

Continuing Light!

At the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master and with the approval of the members, the lodge has decided that we will not go dark during the months of June, July and August as we have done in the past. Per our by-laws it is up to the Master and members to decide if we would continue to hold meetings during the summer. Our lodge has a lot of great things going on so it is great that we will not have to pause for a couple of months.

Stated Communications will continue on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month starting at 7:30pm. Dinner and fellowship will be served at 6:30pm. Dress code for the summer will be causal.

We do have several events planned for the summer but a primary focus will be preparing our Degree teams as we are confident that our excitement will spill over to new members soon.

Planting Flowers at West Bridge Park
Wednesday, May 22, 2013
Time: 6:00pm

Tools and Flowers will be provided.
You might want to bring gloves.

This event is open to everybody so if you have family members that would like to come along, the more the merrier. It should only take a hour or so depending on how many show up to help.

See you there!



Who are We????

We are not just a fraternity for me,
but a Brotherhood of men.

We are not a secret society,
but a society with secrets.

We are in no way a religion,
but we are a group of like minded religious men.
We do not control the media nor run the world,
but if we did?

We do not Make mediocre men ok,
but we do take good men and make them better.

We are Freemasons and We are proud!

2B1ASK1 it's our Motto

Greetings from the West –Bro Andy Brown

I am sure that you all are tired of the crazy spring that we had I just wanted to let you all know that the Master as ask me to get a current roster. I will be trying to get in touch with all names on the roster. It will only take a few minutes of your time. Also if you have not been to lodge in a while we are trying to do a lot of new and exciting things. If you could find some time to come and visit with the brothers we would love to see you again. I know that each of us are really busy with life but would be a very nice time visiting with brothers we have not seen in awhile.



Can YOU help? - WB Ed Wern

The Award night for the Becker Scholarship is Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm. I had thought I was free, but I discovered over the weekend that our church is having a "Senior Recognition Dinner" that same night, same time, so I will NOT be able to make the scholarship presentation to Becker. Is anyone interested in presenting this award? If so, please let me know ASAP and I will pass-on the information. Thanks!

What we do for ourselves dies
with us – what we do for
others remains and
is immortal.

- Albert Pike

Breakfast At the Lodge

The name has changed but food and fellowship is still the same. Everyone (Yes Everyone!) is welcome to join us at the Lodge on Saturday 5/25/2013 for breakfast. Food is



served starting at 9:00am until 10:30am. We never know exactly what will be served but in the past we have had: Biscuits and Gravy, Egg Bakes, Sweet Rolls, Pancakes, Fruit, Cereal and the list goes on. No matter what you will find coffee and great conversations.

It was decided at the last meeting that “Breakfast at the Lodge” would continue through the summer. Several brothers expressed interest in sharing the cooking duties. Breakfast in July will be the 27th and Aug will be 24th. Contact Bro Joel or WM Dallas if you would like to take charge of one of these dates.

Scholarship Committee—WB Ed Wern

Greetings, Brothers.

I have served on the Scholarship Committee for a number of years. Years ago the Lodge membership decided that we should give an annual scholarship to a graduating senior from Monticello, Big Lake and Becker High Schools. Next issue, I will summarize how long we have been doing this, and how much we have donated to our scholarship recipients over the years. For now, though, I will focus on the process of how we decide who to give the scholarships to.

In early spring, we send an application, in Word format, to a contact in each of the schools, typically a guidance counselor. We update the application each year to change the deadline for the applicants to mail their applications to the Lodge for consideration, and occasional minor changes to the content or format.

The application is four pages long. The student fills out three of these pages, including sections for listing their top career and post-High institution preferences, their community, civic and volunteer activities, their awards and other achievements, and any work experience. The fourth page is filled out by the High School Guidance Office, and includes GPA and class rank, a short paragraph about the applicant’s personal character, and any known financial needs. Additionally, the applicant must submit a short (200 word or less) statement on their future plans and goals.

