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Dear Brethren,

Good day, my Brothers. The time is high twelve forty-five and we are very close to our return to labor. I hope you have had a restful yet productive summer and are eager to get back to Masonic works. As we return our focus to the basics in the way we do Masonry, in our Communications and Community Involvement and Education and Ritual, let us remember our accomplishments.

I want to reemphasize the fact that this year is the 225th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. In a craft built on tradition, our history is crowded with significant events and renowned Masons. Our achievements comprise a long list. You have read the details in the various publications Grand Lodge has commissioned over the years most recently in Herbert Singer's New York Freemasonry, A Bicentennial History; in a Masonic portrait of New York State; and in the 225th Anniversary Edition of the Empire State Magazine.

New York Grand Lodge remains in the forefront with continually improving programs such as MSAT and Child ID and MUNY. Our new Masonic Compact proclamation has been distributed by the Masonic Service Association of North America, publisher of the Short Talk Bulletin, to its national subscription list. The institutions we support with our dollars are premier: the Masonic Hall, the Masonic Care Community, the Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library, and the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. And our determination to make better use of electronic technology marks us as innovative.

We have much to be proud of and much to celebrate. I urge all of you to participate in the anniversary programs recommended for September. RW Jim Sullivan and RW Dennis Breheny have worked hard to produce designs for an interfaith service community event and a tiled in-Lodge rededication ceremony. Beyond these, look for opportunities for local anniversary activities and be aware of their public relations value.

Start off the New Year with your Brothers, as we, together, celebrate our 225th anniversary. I will see you in the jurisdiction.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Neal Bidnick
Grand Master

www.nymasons.org

"... I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my patriotism: love of my Country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes...." * Excerpt from the Masonic Compact



Masonic Compact

Because I am a Freemason...

☞... I believe that **freedom of religion** is an inalienable human right and **tolerance** an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

☞... I know that **education** and the rational use of the mind are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my Brothers.

☞... I know that the rich **tradition of Freemasonry** and its framework of **Ritual** are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon these platforms to improve myself as a human being, and I vow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each Brother do the same.

☞... I know that **charity** is the distinguishing human virtue, and that **personal community service** is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love.

☞... I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my **patriotism**: love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes.

☞... I know that **leadership** is best demonstrated by **commitment to serving others**; I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve the Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.

☞... I know that **friendship, fidelity and family** are the foundations of a well-lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations, and to treat my family as though my family were their own.

☞... I know that the last great lesson of Freemasonry -- **the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word** -- is a lesson for all people in all times; I therefore vow to be a man of my word.

☞... I know that **Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared** with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect temple.

Because I am a Freemason,

these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life.

9/11 Remembered

Most everyone reading this will remember where they were and what they were doing when they first learned of the plane impacting on the World Trade Center five years ago on September 11, 2001. It didn't take long before we learned of a second plane that hit the twin tower and a third plane crashed into the Pentagon and then a fourth plane intended to hit the US Capitol that went down in Pennsylvania ... all bringing the stark realization that our nation had once again suffered a cowardly act of unprovoked war and thousands of lives had been lost. Few will ever forget the terrible nightmare as we watched TV in horror as the impossible happened before our eyes. The once mighty landmark of New York City, the capitol of the world, the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center crashed to the ground in a heap of rubble. Oh the humanity lost ... the lives snuffed out ... families devastated ... a whole way of life for Americans changed forever.

We were at once in a state of WAR and today, five years later, our nation continues in this war against terrorism and terrorists. Our young men and women continue to serve their country in the uniformed forces at home and abroad and it is appropriate that on this fifth anniversary of 9-11 we pause to pay tribute to them and their unselfish service.

For the Masons of New York State the response to 9-11 was immediate, and for many it was very personal. We know that at least one Brother, a New York City Firefighter, Brother Greg Sikorsky, of Uhland Lodge (9th Manhattan District) lost his life while on duty rescuing trapped civilians in the tower. The son-in-law of our then Grand Master Carl Fitje, Lee Fehling, also a firefighter, died in the Twin Towers. Other Brothers suffered injuries and long-lasting health effects as a result of exposure to the contamination in the aftermath of the destruction.

How do we pay them the honors due when words are so inadequate? How do we pay tribute to their memory? It is up to us to rededicate ourselves to their causes and their belief in America. They lived and worked and breathed their dedication to serve their communities in their chosen field and for this we must never forget their sacrifices.

