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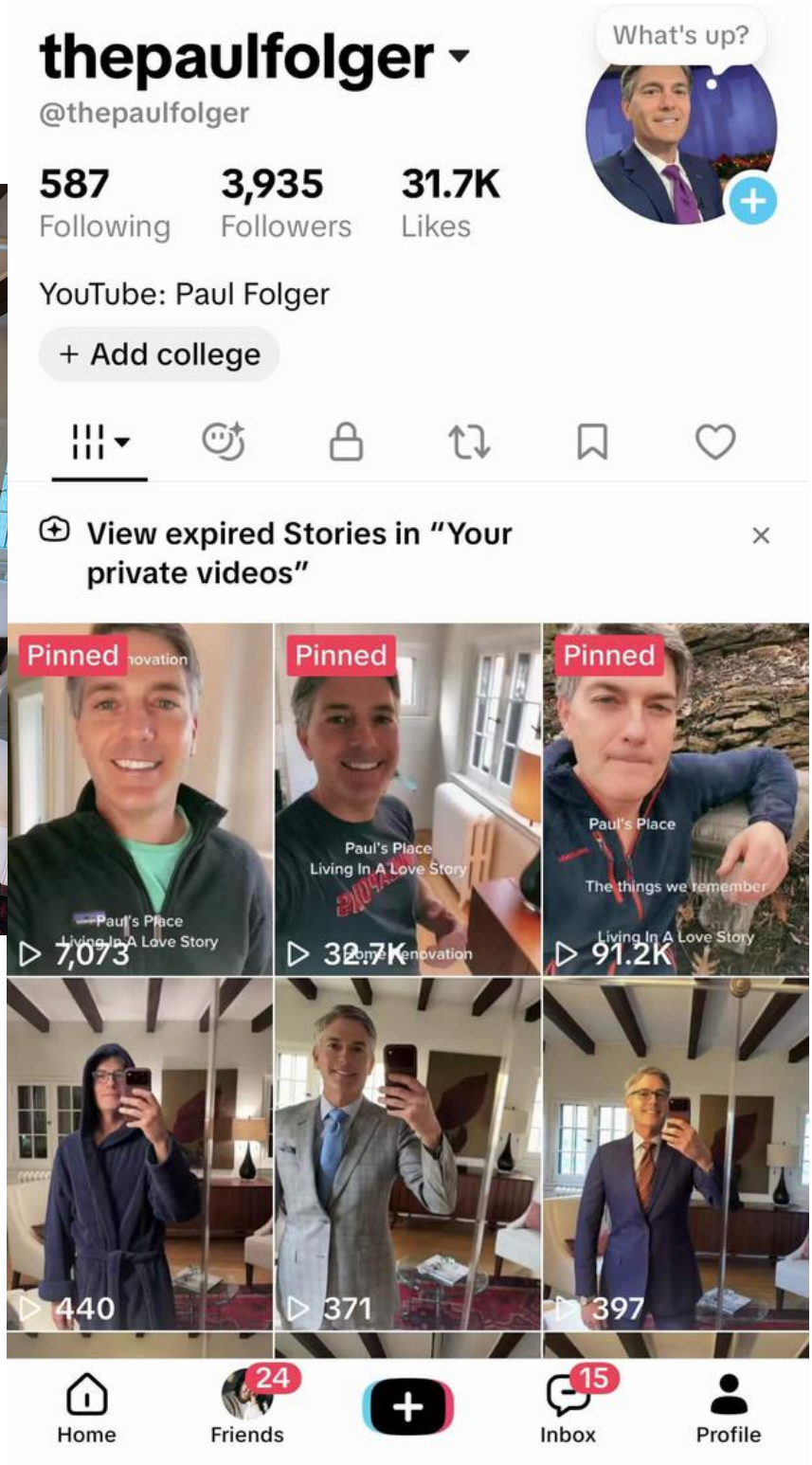
"TikTok"

Follow Here Too...

November. I can't believe the year is about over. I thought I'd tell you about another fun avenue of sharing pictures I have, and that's TikTok. I've been on it for a few years. I've decided mostly to post the OOTD—The "Outfit Of The Day." If you'd like to follow along, you can find it under @thepaulfolger.

