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FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brother,

Would you believe 2014 is nearing the end? Our election for 2015 officers will be during the December stated meeting, and the installation will occur on December 14.

2014 was a great year! We have added community events such as manning a rest stop for the American Diabetes Association, Tour de Cure. Our social events were well attended. We have donated to college scholarships and the food shelf. And we have been able to "capture" a few items by visiting our Brothers in other lodges. We could not do all of these wonderful events without your getting involved and the hard work by the officers of Wayzata 205.

It has been a pleasure serving you this year. You have come forward with great ideas and have supported the activities of the lodge. Your officers are proactive and hard-working. This can only mean that 2015 will be even better. I look forward to the future of Wayzata 205.

Why do we, as Masons, traditionally have our elections and installations in December? No, it's not simply because it is the end of the calendar year. It has to do with St. John the Evangelist and the winter solstice.

At one point, Masons had two great feasts in the year to celebrate the Holy Saints John, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. The first feast day of the year was on St. John the Baptist day, June 24, which is a few days past the summer solstice. Yes, this is why June 24 was chosen in 1717 to form the Grand Lodge of England. The second

feast day of the year was on St. John the Evangelist Day, December 27, which is a few days past the winter solstice.

In ancient times, the winter solstice marked the end of one year and the beginning of a new year. The days are no longer getting shorter and are now getting longer. Folks will soon begin to plan the planting of next year's crops, which will lead to a harvest prior to going into the shortening days of winter. The harvest will allow them to get through the winter solstice to start yet another cycle of a new year and a new beginning.

So, the winter solstice celebrated on St. John the Evangelist Day in December grew to symbolize the end of one year for the lodge and a beginning of a new year under the new Worshipful Master.

Today, most Masons do not know of these feast days, let alone celebrate these days in honor of the Holy Saints John, the patron Saints of Masonry. Since many lodges are unaware of the significance of having our elections and installations in December, they are now changing the month in which they hold their installations simply because it is perceived to be more convenient. As we move on to a new year, remember that Wayzata 205 is your lodge. Make sure you voice your opinions, thoughts and suggestions. Get involved.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this year. Most Respectfully, *WM Curt Quast*

Congratulations to our new brothers who just completed their fellowcraft class at the end of October.

**WE
WELCOME
YOU!**



**WELL
DONE!!!**

**Derrick
Peques**

**Kevin
Sullivan**

**Garrett
Mitchell**

**Craig
Kamman**

FROM CHRIS WENDOVER

Greetings Brother,

If you were unable to attend the Fellow Craft degree on October 16th, you missed out on some fantastic ritual work.

It was **Brother Dave Graham's** first time performing the M.C. lecture. And **Brother Kevin Sipprel** was successful in performing his first degree lecture.

Please join us on November 22nd to support our new Fellow Crafts during the Master Mason degrees. Also, remember to make your reservations with the secretary for the dinner that night. The Officers' Installation will be held on December 14th, beginning at 2 p.m. Please take this opportunity to support our Officers and congratulate W.M. Curt Quast on a wonderful year.

On that note, I would like to thank W.M. Curt for all the guidance, wisdom and assistance over the past years.

I remember when I first walked into the Ledge, he was in the kitchen performing his steward duties. He greeted me

with a hefty handshake and a warm smile as he introduced himself.

Since then I have learned a lot from him, and will continue to seek him out as I progress through the officer chairs. 2014 has been a successful year for our ledge. During this year, our Masonic family has grown as we continue to initiate good men into Wayzata 205. Our Lodge meetings have continued to be enriched with Masonic education as M.W. **Brother Neil Neddermeyer** leads our LEO program.

And we have found new opportunities to support the Wayzata community through raising money for the local food shelf and assisting with the *Tour de Cure*. 2015 looks just as promising, and I assure you we could use your help. I encourage all Brethren to attend our meetings and events, and help us improve upon our Brotherhood.

S.W. Bro. *Chris Wendover*

FROM THE SECRETARY

Greetings Brothers!

I hope everything is well with you. It's been a very busy summer and fall season with the many events to participate in.

And it has been specially great seeing so many Brothers out at the events. The Degree work has been going very well, and the Final Degree is coming up this month, Please come out to support our candidates in their big step into the ranks of Freemasonry. Keep up the great work.

This time of year, dues notices will be sent to all Brothers. The dues are **\$93.50** for the year, and notices are out to the Brethren. Please remember — your **dues are due by 1/1** — the **first day of January**. So please return your payment as soon as you

can. If your mailing address has changed, please let me know as soon as possible so we can get the dues statement to you.

If there are circumstances to prevent you from paying your dues, please contact the Master or the Secretary so that an arrangement can be worked out. One of the tenants of the Fraternity is Relief, but we cannot help if we do not know the situation you're in.

If you *are* in a position to add just a little extra amount to the *Help Aid and Assist* fund, please do.

Thank you. See you in lodge.

Mark Eilers

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

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

Saturday, November 22

10:00 a.m. Master Mason Degree and Banquet

Wednesday, November 26

7:00 p.m. Lodge - Officers Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, November 29

10:00 a.m. Master Mason Degree Debriefing

Wednesday, December 3

6:30 p.m. Wayzata Lodge: Dinner/Stated Meeting (6:30 and 7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Lodge Breakfast

Sunday, December 14

2:00 p.m. Wayzata Lodge Officers Installation/ Holiday Celebration

Tuesday, December 23

6:00 p.m. Bell Ringing

THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN



The Holy Saints John. We hear about them in our ritual, but we do not discuss them much. Do you recall where in our ritual we discuss Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist? They are discussed in the third section of the Entered Apprentice lecture. But, before that, they are depicted earlier in that degree.

First, let's review the lecture. In that lecture, we heard that in modern times, Masons dedicated their lodges to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, who were eminent patrons of Masonry. And since their time, there is represented in every regular and well-governed lodge a certain Point within a Circle — the Point representing an individual Brother, the Circle representing the boundary line of his duty to God and man.

The lecture goes on to say: This Circle is embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, who were perfect parallels in Masonry. And upon the vertex of the circle rests the Book of Holy Scriptures which point out the whole duty of man.

Unfortunately, in this open forum, I'm limited as to how detailed a description can be provided of how it is depicted in the degree. The best I can do is ask the question. "Do you recall when you were brought to light?"

That is when you saw the above portion of the lecture depicted in the degree. The details will have to wait until we are in lodge for a LEO presentation.

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**The
Pride
of All**



Wayzata Lodge 205
2014 Officer Roster

“Change is the law
of life.
And those who
only look
to the past or present
are certain
to miss the future.”

John F. Kennedy

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