A week or so after the deadline, two or three brothers review the applications individually, looking to determine their top choices from each school. Then they discuss together their selections, and come to consensus. Monticello and Big Lake have historically been relatively easy to assess, because we get so few applicants each year (3-4 for Monticello, 4-5 for Big Lake each year). Becker is tougher – usually closer to twenty applications.

Although not required to do so, I am somewhat formal in my appraisals. I keep a spreadsheet with my ratings of my assessment of each applicant for several categories, including Demonstrated Need, Community Service, Church Involvement, GPA, and Overall Impression of their application and essay.

As the committee membership changes over the years, sometimes the relative importance of these categories changes as well. Typically, Demonstrated Need and Overall Impression are very important, while usually GPA is not a big factor. But everything about the application is taken into account.

Note that, as in so many ways, Minnesota Masonic Charities helps us out tremendously. We pay half of the scholarship amount, and get Matching Funds from Minnesota Masonic Charities for the other half, which helps us make the most out of our donations in this and many other charitable giving we do each year.

If you are at all interested, I invite you to contact me to join the selection committee. This year’s recipients have already been selected, but we can always use another set of eyes to help us make the best determination possible.

Next issue, I will share how many scholarships we have given out over the years, and how much money donated. I will also share who our 2013 Scholarship recipients are.

Temperance - Bro Alex Wilson IV

Temperance is one of the four cardinal virtues of Masonry, along with prudence, fortitude and justice, and is a central theme of the Entered Apprentice degree. Its impression upon the new Mason during his first experience in the Lodge is evidence of the importance of temperance in the system of values that makes up what a Mason is.

In metallurgy, to temper steel is to harden it by subjecting the metal to the stresses of extreme heat and very rapid cooling in water. In this way, the expert smith adds strength to the sword he has shaped through diligent hammering and shaping. But done incorrectly, the material can become brittle and will break long before it is able to be honed to a fine edge.

Similarly, in Masonry temperance is the strengthening of a man through the stresses of resistance to passion and excess. If he is not able to withstand these temptations, his mettle will not be strong enough to accept the Grand Architect's design for him. The Lodge is His forge, and our Brethren the hammer and tongs.

However, complete abstinence to vices (e.g. intoxicating liquors) is not what Masonic law dictates. We subdue our passions in order to control them, lest they control us. But we do not ignore them. Passion is a part of human nature and we cannot rid ourselves of it. However, we can become the masters of our passions and not allow them to dictate our actions. So it is that moderation is our mantra - in all things that do not cause harm to others, moderation is the expectation of a Mason.

In the hands of the Grand Architect, within His laws and those of the Lodge, and as we stand side by side with our Brothers through the trials of life, thus we are strengthened and made better men through the Masonic virtue of temperance.

Inspired by: Mackey, Dr. Albert. "Article 227: Temperance." Trans. *Array Masonry Defined*. 9th. Memphis: Masonic Supply Co., 1926. 257. Print.

Leaders of the Craft – Masonic Mentoring Workshop

Featured Training by:

Brother Dr. John Nagy - National Speaker & Author of the Building Better Builders Series & Building Hiram Blog

Worshipful Brother Mark Anderson - Minnesota Masonic Mentoring Program

Worshipful Brother Ethan Seaberg - Minnesota Lodge Recognition Program

Cost: \$10 for Lunch and materials. Open to all Minnesota Masons - Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices are invited and encouraged to attend but will only be able to attend the Building Better Builders sessions up to their current degree. Please RSVP by May 16th to Chris Boyce 507-514-8271 or mankatomay18@gmail.com

