we will be providing Degree work on the first degree later this month, and the second degree in April. The third degree is scheduled for May. See the lodge calendar in this issue. Full meals are provided at each degree and you are encouraged to participate in the degree rituals for new brothers.

As a further reminder, our meals at Stated Meetings are open to all family and friends. What a wonderful way to let your significant private life members meet and greet your Brothers? I know they very much wonder what we are really like and to be assured that you are in safe hands. I for one would like to meet your family and friends at times other than the French Toast Breakfast once a year.

We are looking forward to seeing you and hearing feedback on what we can better do to meet your needs in Masonry and Brotherhood. You may address your correspondence to me at the address below.

With Best Regards,  
Charlie Leflar

## Golf Tournament



The **2nd Annual** Wayzata Lodge #205 Invitational Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 12, 2009** with a **1:00 pm** shotgun start at Baker National Golf Course, 2935 Parkview Drive, Medina, MN 55340. This event promises to be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a round of golf, fun, and fellowship. This event is open to friends and other lodges.

Brother Tim Jirak is working hard on coordinating this event. Brother Tim can be reached at (612) 701-7743.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MASONIC BREAKFAST

We welcome members, potential members, and their families to join us at our monthly Mason breakfast at 7:30 AM.

See our Calendar for Location and Dates.

## *Just For Fun!*

Have you heard of the Lodge that was holding its meetings in the ballroom of the local hotel while its building was undergoing renovations?

One night a traveling salesman asked the desk clerk who all those men going into the room were.

The desk clerk replied, "Oh, those are the Masons."

The salesman said, "Oh, I've always wanted to join that lodge. Do you think they would let me in?"

"Oh, no," said the clerk, "They're awful exclusive. Why, you see that poor guy standing outside the door with a sword? He's been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in!"

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One of the Lodge members had a recent hospitalization and was unable to attend the Lodge Officers meeting. In the morning he was pleased to receive a get-well message from the Secretary, which read, "The Officer's Meeting took a decision to express their sincere good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. Six in favor, three against, one abstention."

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A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge fight in full fury on the football game he is passing.

"What's going on?", he asks a spectator watching from the sidelines.

The other replies, "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus."

"What's the score?" asks the first man.

"I don't know, it's a secret."

# SECRETARY'S CORNER



*Greetings Brethren,*

Dues are Due on the 1st of January.

As my first year in this position I want to thank the members of the Masonic community for their patience. Never did I realize that this would become a full time job. I can only say how I admire the work of those past secretaries. Between the Grand Lodge, the Worshipful Master and the Treasurer there are considerable duties to perform. Again, I wish to say thanks for your patience.

With that being said, it's time to reflect on the coming year. Dale has done a masterful job of putting together a wonderful team to help lead this lodge, you can't say enough about this past degree. Those brothers that participated made us all proud. Let's involve some of these sideline players in the next one. The Master has called for some help, as a Brother you are obligated to say yes. The work can and will be fun, we are all busy with our everyday lives, let's not make that an excuse, if so nothing would get done.

There's a calendar of events planned for the coming year, let's all check the website, and pick something that you can get behind. Don't be afraid to volunteer, take something and make it your own, Tim Jirak has taken on the task of the golf tournament, Lennie as before has taken up the challenge of the flower sale. How about a fishing trip? What about bowling? Maybe a lodge picnic, maybe attend a lodge over at Excelsior or Mound, they would love to see us. There's any number of things we can do. Remember it's your lodge, and it is what we make of it.

The French Toast breakfast and flower sale is fast approaching, plan for this. Last year was our best effort to date on the flowers, let's make this year even better. Sunday, April 26 is the day we do the French Toast Breakfast; please plan to volunteer for a 2-4 hour shift. The work starts at 7:00 AM and runs through 2:00 PM. It's fun, wives, children anyone is welcome to help. It's the one day out of the year that we invite the entire community into our lodge, let's put our best effort into this.

## Temple Association News

There will be a Temple meeting after the stated meeting on April 1st.

All members of Wayzata #205 are encouraged to attend.

## Housekeeping

As we no longer have a service to clean up after ourselves, it's incumbent on all members to help. When you see dirt, clean it, when the trash needs to be emptied, empty it. When we spill on the wall, on the way up the stairs, wipe it up. Take a turn at the vacuum cleaner, try dancing with a mop, after all it's our lodge, take a little pride.

Dues are due, first of January. Please let's make an effort to get this cleaned up. Thank you.

May the great architect of the Universe watch over us all.

