



December 31, 2011

Happy New Year Brothers!

Our task at hand for 2012 is to Work Hard, Have Fun, and Do Good.

We've kicked off our preparations for the New Year with an Entered Apprentice degree on December 16<sup>th</sup> for Br. Scott Davis, which started us off in the right direction. There will be more to come concerning the Fellowcraft degrees in the coming weeks.

We will have our first opening of the Lodge on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. At this Lodge meeting, I will be calling upon the Lodge membership to gather YOUR ideas about festivities, functions and fun. Please be present to put in your 2 cents worth, and remember that your idea is worth discussing!

On Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, we will travel to the Installation for Connaught Lodge. The Installation will be starting at 8:00 p.m. If you haven't been to one of the Canadian Installations, you've missed out on a real good experience. Others will be driving, so you only need to bring yourself and your passport. I would like to have a strong contingent representing our Lodge.

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> is our School of Instruction night. The topics this year are very interesting and interactive – meaning it won't be boring. Scott will bring his special flair to make sure we all have fun during these important events.

We have planned an Annual Bunny Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Worshipful Senior Grand Stewart's (Br. Arby Humphrey) house. Put this date on your calendar now, and block out time around it to ensure you can attend. This is serious, as the bunnies are numerous this year, and are threatening the Humphrey's many Hosta plants. They must be stopped, and only our Lodge can do it! I know we haven't been successful with bagging even one of the furry critters in the past years, but you're practically tripping over them now, so hopes are high that one of our mighty hunters' aim will be true. You will only help in this effort by attending.

If you received this letter via email, thank you. You are saving the Lodge money on postage. We saved \$25.96 with letters we emailed this time. If you received this letter in the mail, please consider sending an email to Don Miller at [dmiller613@hotmail.com](mailto:dmiller613@hotmail.com) so we save money and keep you up to date on Lodge activities. If you are on Facebook, look us up at Acacia Itasca Lodge 329. Our website is [lodge329.org](http://lodge329.org). At those sites you can keep up with Lodge activities and see pictures

Last, but certainly not least, our Lodge building is needing repairs. No, I'm not begging for money here. I am looking for skilled craftsmen to come forward when the designs are drawn on the trestle board, and announced by our Trustees, to help in the care of our building's maintenance. If you have a particular skill set, such as plaster work, gardening, painting, electrical work, or, like me, have no skills whatsoever, please step forward this year to help out where you can. Our Trustees will be finishing up a list of jobs to present to the Lodge soon, and we will post this on the website.

As stated earlier, we will Work Hard, Have Fun, and Do Good, but only with your help.

Thanks,

David  
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