



# THE LANTERN

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## FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brother,

On February 18, 2015, we welcomed five brothers into Wayzata Lodge 205.

Our newest members into our Fraternity are Tom Gilland, Jameson Kummer, Michael LaQuey, Frank Sidel, and Brock Buckweller.

Each brother performed admirably and displayed the essence of an Entered Apprentice: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

I would also like to extend a special welcome to all of our new brothers and let them know that Wayzata Lodge 205 exemplifies the essence of Masonry. From my personal experience, this Lodge has been like an extended family and has welcomed me with open arms.

I say this to let each of our newest brothers understand that they are now a part of this family and will be treated as such.

As with any degree work, there is a cast of characters who must prepare to ensure the degree goes off smoothly. I would personally like to thank the following brothers for their hard work and dedication for this past degree.

- Tyler – Kevin Sipprell (Prolog)
- Marshall – Mark Haas
- Junior Steward – Joe Holmes
- Senior Steward – Stuart Cleaveland (1st Lecture)
- Junior Deacon – Dave Graham (3rd Lecture)
- Senior Deacon – Alex Rapp (1st Lecture)
- Junior Warden – Worshipful Master Christopher Wendover (Charge)
- Senior Warden – Corey Christensen
- Chaplin – Ron McConnell
- Secretary – Lennie Andrews
- Monitor – Doug Peterson
- 2nd Lecture – Craig Kamman and Kevin Sullivan

*Chris Wendover*

*Top Row: Mark Haas, Alax Rapp (SD), Corey Christensen (SW), Doug Peterson, Dave Graham (JD)*



**Tom Gilland Jameson Kummer Michael LaQuey *John Bushland (JW)* Frank Sidel Brock Buckweller *Chris Wendover (WM)***  
Congratulations to our new brothers (*bold type*) who completed the Entered Apprentice class. **Well done!**

photo by **Garrett Mitchell**

## MASTER'S NOTE

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for making my first quarter as Master a success. We have already had two family nights, one Entered Apprentice degree, one dinner and a show, and a cigar/wine event. I assure you we are just getting started.

In the upcoming months, we have many activities coming up including the French Toast breakfast on April 26th and our current degree class will wrap up with their Master Mason degree on May 16th.

Our annual boat ride will be one that you will not want to miss. We will be departing from Lake Minnetonka accompanied by a full moon on August 29th. We are also planning to bring back the golfing event this year. I hope you will find time to join us for our upcoming events.

On a much more important note, our Lodge has been presented with an interesting proposition.

Albert Pike Lodge #237 will be turning in their charter in the next coming months. They have requested through Grand Lodge that we essentially absorb them.

I have assigned four Brethren to a committee which is analyzing all aspects of the proposal. Once completed all information will be presented to the Lodge and brought to a vote.

In order to adhere to Grand Lodge regulations, you will be contacted at least ten days prior to the actual vote.

As I gain more information, I will distribute it at the next stated meetings so all are informed.

If you have any questions I will ask that you present them at Lodge so everyone can have all the same information as it is distributed.

Fraternally,

*W.M. Chris Wendover*

## FROM THE WEST

2015 has started a great year for us at Wayzata 205. Already, we've successfully completed two Stated Meetings, and an Entered Apprentice Degree at which five new Brothers were initiated. To keep your momentum going strong for the year, there are several events for you to mark on your calendars.

On April 15 (third Wednesday in April), we will hold the Fellow Craft Degree at Wayzata Lodge. Dinner is scheduled to start 6:30 P.M., and the Degree will begin promptly at 7:30 P.M.

Please come down to the Lodge and continue to support our newest Brothers who will be experiencing the degree, as well as those Brothers who are putting on the degree. Also, if you'd like to participate in the Fellow Craft Degree, either by giving lectures or as a Candidate Guide, please contact SW Corey Christensen and tell him of your interest.

Please note that on the Saturday following the Fellow

Craft Degree, you can attend a Lodge Breakfast followed by the Fellow Craft Degree Debriefing. It's open to all Brothers, so come, check it out and discuss the Fellow Craft degree with the new Fellow Crafts.

On April 26th, Wayzata Lodge will be hosting our first French Toast Breakfast of the year. The funds from the French Toast Breakfast go to support the College Scholarships that the lodge awards each year to two deserving students in our local community.

The French Toast Breakfast is one of the largest fundraisers for us during the year, so we would really appreciate all Brothers who can join us to help make this event a big success.

We plan to start serving at the French Toast Breakfast at 8:00 A.M. and will serve until 1:00 P.M.. We will need Brothers at the Lodge early to help get everything set up. Look for a sign-up sheet at the April Stated Meeting.

*SW Corey Christiansen*

## FROM THE SECRETARY

Greetings Brothers,

The first Degree cycle of 2015 has started and we have five new Entered Apprentices. The work went very well and the first of many Saturday morning meetings went very well. It is really wonderful to see so many Brothers at the Saturday breakfasts.

Brothers, please let me know if your contact information has changed in the past year so we can keep the roster up to date.

