

# Northland Masonic News

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Please notify Peter Hunt ([huntp@charter.net](mailto:huntp@charter.net)) of any change in the name and email address for the individuals delegated by your organization to provide your organization's monthly article for the Northland Masonic News.

We will no longer follow up on non-receipt of articles.



Benzie Area Lodge No. 444

Greetings Brothers:

We have some things going on at the lodge the September 10 regular meeting the 15th of Fellowcraft at 7 PM There Will be a pasty bake on the 19th. Practice will be on the 24th at 7 PM and on the 26th at 6 PM we will have our awards night.

Clean up around the Lodge taken place for the open house on October 17. Happy Birthday Gaylord Jowett September 8 Marshall Putney September 17. Jerome Slack September 28. Give them a call or and send a nice card. Always put a \$1.00 in the card a gramps use to say.

Enjoy the rest of summer for soon SNOW. Snowbirds will going where it's warmer. Stop in at reg lodge meeting second Thursday of the month. We eat at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:39pm. Great time for fellowship before you go south or visit with some that will be going south or west.

In Brotherly Love

Doug Haines, WM 231-631-211 c, 231-269-3112 h

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Traverse City Masonic Lodge No. 222

Happenings for September and October.

We welcomed a new brother to EA in August and FC in September.

As it turns out, TC 222 will be the site for the Scottish Rite fall reunion this October 3rd.

The next day October 4th we turn around and celebrate with PM Craig Maison at his Grand Marshall reception.

We continue to volunteer at the State Theater with a time change to the second Wednesday starting at 5:15PM to 8:00PM - any brother is welcome to help out. It's a great social time with brothers.

October 17th in conjunction with the state wide Masonic open houses we'll continue our tradition of October Fest fund raising for Camp Quality. Our open house will be from 12:30PM to 3PM. Still working on entertainment.

We also plan to raise funds for a Grand Traverse County girl that is receiving cancer treatment in Grand Rapids. In preparation for the open house we'll need to do some sprucing up.

Michael Finazzo, WM, 269.207.1953

Harry Rodgers, PM, Secretary (231) 929-1582 hjrodgers3@gmail.com



East Bay Lodge No. 264

Greetings Brethren:

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Steven P Wheelock, PM/WM East Bay #264



EMPIRE LODGE NO 597

Hello Brothers:

I hope everyone is doing well. I am sorry that I have missed the last two newsletters. I have had a very busy summer with moving and the recent storm caused us to miss our regular communication for August due to no power. We since have met at our September meeting and are still trying to schedule our Master Mason Degree for our two Fellowcrafts. Due to a low number of attendance and one of them not available to attend we are hoping to schedule it at our next meeting. The Old Settlers Picnic went well on the day that the bad wind and rain storm hit. Luckily everyone was gone from the park before the trees fell all around the whole picnic area. It was only about a half hour after everyone was gone before it hit. At least we were all able to enjoy the day before all of that happened and to get home safe. Hope you all have a great month, catch you next letter.

Fraternally yours,  
Worshipful Master Jamie Schichtel  
Empire Lodge 0597



Elk Rapids 275

Greetings Brothers,

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Fraternally yours,

Dave Kopkau, WM, Elk Rapids Lodge 275

Bill Murphy, PM, Secretary 231.564.0487



TRAVERSE BAY AREA CHAPTER No. 147

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,  
How time flies when you are having fun!!!  
Happy Halloween to one and all.

I have the books balanced and recorded in their proper places and ready for the audit. Shirley can say the same.

Our nominating committee is busy trying to fill the offices for the next year. If you would like to help out, just let me know and I will pass the info on to the committee.

The open installation will be held on October 20, at the regular starting time of 7:00 p.m.

Grand Chapter is coming up on the week of October 12, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris J. Norton, Secretary PH: 421-5089

Susan Sporre, Worthy Matron PH: 342-3434

John Hansen, Worthy Patron PH: 360-3579



SHERMAN CHAPTER NO. 197 OES

Hello Sisters and Brothers:

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Star Love,

Judy Schafer, Worthy Matron 510-7494

Ron Hamilton, Worth Patron 775-2617

Linda Hamilton, Secretary 775-2617



TRAVERSE CITY COMMANDERY NO. 41

Greetings Sir Knights

Our October Conclave is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Yours in Templary,

Mark Drake, PC Commander (231) 271-3404

Peter Hunt, PC Recorder (231) 421-4414 [huntp@charter.net](mailto:huntp@charter.net)



TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER NO. 102

Royal Arch Masons

YORK RITE

Greetings Companions:

Our next convocation will be at 7PM on October 7, 2015.

Respectively submitted,

John Snyder High Priest, (231) 362-2720, [johnandbarb@outlook.com](mailto:johnandbarb@outlook.com)

Peter Hunt, Secretary, (231) 421-4414 [huntp@charter.net](mailto:huntp@charter.net)



Valley of Traverse City



"We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members."