New York Masons immediately responded to 9-11 by making available thousands of dollars of clothing, socks and other items to resupply emergency responders toiling round the clock at the WTC site. With the assistance of the Trustees the "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York World Trade Center Fund" was established. \$2.830 Million was collected and distributed to forty three surviving families of police, fire, and EMS workers and others who lost their lives at the site, as well as to organizations involved. Thousands of our Brothers proudly paid for and wore a Grand Lodge endorsed 9-11 memorial lapel pin.

But more than all this ... as Masons we have pledged to rededicate ourselves to the causes for which the 9-11 responders worked and gave their lives and their belief in America.

Since the war on terrorists was declared that day tens of thousands of our young men and women have been called to active duty in our military, our Grand Lodge has been participating in a reinvigorated military and veterans outreach program. With Masonic Telephone Gift Cards, convenience packages, E-mail and letters, visits to our Veteran's and Military Hospitals ... we as Masons have rededicated ourselves to their causes and their belief in America.

Our Grand Lodge pledges to continue to hold fast to the memory of 9-11.

Our Grand Lodge pledges to continue to support the men and women who serve our nation in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Merchant Marine and Coast Guard.

And we pledge to continue to support the veterans who have served before them.

Our Grand Lodge pledges to continue to support our police, fire and EMS responders. –.

And especially now ... on the anniversary of 9-11, we as New York Masons rededicate ourselves to their causes and their belief in America.

Perhaps Past Grand Master Gary Henningsen, then Grand Secretary, summed it up best ... " ...In forty-one years as a Mason, I have never witnessed such an outpouring of support from throughout the world for anything. Our critics state Freemasonry is a declining and out of touch organization. Well believe me, here at the epicenter of an unprecedented Masonic outpouring, Freemasonry is not only alive and well, but is directly in the forefront of exhibiting Brotherly Love in our changing world. 'What a Wonderful Fraternity we are part of'"

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THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies.

It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB. Check out the dimensions of the flag. The 2002 Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order #10834.

This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide.

This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.

You can drive by this flag on V Street south of Ocean Ave. in Lompoc , CA.

Aerial photo courtesy of Bill Morson Soldiers' Prayer

Please say a prayer for our soldiers.



Welcome to the 3rd edition of NETNEWS!

For those of you who are new to this publication, we hope you enjoy what you see and come back. Below you will find all you need to know in order to submit articles or pictures and the timeframes for those submissions. Suggestions and opinions are welcome.

In any case, we are gearing up for another exciting year of Free Masonry and we hope you are as excited as we are. Here are a couple of guidelines with regards to submitting information to NETNEWS.

As before, NETNEWS will focus on:

- Messages from Grand Lodge Officers;
- Messages from Grand Lodge Committees;
- Local items / News by District;
- News from around the state; and
- Calendars & upcoming events by District.

Input for NETNEWS comes from the Grand Lodge Officers, Committee Chairmen and Appendant Bodies. However, content will also be collected and/or generated by an appointed representative in each District.

Every month, you will be able to count on NETNEWS to provide you with important Masonic information you may not find elsewhere.

Please remember a couple of important rules regarding submissions that are not identical to those of ESM. The two publications may be similar, but NETNEWS is a monthly publication and ESM is quarterly. ESM deadlines are on the first of the months due and NETNEWS is due on the 5th.

- ALL INPUT DUE BY THE 5TH OF THE MONTH
- Written information should be in Microsoft Word, Text File, or Email
- Please include your name and contact information (address, email and/or phone number) with your submission. All submissions selected for publication will be reviewed and you will be contacted to confirm authenticity. Please understand that anything submitted without the proper permission or forms cannot be published.
- Anything you submit must either be original or, if it has been published before, must be accompanied by written permission of the publication in which it appears as this is now copyrighted. If you wrote the article, please include a paragraph to that effect.
- Photographs must be scanned at no more than 150 DPI and saved in JPG format. Photos must be accompanied by a release stating that you have been granted permission to publish the person's likeness. If a child (under the age of 18) is in the photo, a "Child ID Photo Release Form" must accompany your submission. This form is available by going to the Forms Page on the ESM website: <http://esmason.com/forms.html>
Please make sure to tell us who is in the photo! A separate release is required for each person in the photo.
- Input and questions should be sent to: nynetnews@gmail.com OR;
Steven P. Koch
43 Robert Lane
Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590

The NETNEWS team looks forward to serving you, our Brothers, with the latest information on a regular basis, every month of the year.

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Steven P. Koch – NETNEWS Editor

A Note About Navigating NETNEWS

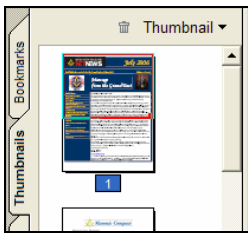
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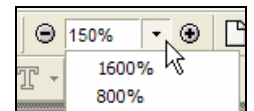


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Currently, the **Comments** and **Signatures** tabs contain no information.