Brother Mike Stattman

Secretary

## Birthday List

### March

Ryan J. Willemsen	.3/1
Robert E. Ingram	.3/9
James L. Ralston	.3/10
Richard W. Gibson	.3/13
Kenneth Brooks	.3/17
Brandon J. Oliver	.3/17
James P. Willemsen	.3/17
John C. Ulku	.3/23
Don Carlson	.3/25

### April

Earl C. Hurley	.4/3
Harry F. LePan	.4/8
Glen Pfister	.4/8
George E. Mokler	.4/9
Anthony I. Parlin	.4/11
Donald E. Petersen	.4/13
Marc J. Ashton	.4/16
Allan L. Ruby	.4/17
Robert W. Dummer	.4/18
Donald C. Gunderson	.4/19
John D. Olson	.4/19
Julian E. Sjordal	.4/20
Robert Y. Putnam	.4/21
Terry K. Johnson	.4/22
Ross E. Hjermstad	.4/25
John B. Weeks	.4/27
Jeffrey A. Chartier	.4/28
John L. Frickstad, Jr.	.4/29
Dale Lillevold	.4/29

### May

Carl M. Andersen	.5/1
Joel Bolstad	.5/1
Steven E. Lanenberg	.5/1
Robert F. Blake	.5/2
David Supplee	.5/5
Eric Rundell	.5/6
Richard A. Wagner	.5/8
John W. Rantala	.5/9
Edward F. Scholl	.5/9
Scott M. Smith	.5/11
Wayne A. Chapman	.5/12
Hugh A. Bunday	.5/14
Robert A. Miller	.5/17
Robert H. MacGregory	.5/18
Shawn Baciochi	.5/23
Verl W. Raap	.5/27
Neil E. Neddermeyer	.5/28
Kermit J. Eisinger	.5/29
Kenneth J. Orcutt	.5/29

## Senior Deacon

Brothers! As someone who still considers himself new to masonry and learn "the work", I wanted to share a perspective of what it is like to begin the process of going through the chairs in the present day. I am thinking of the wedding expression about something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue and how that applies to our lodge. There is little doubt that Masonry has changed over the years and it is that adaptation in combination with what has not changed that has helped to build our fraternity. I also believe we can borrow from the successes of other organizations to look to the future about how we want to build our lodge. You may have noticed at some of our recent stated meetings and ritual that this year's officer line is dressing up and putting in a lot of practice on "the work". You may have heard about our infamous 6:30 AM meetings on Friday mornings. There have been a few weeks when I have wondered what I have gotten myself into. But while we are looking at doing some new things and doing them in a new way, I think that it is what hasn't changed that is bringing new life into the lodge. Due to our obligation I think it was the design of the forefathers of masonry that "the work" be learned through time spent with brothers as part of the oral tradition. To that note I would love to invite any of our brethern to spend time with us to help us with "the work" and share your experiences.

Part of the establishing of any organization is first to do good things, doing them well, and finally do them consistently. It is this last part that I hope to see implemented to several new ventures that the lodge is taking on. Last year I started with a dream of a golf event that would grow to become a visible staple of our lodge in the community and provide good charitable work for MN Masonic Charities. It could appeal to a wide variety of new and mature members as well as to the modern day potential candidate. For a first year event it was a learning process. Most importantly it was a good time for those who attended. But I want to build on that and see the event consistently grow. Recently a brother from the Grand Lodge mentioned to me that we are not the first lodge to host a golf tournament but those other lodges that have done so did not continue hosting them. It is with great pleasure that I announce that we have scheduled this years 2nd Annual Wayzata Masonic Golf Tournament to be held at Baker National Golf Course on Wednesday, August 12, 2009.

Tim Jirak

## Calling All Workmen!

We are planning a 3rd Degree in the May time-frame. We need volunteers for putting on the degree. We have speaking parts as well as extra's. Please contact an officer of the lodge if you are interested!

# Calendar

March 4, 2009	Wayzata Lodge Stated Meeting <b>Lodge Education: A discussion of the 3rd Lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree</b>
March 13, 2009	Mason's Breakfast at 7:30 AM at the Pancake house in Wayzata
March 14, 2009	West Metro Lodge of Instruction 1st part of the third degree MN River Valley Lodge #6 • 110 1/2 East 1st Ave., Shakopee
March 18, 2009	Entered Apprentice Degree 6:00 PM
March 21, 2009	Metro West Leadership Conference
March 26-28, 2009	Grand Lodge in St. Cloud
March 27, 2009	Officers Meeting
March 31, 2009	West Metro Master & Wardens Association
April 2, 2009	Wayzata Lodge Stated Meeting
April 15, 2009	Fellow Craft Degree - starting at 6:30 PM Dinner will be served at around 7:30 PM
April 26, 2009	French Toast Breakfast
May 1, 2009	Officers Meeting
May 2, 2009	Geranium Flower Pick-Up
May 6, 2009	Wayzata Lodge Stated Meeting
May 16, 2009	Master Mason Degree Starting at 10:00 AM
May 17, 2009	ZION COMMANDERY'S "THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK"
May 29, 2009	Officers Meeting

## Gary's Fellowcraft Degree



We had a wonderful 2nd Degree for Gary Nystedt. Thanks again for suffering through all those early morning rehearsals! Also, a special thanks to Mark Bullis for the great meal!

