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FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brother,

As I look upon the ensuing year, I cannot help myself but to be excited. There is no Lodge in Minnesota that rivals the momentum that Wayzata 205 has generated in the last 10 years. And I hope to continue this tradition throughout 2015.

I need only one word to describe the brethren of Wayzata, and that is passionate. I encourage you to stop by on the first Wednesday of every month and see this for yourself.

As always, the stewards will be in the kitchen working tirelessly to provide you with a meal I guarantee you will enjoy. The dining room will be full with brethren engaged in meaningful conversation and creating the camaraderie Masonry is known to produce.

After our fellowship, you will slowly wander your way into the Lodge where you will place the historically significant white apron around your waist.

The officers will then open the Lodge with the respect

that it deserves, after which the meeting will commence.

Yes, we will discuss business matters and other various issues that have to be resolved, but that will not be the end of our gathering. The Lodge Education Officer (LEO) will fulfill what the Master of the Lodge promised you — *light in Masonry* — a meaningful presentation in which the LEO will provide information that will enlighten you.

The meeting will then come to a close with the same respect that was shown at the opening.

You may decide to leave and return home, or stop by the kitchen and help the stewards as they finish cleaning up from dinner. Or you may follow some of the other brethren to a local business to engage in further discussion and camaraderie. No matter the choice, you will leave with the satisfaction that your time was well spent among brothers.

I look forward to seeing you at our next stated meeting.

Fraternally,

W. M. Chris Wendover

Your New 2015 Officer Slate



TYLER <i>Kevin Sipprell</i>	SENIOR DEACON <i>Alex Rapp</i>	TREASURER <i>Lennie Andrews</i>	CHAPLAIN <i>W.B. Ron McConnell</i>	SENIOR WARDEN <i>Cory Christensen</i>	JUNIOR STEWARD <i>Joe Holmes</i>	SENIOR STEWARD <i>Stuart Cleveland</i>	SECRETARY <i>W.B. Mark Eilers</i>
	JUNIOR DEACON <i>Dave Graham</i>	JUNIOR WARDEN <i>John Bushland</i>	WORSHIPFUL MASTER <i>Chris Wendover</i>	EDUCATION OFFICER <i>W.B. Bill Jorgensen</i>	MARSHALL <i>Mark Haas</i>		

FROM THE WEST

I'd like to start by congratulating our now Junior Past Master Curt Quast for a successful year at Wayzata 205, and to everyone who helped make the year go as well as it did. I'm also looking forward to the coming year.

At Wayzata 205 we have a great group of brothers, and a strong progressive officer line that I believe is setting us up for a very strong future. In addition to continuing the many traditions of the Lodge, we are planning to start some new traditions this year. Some of the events we've planned for the year which you should keep an eye out for include:

•Multiple Lodge Family Days •Lodge Relic Retrievals
•Degrees •Grand Lodge Membership Seminar •Dinner & Show •Cigar Event •Grand Lodge Communication •Tour

Brother,

I have been eternally grateful to serve with you in fellowship and brotherhood over the past several years. It's been one of my most interesting experiences because I'm surrounded by great men who continually strive to better themselves in Masonry and in life. One way I noticed that we better ourselves is that we confront all challenges in our craft, from a fraternal and personal perspective. In the end we continually challenge ourselves to change and improve and become better individuals.

Change can be discomfoting. It takes us out of our normal routine. But I say change is useful because it challenges us as men and Masons to better ourselves. Change can be good for the Lodge as well. One of the changes our Worshipful Master is proposing is communicating *in advance* whether or not we'll be attending the stated meetings and enjoying the meals. As our lodge grows, there's additional stress on senior and junior stewards who prepare the meal to accomodate all who'll dine. We all enjoy those quality meals, and I can honestly state that they are some of the best meals I receive all month.

In order to continually provide these high quality meals, it'll be essential for each of us to communicate ahead of

de Cure •two French Toast Breakfasts
•Lodge Picnic •Lodge Golf Tournament •And many more.

As we look to the future of the Lodge and plan ways to continue to grow and prosper as a Lodge and as a Fraternity, I leave you with a quote from brother Conrad Hahn:

**"If you want to know
where the future of Freemasonry
will grow and prosper, it's simple:
in the heart, in your heart, in my heart,
and in the hearts of those who follow us."**

Corey Christensen, Senior Warden

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

time whether or not we can commit to the stated meeting. That way our brothers will have a better idea of how much food they need to prepare.

There'll be two ways for you to communicate your attendance. The first is a signup sheet at the next stated meeting. By signing, you will be giving the stewards an idea of your presence at the next meal. The second way is by signing up on our web site: <http://www.wayzata205.org/>.



You'll see this icon for dinner registration in the lower left hand corner of the web site. When you select the icon, it'll ask for your name and whether or not you will be attending our meal that night.

It will also ask for the date for the next stated meeting. Lastly it will ask you to enter a CAPTCHA Code (enter the code in the box)

and enter Submit.