I hope this helps you to navigate quickly and easily to your preferred articles in NETNEWS. There is something for everyone, so please read it all!

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Louis Gaal
Masonic Computer Geek



Grand Lodge of Mississippi
Free and Accepted Masons
Office of the Grand Master

WILLIAM "BILLY" JOE SMITH
GRAND MASTER
7000 Smith Road
Kiln, MS 39556

HOME 228-225-1267

July 24, 2006

M.W. Neal I. Bidnick
Masonic Hall
71 West 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010-4149

Dear Brother,

**Since your generous donation more than \$ 50,000.00 has been
disbursed to Masonic Lodges, Distressed Brethren and Widows.**

**On behalf of the Masons of Mississippi I thank you for your compassion
and kindness.**

**I sincerely wish you a most successful and harmonious year, and it truly
is an honor to be associated with the outstanding Master Masons of New
York. I pray that God will grant you good health and traveling mercies.
May God Bless**

With kindest regards, I am----

Fraternally,

Billy Joe Smith
Grand Master

ANNOUNCING



The 2006 Grand Master's Ball

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2006

GRAND MASTER'S JOURNAL

A Journal honoring the Grand Master will be published to commemorate this event. We encourage you to place an ad in the Journal. All proceeds will be distributed to our Masonic Youth Organizations and to the Masonic Student Assistance Training Program (MSAT).

Journal Ad Deadlines: Saturday • October 14, 2006
Ad Order Forms will be mailed to all Lodges.

For more information please contact:
RW Kurt Ott, Chairman
(845) 735-4557
e-mail: schiller.304@verizon.net

Include your Ad in the Grand Master's Journal. This Journal will be given to all advertisers and guests. Fill in the advertising contract below, attach your Ad and mail with your check payable to "Masonic Brotherhood Fund".

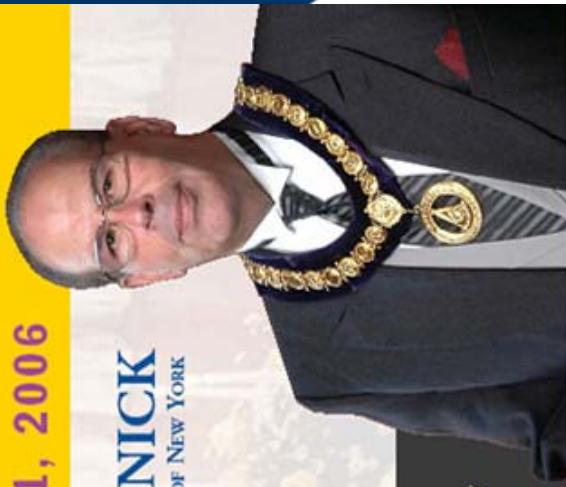
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 - Half Page \$90
 - Quarter Page \$50
 - Gold Page Booster \$10

DEADLINE FOR JOURNAL AD: October 14, 2006

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MW NEAL I. BIDNICK
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK



6:00 p.m. - COCKTAIL HOUR
Followed By Dinner and Dancing

TICKETS \$80.00 PER PERSON

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE
Saturday • October 14, 2006

LEONARD'S
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2006 GRAND MASTER'S BALL
Honoring MW Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York

For reservations, please complete the form below, and enclose it in an envelope with your check made payable to "Masonic Brotherhood Fund".

Then mail it to:
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12 Brookhaven Court
Pearl River, NY 10965-1011
Tel: (845) 735-4557
(FAX) (212) 633-2639
e-mail: grandmasterball06@gmail.com

PLEASE RESERVE SEATS / TABLES
FOR _____
LODGE NO. _____
DISTRICT _____
RESERVATION DEADLINE:
Saturday • October 14, 2006
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Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons
of the
State of New York
Grand Master's Ball Committee

Kurt Ott
Chairman

Lawrence E. Wund
Journal Chairman

Ihsan Toksu
Dinner Chairman

Dear Brothers,

A Commemorative Journal honoring our new Grand Master, The Most Worshipful Neal I. Bidnick, will be published and distributed at the Grand Master's Ball to be held on Saturday evening, November 11, 2006 at Leonard's of Great Neck. The proceeds from this Journal will benefit our youth; namely the "Masonic Student Assistance Training Program" (MSAT) as well as our Masonic youth groups; the Order of DeMolay, the Order of the Constellation of Junior Stars for Girls, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Organization of Triangles, Inc.