In this edition of Always Tasteful, there is Potato Soup I hope you'll put it on the list for the night before Thanksgiving when your family arrives. It's quick and filling. I hope you have the best time with your family and friends. Enjoy!





LET'S EAT

Potato Soup

"Easy and Delicious!"

Ingredients:

4 Cups Potatoes
1 Cup Chopped Celery
1 Cup Chopped Onion
2 tsp. Salt
2 Cups Water
1 Cup Milk
1 Cup Whipping Cream
2 Tablespoons Butter

Directions:

In a large pot, place potatoes, celery, and onion with the 2 cups of water. Bring to a simmer for 20 minutes. Then add milk and simmer for another 5 minutes before adding whipping cream. Finally, add butter. Serves 4.

PS: I like to add bacon crumbles to this dish and fresh parsley.



LET'S EAT

"Beautiful and Simple!"

Cheese Platter

My sister always hosts Thanksgiving at her house, and she has a perfect cheese platter. She keeps it affordable by purchasing a few different cheeses at Trader Joe's. She then adds crackers, nuts and sausages on a wooden tray. It's just right.



THANKSGIVING

Tablescape

"Make It Beautiful!"

This Thanksgiving set a proper table. Stay away from disposable plates. If you check out this table at my sister's house, it's set with real pumpkins, pine cones, and leaves. You don't really have to have a big plan but just start with a few things and put them together. You'll come up with a nice table your friends and family will enjoy seeing.



NORTHERN LIGHTS

Such A Sight!

"Unique Experience!"

The Northern Lights are something we get to see here in the North Star State. The challenging part is catching them. You have to get out of town where it's it dark to see them. The other thing to do is take your phone so you can capture photos of them. Your phone's camera captures the vibrance of the lights more than your eyes do. Here's a tracker. Eye Northern Light Tracker



When my grandfather passed, I received two rings of his. These were passed down from his father. I had the Masonic ring restored. I love these old rings. It's worn so heavily it's almost smooth. It's a piece of my families' history, a forever keepsake.





I was honored last year to be a part of this Twin Cities Live Tasting Table, and I've been invited back. The Special TCL Thanksgiving Edition samples what you might want for Thanksgiving. From the Tablescape to the Turkey, these shows give you new ideas for the holiday table. Join us on November 5th at 3pm.

SMOKE DETECTOR

You know that chirp at 2 a.m.? That is your smoke detector telling you it is about to give up on you.

As soon as you can, take five minutes, pop in a fresh battery, and press the test button while you are up there. Once a year change the battery, once a month test it, and replace the entire unit when recommended.

According to mysmokealarm.org, 3 out of 5 deaths resulted in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. It's the smallest chore but maybe one of the most important ones. My Smoke Alarm.Org





It’s The Splash Guard

"It Needs Cleaning"

Did you know that the black rubber thing in your sink is called a splash guard? That needs to be cleaned and cleaned often. Make sure the disposal is turned off; to be safe, you can shut it down at the breaker. Then pull it out. You’ll see it needs to be cleaned. I use a scrub brush and soap, and then I put mine in the dishwasher for a long wash. If yours doesn’t come out and it’s in there permanently, use a small brush with soap and water and scrub inside and out as best you can. It will help keep your kitchen clean and fresh.



TAKE A WALK

Disney At Night

Most of my walks are around the Twin Cities, but this one is at Disney. From many places in the park and area, you can see Cinderella's Castle. It's soothing and pretty to see. Disney is obviously a top tourist destination. It's made for these very walks. I know it's a trip, but spend an evening and make sure you look for the castle. They almost always have a firework show nightly.



CHRONICLE: LIVING IN A LOVE STORY

"Door Repairs"

If It Only Ended With A Lock

I showed you last month that I worked on the lock on the front door of my old house. I also removed the worn-out glass storm door that was attached decades ago. Under all that was the mess left behind of damaged trim. So I spent much of last month repairing and painting it. It turned out just fine. It doesn't look perfect, but why would it? It's a house built more than 100 years ago.



