

Brethren,

You and your Masonic friends are cordially & fraternally invited to attend the 1,855<sup>th</sup> **Summoned Communications** of Norsemen Lodge No. 878 F.& A.M. to be held on

**Thursday June 6th, 2024  
At 7:00 PM**

For the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge, followed by the work of the evening which will be:

### **Public Installation of Officers**

#### **Officers' Dress**

June 6th Tuxedo

By Order of:

**W.: Tom Alexander Strømsted Stanten**

Attest:



**V.: W.: Anthony Varvara  
Secretary**

This is a true copy of the Summons, the original of which, bearing the raised seal of the Lodge and appended to the Minutes of this Communication.

### **From The East**

Brethren,

Norsemen Lodge No. 878 will be having its 10th Stated Communication of the Masonic year on Thursday, June 6th, 2024 at 7 PM at the Grand Lodge for the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before it. The work of the evening will be Installation of New Officers. The Installation will be open for all Brothers, family, and friends.

Congratulations to our incoming Worshipful Master, Master Elect Krishnett Estrada, and to our incoming District Deputy Grand Master, W.: Ronald Shepard, who will be leading us under our new Grand Master Most Worshipful Steven Adam Rubin.

The Masonic year is coming to an end. Please keep up with our summer events as we look forward to the future of our Lodge. All the Brothers of Norsemen have made great accomplishments this year, and we wish the best for our new leadership, that they continue making this Lodge improve and go forward.

Thank you to all the Brothers for attending the last two years. It's been an honor to serve under our Grand Master Most Worshipful Richard J. Kessler and his District Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Anthony Giannattasio. Thank you for letting me serve you all as Master. I will always be here for all Brothers of Norsemen and their families and friends.

Looking forward to the light and future of Norsemen Lodge! Skål!

Fraternally yours,  
W.: Tom Alexander Stromsted Stanten  
Worshipful Master  
Norsemen Lodge No. 878

### **From The West**

Brethren,

It has been a great opportunity and honor to have served Norsemen Lodge No. 878 as Senior Warden 2023-2024. Congratulations are due for our new Worshipful Master elect Krishnet Estrada and the newly elected officers and future appointed officers in advance. I hope to see everyone at our public installations which will be Thursday June 6, open to family and friends alike. Please try to attend as this will be a great experience, especially for our new Brothers.

Norsemen Lodge will continue with our implemented education from our new Senior Warden elect Michael Bistreich and the Education Committee which I created and will always retain a crucial part and oversight. Norsemen will always be a social lodge but education for our new Brothers, as well as more experienced ones, will always be a paramount staple with our continual line of officers. The same goes for the other committees that I created and instituted: Investigation, Events and Design, Social Media and Membership Retention.

By retaining a part in these committees, which are generally behind the scenes, my team and I can ensure the survival of our Lodge and continued growth and success of our Brothers, both experienced and new. I would like to thank those Brothers in my committees for going above and beyond their call of duty, and I look forward to assisting in other aspects of the Lodge functionality. If any Brothers want a part in our committees, please let me know as we have distinct chat groups on Signal app created for them. Many great ideas are created and implemented from our committee collaboration, and we look forward to input from all of our Brethren. As the saying goes, "There are no bad ideas, only bad execution".

Following with that, please continue to remain a part of our Signal chats, despite the influx of messages between brothers. This is a crucial social outlet which stretches from our Lodge to Brethren of the "Mighty Third Kings" District. As Chairman of the Mighty Third Kings District (M3KD) Communication Committee, this is our new district slogan which was voted on unanimously at the last district meeting. Please utilize this on your social media to promote the District further. You can mute the chats individually but don't mute the entire app as that defeats the purpose of disseminating vital information.

Norsemen has five Fellow crafts waiting to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We also have 12 Entered Apprentices waiting to be passed to Fellowcraft. We do have some inactive EAs and I have attempted

contact with many of them to find out what's happening in their lives. Sometimes we have Brothers initiated and they realize Freemasonry is not what they expected or they cannot commit the time and effort into proceeding forward and evolving in their journey. This is part of life, and as such, they should govern themselves accordingly. Those EAs, and other Brothers as well, should let us know their intentions and should not just ignore the lodge, known as "ghosting". We want the best for all of our Brothers, and those whom I personally contacted to get them more active again, should know what I'm referring to. If you feel that you are a better fit for another lodge, or have any other issues related to lodge attendance, we can accommodate those requests. Just let us know when a fellow Brother reaches out, or contact one of us privately.

"Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race." - George Washington

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
B.: Jason E. Cohen  
Senior Warden  
Norsemen Lodge No. 878 F. & A.M.

### **From The South**

Greetings, Brethren!

As the Masonic year comes to a close, we remember the great times we've had and look forward to the even better ones to come. This

May, we celebrated Norsemen Lodge #878's 114th anniversary in style. Brothers gathered at Overlook to enjoy food and drink together, and we began a new Norsemen tradition of honoring members of the Lodge for their distinguished service to the Craft.

This year, we honored incoming DDGM Ron Shepard, incoming AGL Mark Amerise, outgoing Master Tom Stanten, and NYPD Square Club President Joe Battista.

Later last month, we marched in the Norwegian Day and Memorial Day parades, keeping the proud Masonic tradition of marching publicly in our regalia, presenting uprightly before God and man. Looking ahead, the final event for the Masonic year, and undoubtedly its capstone, will be our St. John's Kickoff Party on June 13th. We are bringing back this extremely popular event after its wildly successful debut last year, which saw Brothers gather from throughout New York in anticipation of the upcoming St. John's Day weekend trip to Utica. This year is even more special since we'll be celebrating outgoing Worshipful Master W.: Tom Stanten's 50th birthday. If you wanted to make only one event this year, this is the one! As always, I look forward to seeing you all!

Since this is my last communication as Junior Warden, I want to thank all of the Brothers from the South who helped make our events successful, including Senior Steward and Junior Warden Elect Orlando Rueda, Junior Steward Frank Hatsis, Assistant Steward Pat Trani, and former Assistant Steward and

current Junior Master of Ceremonies Norm  
DeJesus. I'll see you all from the West in the  
coming year. Onward and upward as always,  
Brothers! SKAL!!!

Yours Fraternaly,  
Brother Michael Jacob Bistreich  
Junior Warden,  
Norsemen Lodge #878

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Awaiting First Degree

## Awaiting Second Degree

Bro. Eli Anopolsky  
Bro. Joseph Capolino  
Bro. Adam Daouphars  
Bro. Peter Fagans  
Bro. Joseph Fasano  
Bro. Jason Houda  
Bro. Bohdan Marhitych  
Bro. Nicholas Mason  
Bro. Lawrence White  
Bro. Nicklaus Farr  
Bro. Thomas Izzo  
Bro. Edward Lawyerr  
Bro. David Rivenson

## Awaiting Third Degree

Bro. Edward DiTomasso  
Bro. Kenny Frometa  
Bro. Joseph Gugliaro  
Bro. Nikolas Radosavliev  
Bro. Ethan Weinberger

## Glad Tidings

- Please contact the master if any brother has glad tidings

## Sad Tidings

- Please contact the master if any brother is in sickness or distress

### 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 2023 are \$170.00

Payments are to be sent to:  
Norsemen Lodge No. 878  
c/o Anthony Varvara  
11 Shadow Lane

### Grand Master

M.:W.: Richard Kessler

### Deputy Grand Master

R.:W.: Steven Adam Rubin

### District Deputy Grand Master

R.:W.: Antonio Giannattasio

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**Secretary**

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**R.:W.: Antonio Giannattasio**

**Treasurer**

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## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Bro. Joseph Battista

Senior Deacon

Bro. Amyt Eckstein

Junior Deacon

Bro. Amer Abu-Houran

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Bro. Norman DeJesus

Junior M of C

Bro. Orlando Rueda

Senior Steward

Bro. Frank Hatsis

Junior Steward

Bro. Jack Aini

Marshal

Bro. Walter Curella

Organist

Bro. TBD

Tiler

Bro. Krishnett Estrada

Chaplain

## TRUSTEES

W.: Louis Costagliola

2023

W.: Joseph Posa

2024

V.:W.: James Reichman

2025

## 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.

# NORSEMEN LODGE #878

June 2024



## Communications:

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

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