Enclosed please find contracts for your Lodge [Committee] or personal ads for the Journal. Instructions can be found on the form. Please use one for your ad(s) and feel free to pass on the other to anyone who would be interested in supporting the journal. Checks should be made payable to the "Masonic Brotherhood Fund." Contract and checks should be sent to L.E. Wund, 6 Garrison Rd., Lake Carmel, NY 10512. Ads text and graphics may be Emailed to grandmastersjournal@verizon.net or grandmasterjournal06@gmail.com. The deadline for journal ads will be October 14, 2006.

We appreciate your help in assisting me in making this Journal a success!

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Lawrence E. Wund

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Reception & Dinner

honoring

R.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert
Deputy Grand Master

of the

State of New York
Free & Accepted Masons

Saturday, October 28, 2006

at the

Buffalo/Niagara Marriott

1340 Millersport Hwy, Buffalo, NY 14221-4993

Donation: \$56.00 per person

Social Hour 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Open Bar & Hors d'oeuvres

Dinner 7:15 PM

**Prime Rib of Beef or
French Cut Chicken**

Ladies: Semi-formal

Gentlemen: Tuxedo or Dark Suit

Make Checks payable to: Erie County Masonic Foundation - Deadline October 18, 2006

W. King Mix, 248 Poinciana Pkwy, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-5212

Phone (716) 684-5946

E-mail: King5946@adelphia.net

Note: A block of Rooms has been reserved @\$99 per night. Make room reservations with the Marriott Hotel

(716) 689-6900 - Fax (716) 689-0483

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Companion: _____ Lodge/Organization _____

District _____

Address _____

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Dinner Choice: Myself: [] Prime Rib of Beef [] French Cut Chicken

Companion: [] Prime Rib of Beef [] French Cut Chicken

I prefer to be seated with: Lodge: # _____ District _____ Other _____

Make checks payable to: Erie County Masonic Foundation and

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*The Brethren of
Sauquoit Lodge 150, Utica Lodge 47
and the Oneida Districts*

*Cordially and fraternally invite you
to attend a dinner in honor of our own*

*R.:W.: Dennis A. Breheny
Senior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of New York*

*Friday evening, the twenty seventh of October, 2006
Beginning with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception from half past six o'clock
with dinner being served at half past seven o'clock*

*Grande Ballroom
Radisson Hotel
200 Genesee Street • Utica, NY*

*Distinguished Guests
M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master
of Masons in the State of New York
Mrs. Joyce Bidnick
R.:W.: Edward Gilbert, Deputy Grand Master
Mrs. Helen Gilbert*

*Apron and Cuffs symbolizing the Office of Senior Grand Warden
Presented by the Brethren of Utica Lodge 47*

Semi-Formal Dress • \$40.00 per person • Cash Bar

RSVP, no later than the first of October, 2006

*Grande Buffet featuring
Prime Rib • Turkey • Chicken Romano • Haddock Oregonato*

*Please make checks payable to Sauquoit Lodge 150
John Seiselmyer, Secretary
1150 Forest Street • Deerfield, NY 13502
(315) 732-5197*

*You are cordially invited to attend the
Apron Presentation to*

*R.:W.: Stephen S. King
Junior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of New York*

*Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Normanside Country Club
Delmar, NY*

*Cocktail hour 5:30 to 6:30
Dinner and program to follow*

*The event is open to ladies
The cost is \$25 per person*

*Information and reservations can be obtained through
R.: W.: William Ogren
(518) 482-9326
wogren1@nycap.rr.com*



Grand Lecturer

Brethren;

The first training session for Assistant Grand Lecturers was held in Utica during St. Johns Day weekend. Sixty-eight Assistant Grand Lecturers were present during the weekend. Four additional regional training sessions were held in August. Dates and plans were made for the work to be covered at the Grand Lecturer Conventions. Work to be covered will be opening/closing, the first section of the 1st degree, and the work of the conductor. A brief moment of education will also be given by the Assistant Grand Lecturers on Psalms 133.

I look forward to the conventions and working with you on our beautiful ritual. I hope that all the officers of the Lodges in the various districts will be present at the conventions. The Potts Award will be again given to Lodges who have the Master, Wardens, Deacons and Masters of Ceremony in attendance. Attendance is not restricted to officers of a Lodge. All brothers will be welcome and are encouraged to attend. I look forward to being with you.

