

Dear Brethren,

You are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend the 1,724th **Stated Communication** of Norsemen Lodge, No. 878 F. & A.M., to be held on

**Thursday Evening,
December 1st, 2011
At 7:30 p.m.**

for the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge, and then we will:

- 1) Receive the Treasurer's Report for 2011
- 2) Receive the Secretary's Report for 2011
- 3) Vote on Delinquent Brothers

Attendance is Mandatory

Officers' Dress

December 1st

Tuxedo

By Order of:

**W.: Jason C. Truce
Master**

Attest:

**B.: Dennis Elliot
Secretary**

This is a true copy of the Summons, the original of which, bearing the raised seal of the Lodge, is appended to the Minutes of this Communication.

**FROM THE EAST
Post Game Wrap-Up**

Brethren,

I want to open by thanking every member of our Lodge who attended and/or otherwise assisted in the planning, preparation and execution of our extremely ambitious Brother Bring a Friend Night event. With so much to do, in so little time, and with so little room for effort, it is a truly remarkable testament to the fortitude and ability of our active members that we were able to pull it off, and in a seamless manner.

We had over 40 Brothers, Guests and Friends attend. There were 23 Petitions for Initiation taken by our non-Mason Friends, and I've already received exceptional feedback from everyone I spoke to who was there. I would qualify this event as a complete success for Norsemen Lodge!

I would like to also take this time to thank individuals who went above and beyond in order to make this event happen:

R.:W.: Alfonse Serrano & R.:W.: David McDowell; who's advice and education over the past several months have given me the knowledge and confidence to attempt to make this happen.

W.: Joseph Burke & W.: Joseph Pos; who helped in securing the supplies and some of the food, and were both available when I had questions.

B.: Paul Ciliento; who has been my right hand in so many ways, his help in reaching out to people, assistance in setting up and executing the event were invaluable.

B.: Frank Rizzi & B.: Anthony Varvara; for their help in the ritual of the Toasts and helping break down at the end of the night.

B.: Mark Evangelista; for his help in acquiring the wine and a case of wine glasses (which we now own!).

B.: Russell Gallo; for working overtime and bringing down what seemed like an entire Brigade of American Heroes from the U.S. Army.

R.:W.: John Andrade & R.:W.: Tom Savini; for taking the time out of their busy schedules in order to give us tours of the Grand Lodge and Livingston Library, respectively.

Mrs. Nicole Kneisel; for her help in securing a room that would meet all of our needs, and answering all of my questions in the days leading up to the event.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the wives who cooked trays of food for the evening. Without your love and support we couldn't do what we do. Thank you, Ladies.

Next Meeting

Our meeting on December 1st will focus on the past year. It is my hope that the Annual Reports from our Treasurer and Secretary will provide the necessary transparency so that our Active

Membership understands the state of Lodge Affairs, thus assisting us to make informed decisions in order to strengthen and fortify Norsemen Lodge moving forward.

We will also be voting on the status of those members who have fallen behind on their dues by 2 or more years. Those Brothers will also be receiving a letter along with this notice, explaining the process, and how to avoid being unaffiliated, or failing that, how to get reinstated later on.

Please remember, this is a SUMMONED COMMUNICATION, which means you are obliged to attend, unless something IMPORTANT prohibits that.

Lastly, I would like to wish each and every one of you a joyous Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year!

Faithfully Yours,

W.: Jason C. Truce, WM

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

I pray this message finds you and your family in good health and spirits. Our Brother Bring a Friend Night was a complete success. We had attendance of over 40 for this event plus a couple of guest speakers. The night started with a tour of the Grand Lodge followed by a Table Lodge. The food was excellent and the libations were flowing. A special thank you to our DDGM and Staff Officer for joining us and assisting with the Table Lodge, and to B.: Russell Gallo who brought with him the largest group of men that evening. Our next meeting on December 1st is an important meeting for all Brothers of Norsemen. We are going to hear various reports on the state of our Lodge and vote on suspending the membership of Brothers who haven't paid their dues in 2 or more years. I would urge every member to attend this critical meeting.

Brothers, on behalf of the Officers of Norsemen Lodge 878, I would like to wish every Brother and their families a very happy and safe Holiday Season.

Cordially and Fraternaly,

B.: Frank Rizzi, SW

TRESTLEBOARD

Awaiting Second Degree

Bro. Mark Evangelista
Bro. Singh Foo
Bro. Bruce Becker
Bro. Yosi Azulay
Bro. Frank Vasquez IV
Bro. Alex Omar Rebaza
Bro. Hector Lorenzo
Bro. Dillion Rodney
Bro. Wilfredo Taveras

Awaiting Third Degree

Bro. Marvin Guzman

Awaiting Committee Report

Bro. Keneth Becker

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1st – Stated Communication

Treasurer & Secretary Reports, Act on Delinquents

December 5th - Shriners Benefit Concert

Starring Broadway Performers. At Grand Lodge

December 28th – DDGM Visitation

Aurora Grata Day Star Lodge #647

IMPORTANT!

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Please be advised that paying your dues allows the Lodge to operate on a regular basis. If you haven't done so already, please be so kind as to remit your payments as soon as possible. The dues for 2012 are \$147.50.

DUES CARDS COME WITH NOTICES.

Please note the changes as to where payments are to be sent to:

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c/o Jason Truce

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Grand Master

M.:W.: Vincent Libone

Deputy Grand Master

R.:W.: James E. Sullivan

District Deputy Grand Master

R.:W.: Alfonso Serrano

Grand Sword Bearer

R.:W.: David J. McDowell

LODGE OFFICERS 2011 – 2012

W.: Jason C. Truce

Master

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B.: Anthony Varvara

Junior Warden

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B.: Dennis Elliot

Secretary

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W.: Joseph J. Burke

Treasurer

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APPOINTED OFFICERS

Bro. Paul Ciliento

Senior Deacon

Bro. Patrick DiMeglio

Junior Deacon

Bro. Nicholas DiMeglio

Senior M of C

Bro. Frank Lapetina

Junior M of C

Bro. Russell Berry

Steward

Bro. Thomas Stoppini

Steward

Bro. Simeon Cator

Marshal

Bro. George Shabouk

Organist

Bro. George Sukkarieh

Tiler

W.: Anthony Montalbano

Chaplain

TRUSTEES

W.: Michael Greber

2011

W.: Joseph Posa

2012

W.: Louis Costagliola

2013

W.: Adam Seminara

2014

Charities

We at Norsemen Lodge are advocates of charitable events. If there are any Brothers who know of an event that we can be part of, please do not hesitate to contact the WM and he will see to it that we lend a helping hand, and if possible, a monetary gift.

NORSEMEN LODGE #878

December 2011



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1st & 3rd Thursdays

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