Brothers, we have outstanding dues. Please check your dues card. If you don't have a 2015 card, please get your check for \$93.50 in to us. We want a clean slate.

Thank all of you who are paid and in good standing.

Fraternally,

W Brother *Mark Eilers*

Check with the web site ([www.wayzata205.org](http://www.wayzata205.org)) for any items that might be added to the Upcoming Events calendar.

Saturday, March 21 5pm - 10 P.M. Cigar Event -Wayzata Lodge

Friday, March 26, 27, 28 Grand Lodge Communication Holiday Inn & Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center

Wednesday, March 25  
7:00 p.m. Lodge - Officers Meeting

Wednesday, April 1 - 6:30 P.M. Dinner and Stated Meeting

Wednesday, April 15 Fellow Craft Degree 6:30-10:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 22  
7:00 P.M. Lodge - Officers Meeting

Sunday, April 26 Wayzata 205 French Toast Breakfast  
8:00 - 10:00 A.M..

Wednesday, May 6  
6:30 P.M.. Dinner and Stated Meeting

## Our Goal: Making Good Men Better

The phrase in this headline has been around for some time. It really does say much about “the Craft” (as Freemasonry is sometimes called) in that the selection process does not condone making members of ‘bad’ men. Those whose behavior is scandalous, those with an unsavory past, those who think only of themselves are those who would not be welcomed into its ranks.

Does Freemasonry have programs or formal programs to further this? No, not particularly. Such betterment comes through the association with others who are seeking to be good and do better in their daily lives.

The rituals of becoming a member, while not identical from Grand Lodge to Grand Lodge, have a commonality of purpose: to impart upon the mind of the initiate that there is a good to be done in the world and that putting aside one’s ‘lesser self’ can serve to benefit all.

Many Masonic writers wax poetic about the ‘lessons of Freemasonry’ in the context of religion or service to community and yet, such things are – for the most part – unstated in the Masonic rituals. Reference, in many cases, is a small part of an evening, which doesn’t occur at each meeting and yet, we as Masons come to understand and accept their siren call as appealing to our

higher nature.

We WANT to do good, to be better. With little encouragement, we can and do because it’s part of our being even if we didn’t fully realize that when we joined.

Freemasonry does not – despite the rants of some of its detractors – have some over-arching plan for world domination.

If we had, we’ve done a pretty darn poor job in achieving it over these past 300+ years and there’s not much hope of doing better!

Nor does Freemasonry want to supercede or supplant religion – of any stripe. Such charges are ludicrous on their face. If Freemasonry were as powerful in those arenas as anti-Masons would have you believe, why hasn’t it succeeded in its aims?

Is it that the hidden internet identities or those ranting in the park have actually held so much sway that Freemasonry was afraid of making a move? Hardly....

The simple fact is that they are wrong and that Freemasonry’s sole reason for being is to allow men to come together to enjoy the friendship and fraternity of like-minded individuals.

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you are relatively new to Wayzata Lodge 205, or if you haven’t thought about what you might be able to do to help your organization, there’s a way you can remedy that. We’re not talking about tons of hours of work, merely some activities at which you can devote time you have available without eating up huge amounts of your life.

It’s very likely you have lots of talents and *some* time available to help out in any way you can. The way to pursue that is to check around with fellow members.

Any of the officers would be glad to help you find something that would be a simple way to get involved in helping out the organization, **without** tying up a lot of your valuable time.

Check the list of Lodge officers on the back page of *The Lantern*.

Give one or two of them a call and see if they can come up with a recommendation for something you would enjoy, and for which you would have some time. Good luck, and thanks for your help.

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of All**

**Wayzata Lodge 205  
2015 Officer Roster**

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	<b>Chris Wendover</b>	<b>952-221-0588</b>
<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Corey Christensen</b>	<b>612-708-1673</b>
<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>John Bushland</b>	<b>612-356-0155</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lennie Andrews</b>	<b>763-258-2796</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>W. B. Mark Eilers</b>	<b>612-968-0384</b>
<b>Education Officer</b>	<b>W. B. Bill Jorgensen</b>	<b>612-282-7949</b>
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	<b>Alex Raap</b>	<b>612-300-2118</b>
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Dave Graham</b>	<b>612-719-5264</b>
<b>Chaplin</b>	<b>W. B. Ron McConnell</b>	<b>952-470-0107</b>
<b>Senior Steward</b>	<b>Stuart Cleveland</b>	<b>612-282-7949</b>
<b>Junior Steward</b>	<b>Joe Holmes</b>	<b>612-655-3916</b>
<b>Marshall</b>	<b>Mark Haas</b>	<b>651-808-3560</b>
<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Kevin Sipprell</b>	<b>952-626-3220</b>

Enthusiasm is  
the yeast that makes  
your hopes shine  
to the stars.

Enthusiasm is  
the sparkle in your eyes,  
the swing in your gait,  
the grip of your hand,  
the irresistible surge  
of will and energy  
to execute your ideas.

Henry Ford