



# Southern Lakes Lodge #12 F. & AM. of Wisconsin

## TRESTLE BOARD

January 23, 2010

Brethern,

My first Trestle Board in this wild ride - who knows where this journey will end. I am extremely mindful of the honor you all do me in awarding this prestigious position to me and I will do my best to live up to all expectations. I do get a bit grumpy (been called a curmudgeon if you can believe it) during tax season so bear with me. My intentions are good.

In case you missed it, the installation was quite the affair. MWPGM Stephen Willett presided and was ably assisted by MWPGM Rodney Paulsen as Marshall, RWDGM Joseph Harker as SW, WB John Marra DD#11 as JW and Brother Dave MacLean as Chaplain. What an all-star team. Many thanks to each. The ceremony did include a few kilts and some excellent (if I say so myself) bagpiping. Lake Lawn hosted a luncheon afterwards and their usual standards were upheld. Installed officers include Andrew Willett, WM; Manny Ajuria, SW; Mike Olsen, SD; Paul Beduze, JD; Bill Sexton, SS; Dave Brach, JS; Jim Bilskey, Tiler; Rod Paulsen, Treasurer; Jim Stirmel, Secretary; Dave MacLean, Chaplain and PM Bill Petkoff was intrusted with the care of the Lodge as one of the Trustees. What a team! Our JW is to be Bob Burton who will be installed at a stated communication in January as he was at his borther's wedding on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Plans for the year are expected to revolve around ritual and education. We have a lot of newer members, myself included, who are extremely curious regarding the hidden mysteries of Free Masonry and we are going to attempt to explore them. Whether this means having outside assistance or doing a lot of research remains to be seen - probably a combination of both. Ongoing programs and events will include the Spagetti Dinner (January 30<sup>th</sup> - mark your calenders), the Pancake Breakfast and the Blood Drives. My expectation is full support for all events from everyone. And, oh yes, we are going to add a Golf Event sometime this summer. Visitations to other lodges, meetings and home bound brothers are anticipated to occur as often as we can. Any other suggestions and ideas will be welcomed as I personally have very little imagination.

That's all for now - see you at the Spagetti supper on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Manny is looking for people to volunteer to make desserts - cookies, bars cakes etc, if you can help out.

Fraternally,

Worshipful Master