Remember brother, change is what makes us better Masons and men. Let's embrace this new change to help our stewards continue to serve great meals.

Fraternally, John Bushland, Junior Warden

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

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

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 6:30 p.m. Lodge Stated meeting + family night

Wednesday, February 4 6:30 p.m. Lodge Stated Mtg

Wednesday, February 18th Entered Apprentice

Saturday, February 28th Grand Lodge Membership Conference (at Minneapolis Scottish Rite)

Wednesday, March 4th Stated meeting

Saturday, March 14th (Dinner & Show) Saturday, March 21st (Cigar event) more info to follow

Finding One's Way to Masonry

Joe Holmes was born February 19, 1984 in Madison, WI where he spent his entire childhood and graduated from Madison West High School in 2002. Joe's parents are from Green Bay, WI, so it is only natural that he is a fan and owner of the Green Bay Packers. Joe enrolled in the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities in 2002 where he joined Omega Nu Alpha fraternity as a freshman.



Sgt. Joe

In October 2002, he enlisted in the Minnesota Army National Guard, and served in Afghanistan from February 2007 through February 2008.

After the deployment, Joe returned to the University to finish his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology degree, graduating in 2009. Joe came back to the University of Minnesota in 2010 to obtain a Master of Science in Security Technologies degree, graduating in 2011.

Joe started working for Supervalu as a Corporate Se-

curity Manager in 2011 and later as a Corporate & Supply Chain Security Manager. In August 2014, Joe was hired to the role of Asset Protection Manager – Systems & Operations for Best Buy. Joe recently retired from the military as a Staff Sergeant after 12 years of service.

After a few conversations with Brother John Bushland, Joe decided to visit Wayzata Lodge and signed his petition that first dinner. Instantly, he felt welcome and at home.

Joining Masonry has had a profound impact on him in strengthening and reinforcing his approach to life, faith, and friendships.



Mr. Holmes

He was raised in October 2013. In 2013, Joe was looking for the fraternal/brotherhood feeling that comes along with our military and a college fraternity.

Joe also joined the Shrine in 2013 and went through the Scottish Rite degrees in the Spring of 2014. Joe was appointed Junior Steward for 2015.

Midnight Freemasons: The Danger of Education

by *Midnight Freemason Guest Contributor Brother Adam Thayer*

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This is a story of Masonic education and dangers it can pose.

In Greece, a young boy walking through mountains stumbled across a large stone set upright, marked with an ancient inscription. He rushed home and told his father, who called a famous archeologist. The archeologist gathered tools and equipment and had the boy take him to the stone. The hike to the stone's remote location was difficult. Trekking through rocky terrain, they finally arrived. The archeologist took a look at the stone and was overcome with joy.

He recognized the script immediately - an ancient form of Greek. He was the world's leading expert on that rare dialect. Any new writing examples would greatly expand archeological understanding, and help his study of the language immensely. The archeologist started scraping off all that had collected on the stone over the years. At last it stood naked before him; he was able to analyze the writing more closely.

The large letters contained very few words and led him to believe it was an ancient grave stone. He interpreted the writing, reviewing an ancient Greek dictionary which he had written, and numerous grammatical studies. Several times he burst out with excitement. Finally, as the sun was setting, he completed an accurate translation. "My boy," he said, "you may not understand the importance of what you have found, but I do. This grave stone says 'A warning to all who pass me by: tread lightly, for the ground be unstable.'"

We use a very similar saying now, that says, "Remember me as you pass by; as you are now, so once was I."

"This stone links our ancient Greek brothers to our culture today, and will help close many gaps in our understanding!

Thank you young man for leading me to your discovery! I can't wait to get my whole team up here to do a more thorough excavation."

The boy and archeologist spent several weeks assembling equipment they'd need, and the best excavation teams in the country. Finally prepared, they transported large, fragile equipment to the site by helicopter, and took basic supplies by donkey. The helicopter landed with the archeologist, and soon donkeys began to arrive, carrying their loads. With pride the archeologist surveyed the massive undertaking about to begin. He looked at the ancient burial sign and smiled at all he hoped to accomplish and learn.

Just then, the ground began to tremble violently. Donkeys started to act strange. Deep noises came from under the ground. In one horrific instant, the surface on which they stood gave way. The whole team – all the equipment, donkeys, helicopter and archeologist – were swallowed up by the earth. In his excitement, the archeologist had failed to heed the warning of the sign – the ground was prone to collapse.

Our ancient brethren left us a wealth of knowledge and instruction. If we only examine the surface words and not the underlying meaning, we too are at risk of falling into a pit of confusion and despair.

Don't allow yourselves to fall into the trap of believing your cursory understanding of a lesson is the right one, or even the only meaning available. Most importantly, never forget the true meaning of the inscription's words.

A warning to all who pass by me: tread lightly, for the ground be unstable.

Submitted to *The Lantern* by Brother Voice of the Turtle

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“There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except ... those we ourselves erect.”

Ronald Reagan