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A View from the East:

As the Master this year, I have to reflect on the time since I was installed last December. To start, I cannot thank enough those who continued to support our Lodge. It was suggested that I name you but I fear that I will forget a name so I will not. You know who you are. You are the un-wavering volunteers who did it all. As I said at the beginning, using a quote from Winston Churchill, "there is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." Those who supported us through their efforts have strong hearts for Masonry.

I want to wish all who continue in the line the best of luck. We have some very good men with potential becoming Master Masons this year. I think with that, we have a promising future. If anyone would like my help next year please let me know.

WM Warren Johnson

Trestle Board:

- Nov 7 Stated Communication – 7:00 pm
- Nov 21 3rd Degree, 1st Section 5:00 pm, Dinner, and 2nd Section
- Dec 5 Stated Communication, Annual Meeting, and Elections – 7:00 pm
- Dec 19 Installation of Officers – 6:30 pm

Trowel Mailing:

At our Stated Communication on September 5th, the membership voted to encourage electronic dissemination of the Trowel and to mail hardcopies of the Trowel using standard postal rates. A cost analysis presented by WB Craig Kvale indicated we have reached the point where standard mailing will be more economical than bulk mailing. To further decrease dissemination costs, please contact the Secretary if you too wish to receive the Trowel electronically.

Thank you to these businesses that support our Lodge.

Arrowhead Insurance Agency Inc. Jim Whitlinger	218-525-7118	Dougherty Funeral Home David Dowd	218-727-3555
Empire Canvas Works Kevin Kinney	218-464-1239	Kolar Automotive Group Dave Hamner	218-349-4818
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Old Vermillion Trail Hunting Preserve & Sporting Clays Burt Schweiger Sr.	218-721-3804	Dave Rufford Puuko Cutlery	218-525-7434
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2011 Officers

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Earl Ellison, 935 Kenwood Ave Duluth MN 55811

Trowel Articles Requested:

Send items of interest to WB Craig Kvale.
They must be received by December 10th
for publication in the January Trowel.

Temple Preservation Fund:

Please keep in mind the Lodge Preservation Fund when the occasion arises, such as a memorial to a departed Brother or friend or just as a goodwill gesture. Your name will be listed in the Trowel.

2011 Bequests and Memorials:

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Remembrance of</u>	<u>Given To</u>
Art Wright	Lyman Marshall	Temple Preservation Fund
Bill Braun	Lyman Marshall	Temple Preservation Fund
Alice & Robert Larson	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Art Wright	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Barbara & Warren Tyacke	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Bertil Larson	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Bill Braun	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Bill Carlson	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Cristine Levenduski	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
James Bradshaw	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Jean Manthey	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Kathleen Moerke	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Kathryn Mostrom	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Mike & Cathy Bianchet	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Rae Lynne Koivu	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Seymour Chez	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Stig Antonson	Ed Manthey	Temple Preservation Fund
Craig Kvale	Roy Neimi	Temple Preservation Fund

To that House not made with Hands:

Robert Martin passed away on July 17th, 2011 at the age of 57 with 31 years of membership in Masonry. He was a member of Lake Superior Lodge and Shell Lodge in Park Rapids. Robert was a Vietnam veteran and Postmaster in Park Rapids until the Accident in 2000. Robert was preceded in death by his wife and lived in the Frazee Care Center until his death.

Nevin H. Nordal passed away on July 24th, 2011 at the age of 89 years and was a 61 year member of Lake Superior Lodge. Nevin served in the Navy during WW2 and in Korea. Nevin worked in the family dairy business, Bridgeman Russell, moved to Florida in late 1970, and owned and piloted planes for 40 years.

Roy A. Neimi passed away on September 7th, 2011 at the age of 73 and was a 45 year member of Lake Superior Lodge. Roy was a former Director on the Duluth Airport Board, a passionate supporter of UMD Athletics, Trustee on the Teamsters Health and Welfare Plan, and a 20 year member and past Board Chair of Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank.

THE PLAYEL HYMN

How many of you brothers know about the *PLAYEL HYMN*? How many of you have ever heard of it? Unfamiliar? Yet, most of you have heard it sung. Even if you didn't know the words you may have hummed along with it as you walked a sad and tragic path. Yes, my brothers, it is indeed the name of the hymn which we use to accompany our symbolic journey to the west in the latter part of the Master Mason degree.

Our Masonic Short Talk Bulletin tells us that the hymn was written in 1816 by David Vinton, a Masonic lecturer and ritual teacher, mostly in North Carolina. There were originally 8 verses, although we use only 4. It is also used at Masonic funeral and burial ceremonies.

How helpless mankind is, pursued by Time and overtaken by Death - our life a vapor that melts, our span of years a tale that is too soon told. Consider these lines from the hymn. "Solemn strikes the funeral chime, Notes of our departing time". "Mortals now indulge a tear, for mortality is here". "To our funeral altar come. Waft a friend and brother home". And our prayer: "Lord of all below, above, fill our soul with Truth and Love: As dissolves our earthly tie, Take us to Thy Lodge on High".

Our trust is in God, that He who made us what we are will lead us to what we ought to be. Masonry can help us in that quest.

Some of the above is as written in the Short Talk Bulletin, Vol. 88, No. 8, from August, 2010, as well as the other 4 verses. If you would like to subscribe to these very interesting monthly Bulletins, let me know and I will tell you how. A subscription is only \$6 per year.

Roger A. Morris, PM, LEO

Port Arthur Lodge #499 Centennial Celebrations:

Help our Canadian Brothers celebrate their 100th Anniversary! Events are scheduled November 4th through the 6th in Thunder Bay with the main event on Saturday. On Saturday, November 5th, there will be a Ceremony to go to Gold, followed by a Banquet/Dance at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel with live music. Tickets are \$60.00 per ticket and a limited number of tickets are available for this event. For more information, visit the web page www.algomadistrict.ca or call WB Mark Kuszniier at (807) 620-7952. Worshipful Master Warren Johnson and several others will be travelling to Thunder Bay; please contact him immediately if you wish to attend.

******* 100 Years! *******

2011 Committees			
Charity	Chair:		
Membership	Chair: Jim Proctor		
Trowel	Chair: Craig Kvale		
Trustees	Chair: Bruce Carson	Jerry Russell	Mike Bianchet