### **Pictured Back Row**

Andrew Brennen - Sr. Warden/Middle Chamber Lecture  
Verl Raap - Jr. Warden and Lights  
Bill Burrows - Sr. Steward and Lecture

### **Front Row**

Tim Jirak - Sr. Deacon  
Dale Lillevold - Master and Lecture  
Gary Nystedt - New Fellow Craft  
Charlie Leflar - Jr. Warden

### **Not Pictured**

Dave Camp - Sr. Warden 2nd Half  
Mark Bullis - Jr. Steward

# From the West

## Charity

As a modern day Free Mason, I practice Speculative Masonry where we use the allegory of both building and builders tools to teach to behave and act in specific ways. One of the main themes is practicing charity.

For many of us, (myself included) this comes in the way of annual United Way drives at work, a walk/run/bike for some cause or another, volunteer time and financial contributions. Often times we are driven by 'perks', 'guilt' or a sense that it's 'expected'.

Guess what? That's the easy aspect of charity.

I did a dictionary lookup on answers.com for the word charity and found a list that I liked:

1. *Provision of help or relief to the poor; almsgiving.*
2. *Something given to help the needy; alms.*
3. *An institution, organization, or fund established to help the needy.*
4. *Benevolence or generosity toward others or toward humanity.*
5. *Indulgence or forbearance in judging others. See synonyms at mercy.*
6. *The theological virtue defined as love directed first toward God but also toward oneself and one's neighbors as objects of God's love.*

The list shows a sort of progression from external form, easily attainable and somewhat base aspects of charity to that higher level which requires personal investment of self and a commitment to both mental and spiritual dispositions which align more to an enlightened state of being than the more crude course which humanity so often finds itself in.

The first two examples on the list are simple actions for transferring material resources from one pool to another, the third is an institutionalization which facilitates the same. These are the more base or primitive forms of charity.

When we come to the phrase Benevolence or generosity toward others or toward humanity, we move to a more abstract and broader scope of the concept, with implications of sincerity in action which while often present in the earlier described acts of giving isn't necessary.

It's not until we see the term Benevolence that the internal aspects of the concept of Charity are brought forward. It talks not about an action so much as an attitude or disposition. Coupled with the 5th point, "indulgence or forbearance in judging others" is the aspect of charity which teaches us to view the actions of others (especially or brothers) in the best possible light. We refrain from judging others and in doing so, open the door for understanding and support harmony within the lodge and our larger environment..

As Masons we are charged with practicing charity; we are told that Masonry is Universal and a Mason's charity should be equally extensive. When we look final line in the list, "love directed [to God, oneself and neighbors] it becomes clear that we are talking about charity as a basis or enabler of Brotherly Love. As Masons exist in every corner of the world so to should a Mason's brotherly love (Charity) extend to all of his brethren and to all of mankind. We are taught when becoming Masons that...

[Masonry] is said to be supported by Wisdom, Strength and Beauty...it's dimensions are unlimited and it's covering no less than the canopy of Heaven. [To which we as Masons hope to arrive] by the theological ladder, which Jacob, in his vision, saw ascending from earth to heaven; the three principal rounds of which are denominated by FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY [to have] Faith in God, hope in immortality and charity to all mankind.

The charge for Masonic charity therefore is not about donating money to one good cause or another, rather it is a call for benevolence, tolerance, understanding and brotherly love.

As we grow in our sense of Masonic charity, we are then lead to the natural inclination to assist others in need and distress which would then result in almsgiving, volunteer work and other forms of assistance.

Masonic organizations like to reference all the good deeds their members do and the dollars that they contribute. While this is impressive, it's truly staggering when you realize that all that good work and contributed money that Masonic organizations deliver comes from a root of Masonic charity.

As we proceed on our own paths of Masonic growth, let's continue to use the tools which masonry provides us to develop our charitable hearts and support our brothers in doing the same.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Sunday, April 26, 2009**

**8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**French Toast Breakfast**



**All you can eat!**

\$6.00 Adult  
\$2.50 Children (3-6)

Watch for more information in a separate mailing soon!

**WAYZATA LODGE**

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*Lodge meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.  
Look in the Lodge Schedule for other events, times & places.*

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