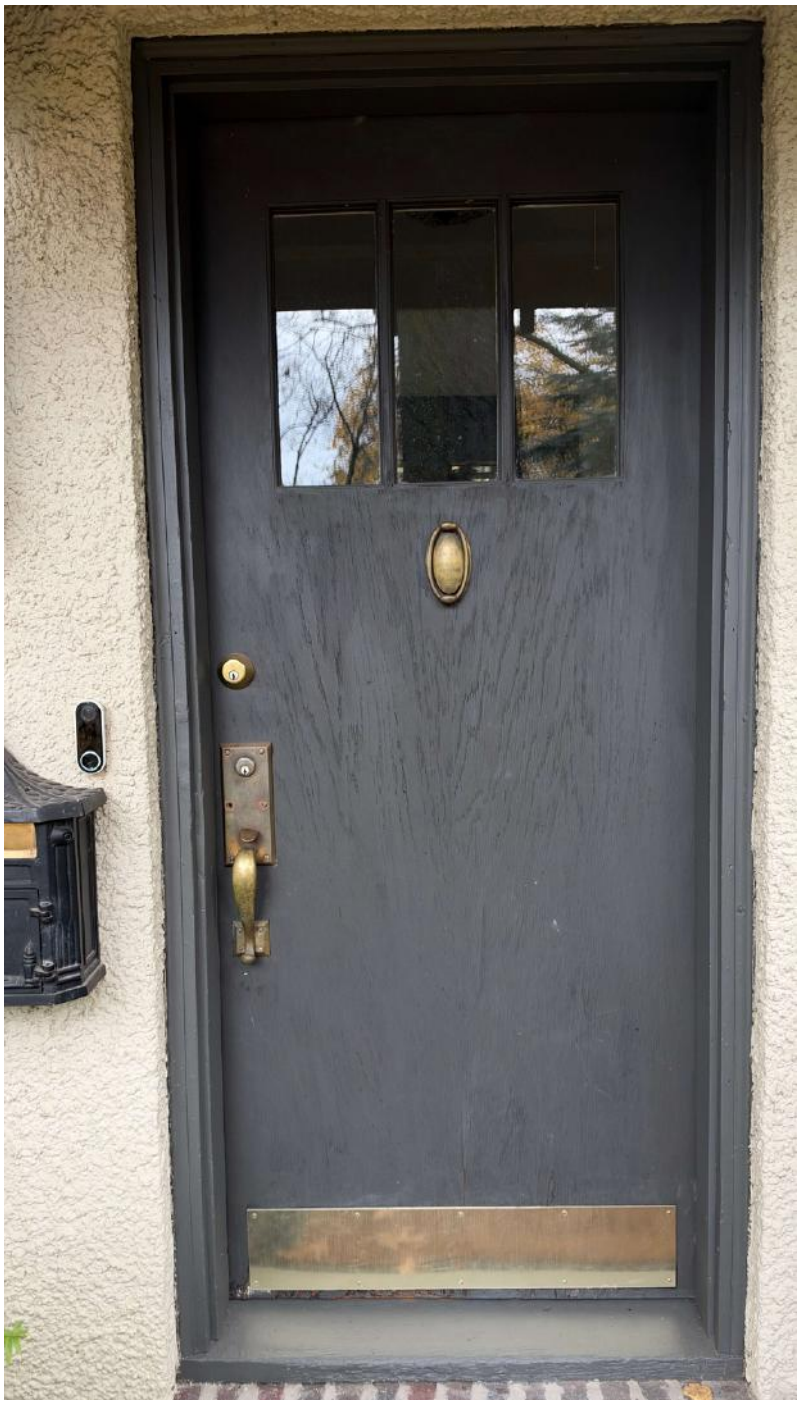


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Repairing The Front Door





Final Thought:

"November is the beginning of winter. I usually start getting things out for Christmas near the end of the month. This year I may only have one tree. Often I have two, I like to change it up to keep things fresh around the house. I hope you have the happiest Thanksgiving. Soak it up!"



Til Next Time

Paul