Date: Sat, 05/18/2013 - 9:30am - 4:00pm

Mankato Lodge No. 12 309 S. 2nd Street Mankato, MN

Minnesota Masonic Youth Membership Summit



On June 8th there will be a Masonic Youth Membership Summit jointly between Minnesota Job's Daughters, DeMolay, and Masonic leaders to address the declining membership crisis for our Masonic youth groups. The goal will be to not only raise awareness to the declining membership crisis we are facing but more importantly to choose a path for the next ten years. Grand Bethel participation continues to decline. The Grand Bethel officers were unable to be filled this year, events are being consolidated and

Bethels are being closed. DeMolay is in the same boat; declining membership, chapters closed, events losing money due to reduced participation, etc. The futures of Job's Daughters, DeMolay and Masonry in Minnesota are tied so closely together and something needs done together, and soon before it crashes full speed into a dead end wall. At the end of this summit each participant will be faced with a choice to make; they can chose the fork in the road that leads to growth and renewed life for our youth organizations, or they can chose to continue down the road we are on, straight toward the impending dead end that is rapidly approaching. And in ten years when they look back to June 8, 2013, they will know in their heart which road they ended up taking. Did they simply crash into the dead end, letting our youth groups perish, or did they roll up their sleeves and turn it to the road of success it has been in the past and should be for the future?

All members are invited to attend and participate in this Summit to address the membership crisis our youth groups are facing. The Summit will be June 8th, 8am-5pm at Anoka Lodge #30, 1900 3rd Ave, Anoka, MN 55303. Lunch will be provided.



Masonic Swag



We have designed a Masonic Hoodie, and a Masonic Henley shirt for order, but we need commitments for twelve orders before we can place the production order(s). If you're interested in owning any of these shirts, please contact us at MonticelloMasonry@hotmail.com.

The hoodie is a full-zip black waffled 80/20 cotton/polyester (think long johns) with a 'sherpa' polyester lining (artificial wool). The hoodie itself is of high quality, made by the J.America company, and is available in sizes XS through 3XL. The script on the back, "VIRTUS JUNXIT, MORS NON SEPARABIT" loosely translates to "Those joined in virtue, death shall not separate." This motto is often found on the inside of a 14° Scottish Rite ring, but is applicable to all Master Masons.

The Henley is available in grey or vintage white and available in sizes L-2XL. They are also made by J.America. In the picture, the Henley reads "Monticello 16" around the neckline, but orders going forward would read "Freemason" in that field. On the back, under the All Seeing Eye of God is the saying, "A Brotherhood of Men Under the Fatherhood of God"



The printer is a trusted, quality, local Minnesota printer with excellent customer service and a very quick turn-around time. I would anticipate a very quick delivery once we have a commitment of twelve purchases of either hoodies, or Henley's. Pricing for the hoodies is \$65, and \$30 for the Henley's.

Monticello Masonic Lodge#16

Stated Meeting Agenda

5/21/2013

Open on 3rd Degree

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guest
- Master's Greetings

Lodge Operations Business

Secretary

- Approval of minutes
- Correspondence/Bills
- Unpaid Dues

Treasurer

- Account Balances

Petitions, Affiliations, Demits, Deceased

LEO Presentation

Committees

- Sunshine Committee** - WM Dallas O'Dell
- Scholarship Committee** – WB Ed Wern
- Building Committee** – WM Dallas O'Dell
- Communications Committee** – Bro Joel Peterson
- Fund Raising Committee** – Bro Wes Newman
- By-Law Committee** – WM Dallas O'Dell
- Membership Committee** – Bro Andy Brown

Old Business

- Breakfast at the Lodge – 5/25
- Donation of Cemetery items to Wright County Historical Society
- Family Afternoon at the Movies – Sunday, June 9, 2013 (TBD)
- Walk and Roll – Saturday, June 15, 2013 (Games???)
- Riverfest Parade – July 14, 2013
- Family Bowling – July 28th – River City Extreme (TBD)
- River Trip and Picnic – August 17, 2013

New Business

- 1st Degree work

Appendent Bodies

- Job's Daughters

Calendar of Events

For the Good of the Lodge

Closing of Lodge