



Constellation Lodge #81

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Spring 2009

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From the East,

This 'ole Kansas boy' is finally doing some squaring of the work and getting a much belated newsletter out.

For the first time, the Lodge is now open on the 'off' Mondays for some good old fraternal bonding. I encourage everyone to make a point of attending at least one of these Monday 'Lodges of Fraternal Education, Zeal and Bonding'!

On Tuesday, April 7, we conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree upon Bro. Bruce Runge. The degree was performed to near perfection by the team, and I am proud to be in the company of such fine men. We are now waiting for Bro. Runge to prove up on the 1st Degree, and hopefully will be able to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on him before we go dark. We are then hoping to present the Master Mason Degree as an outdoor degree, a first for our Lodge, sometime this summer.

Speaking of proving up, I believe we have a brother or two who has yet to prove up on the Master Mason Degree. One of my goals this year is to see that every brother who has taken the degrees also completes his proficiency. Brothers, please help me by encouraging and working with our brothers who need to complete their memory work to do so.

On the Grand Lodge level, WB Loren Van Wyck has been appointed District Representative for our area, which also includes Glenwood, Morris, Sauk Center and Wheaton. He occupies the seat previously held by WB George Hough, who accepted an appointment to the MN Masonic Charities Cancer Center Fund board of directors.

Please take note that we have moved the date of our Tyled Table Lodge to Monday, November 9, a regular Stated Communication night.

Lastly, when I sit in the East and look out over the quarry, I am so impressed and thankful to see such a cemented bond of brothers who can best work and best agree! Have a *great* summer!

WB Walt Rozel, WM

Calendar of Events

May

Mon. 11th 7:30 PM S.C. — *Past Masters Night*

Mon. 25th 7:30 PM *Steak Fry & Awards Night*

Dark — June thru August — Dark

September

Mon. 14th 7:30 PM Stated Communication

Mon. 28th 7:30 PM Stated Communication

October

Sun. 4th 8:00 AM *Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser*

Mon. 12th 7:30 PM Stated Communication

Mon. 19th 6:00 PM *Widows Recognition Banquet*

Mon. 26th 7:30 PM Stated Communication

November

Mon. 9th 7:30 PM S.C. — *Tyled Table Lodge*

Mon. 23rd 7:30 PM Stated Communication

December

Mon. 14th 6:00 PM *Annual Oyster Stew Stag*
7:30 PM *Annual Meeting & Election*
Close Lodge of Sorrow

Mon. 28th *Dark* Holiday Break — *No Meeting*

Stated Communications

2nd & 4th Monday of the Month - 7:30 pm

Masonic Enrichment & Fellowship Nights

1st & 3rd Monday of the Month - 7:00 pm

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From the Secretary,

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, there are still some of you who have not paid your 2009 dues. Please note that payments are due on December 31st of the *previous* year. Also, there are also a few who have not paid their 2008 dues. Please check your wallet to see if you have a blue dues card for 2009. Remember, if you need help with your dues, please contact one of the officers of the lodge or myself. There are funds set aside to help out brothers who need assistance, but we have to hear from you!

Are you getting my e-mails? If you have e-mail and are not getting e-mails, either you did not supply me with your address or you changed your address and forgot to notify me. Please send me your current address, so you don't miss out on scheduling and announcements.

Our website, hosted at www.mastermason.com/constellationlodge81 has a wealth of information on it, and our webmaster, WB George Hough, works hard to keep it up to date. Most recently, he has updated the calendar for 2009. There are also links to the Grand Lodge website and many others of Masonic interest.

Journey to the Pale Realms of Shade

Just as we were closing the Lodge of Sorrow for 2008, we learned of the passing of Brother Kenneth Weinacht. Bro. Weinacht was raised in Constellation Lodge on November 11, 2008 and died December 9, 2008. He was just 30 days a Mason. A Masonic service was held in Volga, SD, with Brookings Lodge # 24 giving honors to Bro. Ken.

Brother Maynard (Bud) Peterson, passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on February 15, 2009. He was 46 years a Mason and member of Constellation Lodge. Constellation Lodge performed the Masonic service. Bro. Peterson was a true pillar of our community.

Bro. Wayne Becker, Secretary