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Treasurer - Ill. Grant Sowa, 33°

Deputy's Rep. - Ill. Ken Cooper, 33° Almoner & Membership Chairman -  
Craig Maison, MSA

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Fall Reunion 2015, Saturday October 3  
Traverse City Masonic Temple  
13360 S. West Bay Shore Drive

Meals will be \$10 for lunch, and \$15 for the Dinner Banquet.  
Smoked Brisket and Pulled Pork

\* Meal Reservations Are Required \*

For info or reservations, please contact...

John T. Sees, VoTC Secretary, Johntsees@att.net, (231) 715-6948

The Board of Trustees and Officers of the Valley of Traverse City are delighted to announce the Fall Reunion and Class will be named in honor of...

Worshipful Brother Sam Wilcenski, 32°

Bro. Sam is currently Worshipful Master of Charlevoix Lodge #282 and one of the Valley of Traverse City's Membership Ambassadors. He has been extremely busy, and dedicated, as one our Valley's Membership Ambassadors, and has been instrumental in bringing in new members to the Valley for the past several years. He won the Valley's Bicentennial membership contest in 2013, and has been singlehandedly responsible for bringing in 25 members over the past few years. THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS WB SAM!!!

We will also, for the first time, be honoring two most deserving brothers who have distinguished themselves by years of dedicated services to Scottish Rite, and the Valley of Traverse City in particular.

The "Meritorious Service Award" which may be conferred upon members of the Rite in this Jurisdiction who have attained the 32° and who by reason of meritorious service of a Masonic character, are deemed worthy of such recognition.

The MSA is awarded only by vote of the Valley's Body Heads, and as such, is an honor bestowed by a member's peers as a token of their respect, favor, and esteem. This year the Valley of Traverse City is delighted to honor two such distinguished Brothers....

Brother David Champion, 32°

Don Mills, 32°

Congratulations to our 2 newest MSAs, and Thank You both for your years of dedication to the Rite!

Fall Reunion 2015 Schedule of Events & Degrees

Registration - 8:30 AM

Valley Opens - 9:00 AM

4th Degree - 9:30 AM

12th Degree (video presentation) - 10:15 AM

16th Degree (during lunch) - 11 AM

14th Degree - 12:30 PM

18th Degree - 2 PM

Social Time - After conclusion of 18° (approx. 3-3:15)

Cold & Adult beverages

Dinner - 4 PM

Respectfully,  
Your Brother in Light,

John T. Sees, 32°  
Exec. Secretary Valley of Traverse City  
mailto: johntsees@att.net



SALADIN SHRINE

Greetings Nobles:

Dear Nobles:

Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. It's hard to believe that we are now heading into fall.

The nuts have arrived and the prices will be the same as last year. Mammoth pecan halves are \$10/bag; roasted and salted cashews are \$9/bag; cinnamon glazed pecans are \$8/bag and the chocolate covered pecans also \$8/bag. Some nuts will be at the October meeting for anyone who wants to start selling them.

Our next meeting will be at the Traverse City Elks Lodge, 625 Bay Street, Traverse City, on Thursday, October 15, 2015. A cash bar will begin at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. Please call in your reservation with the number of people attending to Ralph Hay no later than October 12 so we can give the restaurant an idea of the number attending. Ladies and guests are invited to this meeting. Nobles, wear your fez.

On Saturday, October 3 there will be a Saladin Temple stated meeting at noon. Location will be announced prior to the meeting. A full shrine ceremonial will be November 14. If you know of any Master Mason who would like to join, there is still time to submit their petition to Grand Rapids.

Club officer elections will be coming shortly. We need to fill the office of First and Second Vice President. If you could spare some time and are interested, please contact one of the officers on the nominating committee. As a club officer you can learn a lot about the Shrine from a different perspective and make a positive contribution. Give it some serious thought. The nominating committee will present a list of candidates at the October meeting.

Fraternally,  
John Klumpp, President, 231-944-3300

Great Lakes Masonic High 12 Club No. 757



Greetings HI-12ers:

Our September 2015 meeting was not held. Due to lack of membership, the status of our club is uncertain.

Rambling's from the District 4 BGP



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Bill Murphy, PM, BGP #4

Masons. Live better.

District #6 BGP

Five Senses

Ritual is commonly a series of understatements; generally worded to fit the weaker, rather than the stronger, understanding. Hence the ritualistic explanation of the five senses says nothing in words, if much in intent, of the fact that they are symbols of the importance of knowledge, since it is only by the five senses that we obtain knowledge. A man born deaf, dumb, blind, without feeling or sense of smell, could know nothing, be taught nothing, learn nothing. With five senses, man learns all that he knows, even those branches of knowledge which spring from the mind alone (mathematics, language, music). From the mind, first reached by the senses, come all those intangibles which differentiate man from the rest of creation; love, charity, philosophy, kindness, philanthropy, etc.

It looks like fall is coming on us, enjoy the weather.

Fraternally, Jim C. Larson BGP#6

CHERRYLAND LUNCHEON CLUB

Noon with Ladies      Second Monday  
The Cottage, Munson Ave.    Traverse City