

Dear Brethren,

You and your Masonic friends are cordially & fraternally **INVITED** to attend the 1,725th and 1,726th **Stated Communications** of Norsemen Lodge, No. 878 F. & A.M., to be held on

Thursday - January 5th, 2012
At 7:30 p.m.

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

- 1) Receive the Annual Report for 2011
- 2) Receive and Vote on the 2012 Budget
- 3) Vote on Honorary Member Proposals

and on

Thursday - January 19th, 2012
At 7:30 p.m.

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

CONFER THE DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Upon QUALIFIED Entered Apprentices

OFFICERS & PAST MASTERS MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30pm
Before EVERY Lodge Communication!

Officers' Dress

January 5th Tuxedo

January 19th Tuxedo

By Order of:

W.: Jason C. Truce
Master

Attest:

B.: Dennis J. 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,

As we near the close of one year and prepare to welcome in a new one, we should all sit back and reflect on the past 12 months, in all aspects of our lives, including that of our Lodge. Saying that 2011 was an eventful year for Norsemen would be an understatement. We've been through a lot of ups and downs, but I am very proud to say that I believe we had many more peaks than valleys, did many great things, and that we bid farewell to 2011 much stronger than we entered.

Just as we must reflect on the past, it is more important that we look forward, and plan for the future. I believe Norsemen Lodge is in position for more greatness in 2012, and beyond. It will require the continued efforts of the Officers, Past Masters & Members who have been using their working tools so diligently over the past 12 months, but more importantly, it will require more of us to step up and earn our wages.

With better attendance and increased participation the sky is the limit for us, both as a Lodge and individually as we each seek our own enlightenment. There are many options available to us as Freemasons, and I will do everything in my power to help you, but I can not do it alone. YOU need to take an active role in your search for further light.

Next Meetings

Our meeting on January 5th will focus on the coming year. We will present the official Annual Report that we turn in to Grand Lodge, along with an explanation of what it means for us. We will also present a Budget for 2012, which must be approved by Lodge vote. This Budget will cover what we expect to bring in over the course of the coming year, and what expenses we expect to incur in order to operate the Lodge.

We will also be acting on two Honorary Membership proposals that were discussed during our December meeting. Other business may include a Brotherhood Fund presentation from R.:W.: Anthony Cuonzo. Lastly, if there are any Apprentices ready to prove their proficiency, they will have that opportunity.

Two weeks later, on January 19th, we will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree upon those Entered Apprentices who have worked to prove they are worthy and well qualified. It is important that our attendance reflects the importance of such an honor we are bestowing upon our newest Brothers. For as we honor them, we honor ourselves, and all Freemasons who have come before us.

Faithfully Yours,
W.: Jason C. Truce, WM

FROM THE WEST

Brothers,

I pray this message finds you and your family in good health and spirits. During our last meeting we were able to complete a good amount of lodge business. Part of this meeting was acting on Brothers who haven't paid their dues in 2 years. It's an unfortunate situation when we have to suspend anyone for nonpayment of dues; however it is something that had to be done. Brothers in case you are not aware of how the system works I will briefly explain. For every active member of our lodge, we pay per capita dues to the grand lodge regardless of whether or not you pay your dues to the lodge. The lodge pays these dues on a yearly basis. If you do not pay your dues, not only does this create a difficult situation for the lodge but we must still pay the Grand Lodge for your active membership. Brothers, we understand difficult situations arise, all we ask is a phone call to the Worshipful Master to explain your situation and then something could be worked out. On the other hand if you decide that Norsemen lodge is not for you and you wish to leave the lodge, all you need to do is email the Master a letter of your intent to demit. So if you haven't done so already please get your dues payment to the Secretary as soon as you can.

In closing, I hope every Brother is having wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing every Brother come out to the lodge in the New Year.

Cordially and Fraternally,
B.: Frank Rizzi S.W.

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

January 5th – Stated Communication
Budget, Annual Report, EA Proficiency Tests
January 19th – Stated Communication
Fellowcraft Degree
March 4th – Masons & Families Breakfast
Marina Del Rey – Throgs Neck, New York

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:

Norsemen Lodge, No. 878
c/o Jason Truce
1754 East 38th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11234-4408

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
(917)662-4845	
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

January 2012



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1st & 3rd Thursdays
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