

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 Committee Report

Bro. Kenneth Becker

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15th - Stated Communication.
Rededication To Freemasonry.

October 6th - Summoned Communication.
District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit.

November 3rd - Summoned Communication.
Brother Bring A Friend Night.

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 2011 are \$147.50.

DUES CARDS COME WITH NOTICES.

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

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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.: Frank Rizzi	Senior Warden
(917)642-3812	
B.: Anthony Varvara	Junior Warden
(917)596-7159	
B.: Dennis Elliot	Secretary
(551)221-1766	
W.: Joseph J. Burke	Treasurer
(718)930-5222	

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

September 2011



Communications:
1st & 3rd Thursdays
Grand Lodge Masonic Hall
71 West 23rd Street
Renaissance Room
6th Floor
New York, NY 10010
(347)497-3676

Visit Norsemen Online:
www.Norsemen878.com

Dear Brethren,

You and your Masonic friends are cordially & fraternally **INVITED** to attend the 1,721st **Stated Communication** of Norsemen Lodge, No. 878 F. & A.M., to be held on

**Thursday Evening,
September 15th, 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 partake in the:

**REDEDICATION
To
FREEMASONRY
CEREMONY**

Officers' Dress

September 15th

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

Brethren,

I hope this Communication find each of you and your families in good health. The recent Hurricane, while not as bad as some expected, has adversely effected millions of people's lives. We should be thankful for being spared the worst of the storm, and pray for those who were not as fortunate.

September signals the impending end of summer, and the resumption of our Labors as

Freemasons. With the help of our Line of Officers we have laid out an ambitious and aggressive Trestle Board for the next 8 months that we hope will put us on the path to where Norsemen Lodge should be, at the top.

Plans and schedules alone can not accomplish this, only dedication and passion to each other and the Craft can result in both personal enlightenment, and a collective success. In this vein, I humbly ask each of you to help me and our Lodge, to excel. In return, I vow to work every single day to further our Lodge's goals, and each of member's individual search for more Light in Masonry.

This year we will embark on a journey of Masonic Education, Ritual and Fellowship. There will be opportunities for every member of Norsemen Lodge to participate in each of these aspects, but we can not force you, and I will not twist arms. **YOU** have to step up and take the initiative. Say "*I want to do my part for MY LODGE*", and that is exactly who's Lodge this is, yours. OWN IT!

This begins at our first meeting, on September 15th. We will be Rededicating ourselves to Freemasonry, in a beautiful and powerful ceremony that serves to remind us of our first steps in this wonderful Brotherhood of Men. I will be there, and I hope you will as well.

Faithfully Yours,
W.: Jason C. Truce

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

I pray this communication finds you and your family in good health and spirits. As the summer months come to a close I look forward to the start of a new Masonic year and I look forward to reuniting with my fellow Brothers. When we last met, we conferred the degree of Entered Apprentice on worthy candidates. I hope everyone makes an effort to welcome our new Brothers and assists in showing them the Masonic Light. As the head of the Education Committee I plan on setting up a number of study sessions with our new Brothers to prepare them for the 2nd degree. This

information will be sent out. All Brothers are welcome to attend.

This year our Master has laid out on his trestleboard a number of events that I am sure every Brother will enjoy. This will begin with a Rededication to Freemasonry at our first meeting on September 15th, provided the Master is able to secure the assistance required for the ceremony.

The Master's Trestleboard can be found at our public website: www.Norsemen878.com for those who did not receive it. It includes a Table Lodge, lectures, a Lodge Walk-About and more. Our October meeting will be the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master. This will be on October 6th, and I expect every member to attend to hear the Grand Master's message.

I hope to see every Brother come out to the Lodge this year and bring our attendance back up to what it used to be. We raised a lot of good brothers who haven't been out to a single meeting since being Raised. I hope to see them attending Lodge meetings this year as well. It's going to be a great year for Norsemen Lodge.

Cordially and Fraternally,
B.: Frank Rizzi, SW

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

As I write this, we have overcome both an earthquake and a hurricane in the same week. Luckily, both episodes turned out to be minor in scope. I hope that no one had any troubles during these events, however, if any did, please never feel embarrassed to call me or any Brother in this Lodge for assistance. No matter how big or small the problem, we all should know that we can count on each other the same way we count on our family members in times of need. We are all here for each other, and that brings comfort to me, as I hope it does for you too.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer, and I hope to see you all on September 15th.

Cordially and Fraternally,
B.: Anthony Varvara, J.W.