James E. Sullivan

Grand Lecturer Conventions: September/October

September 12	Franklin-Hamilton	October 2	Delaware
September 14	Jefferson-Lewis	October 3	Clinton
September 15	Jefferson	October 5	Otsego-Schoharie
September 18	Essex	October 7	Broome-Chenango
September 19	Washington	October 10	Niagara-Orleans
September 20	Saratoga-Warren	October 11	Livingston
September 21	Rennselaer-Schnectady	October 12	Cayuga-Tompkins
September 22	Chemung-Schuylers-Tioga	October 13	Onondaga
September 25	Chautauqua	October 16	Albany
September 27	Allegany	October 17	Fulton-Montgomery
September 28	Steuben	October 18	2 nd Oneida
		October 23	1 st Erie
		October 24	Monroe
		October 26	Wayne
		October 30	1 st & 2 nd St. Lawrence

Grand Lodge Apron Presentations

September 11	Grand Marshal	Kurt Ott	Whitestone, NY
September 13	Junior Grand Warden	Stephen King	Albany, NY
September 30	Grand Treasurer	Joseph Quarequio	Valley Stream, NY
October 27	Senior Grand Warden	Dennis Breheny	Utica, NY
October 28	Deputy Grand Master	Edward Gilbert	Amherst, NY
October 29	Grand Lecturer	James Sullivan	Lockport, NY
November 11	Grand Master	Neal Bidnick	Great Neck, NY

New District Leadership Teams



Hudson-Champlain Region



Metropolitan Region



Mid-State Region



Western Region



Photos taken at St. John's Day Weekend in Utica

Grand Lodge Calendar

August to October 2006

August 25-27, 2006	Masonic Youth LeadCon - Camp Turk	Woodgate
August 26 – 31, 2006	Northern Masonic Jurisdiction AASR - Supreme Council Session	Chicago, IL
Saturday, September 02, 2006	Home Kids Reunion	Camp Turk
Saturday, September 09, 2006	Rosslyn Chapel Presentation - Sponsored by the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory - 4PM	Grand Lodge
Sunday, September 10, 2006	Grand Lodge Rededication Day	All over the State
Monday, September 11, 2006	Apron Presentation - Kurt Ott - Grand Marshal	Schiller Lodge - Queens
Wednesday, September 13, 2006	Apron Presentation - Stephen King - Jr. Grand Warden	Albany
Friday, September 15, 2006	Charles W. Moore AF&AM Visitation	Fitchburg, MA
Saturday, September 16, 2006	Grand Commandry - 8:45AM -12:00 Noon	Ronkonkama
Saturday, September 16, 2006	Steuben Day Parade	NYC
Saturday, September 16, 2006	Onondaga District Apron Presentation - 7PM Dinner at 8PM	Syracuse
Sunday, September 17, 2006	Family Day at Tappan	Tappan
Thursday, September 21, 2006	Apron Presentation - Joseph Barbarotto - Anglo Saxon 137	Rockville Center
Friday, September 29, 2006	Friendship Lodge- CT- Lodge degrees at West Point Lodge	Highland Falls
Saturday, September 30, 2006	Family Day at West Point - 8AM	West Point
Saturday, September 30, 2006	Apron Presentation - Joseph Quarequoio - Grand Treasurer	Rockville Centre
Sunday, October 01, 2006	Orange-Rockland District Apron Re-Presentations	Walden
Wednesday, October 04, 2006	Service City Geba Lodge - 150th Annivesary	College Point
Thursday, October 05, 2006	Re-Presentation - Ihsan Toksu - Anatolian/Shakespeare Lodge	NYC
Friday, October 06, 2006	Past Grand Treasurer - Vincent Libone - Homecoming	NYC
Saturday, October 07, 2006	Meet the Grand Master Regional Meeting - 9AM	Suffolk
Saturday, October 07, 2006	Masonic Hall Open House Tours	NYC
Monday, October 09, 2006	Columbus Day Parade	NYC
Monday, October 09, 2006	Suffolk District Table Lodge	LI
Tuesday, October 10, 2006	Oriental - Faxton Table Lodge - 6PM	Utica
Wednesday, October 11, 2006	Renn-Schenectady District Apron Presentation	Troy
Friday, October 13, 2006	Fourth Manhattan District Apron Presentation	NYC
Saturday, October 14, 2006	Meet the Grand Master Regional Meeting - 9:30AM	Albany
Sunday, October 15, 2006	Building Dedication Fraternal Lodge	Chazy
Monday, October 16, 2006	Sixth Manhattan District Apron Presentation - 6PM	NYC
Thursday, October 19, 2006	Scottish Rite 2006 Symbolic Lodge Awards	Damascus Shrine
Friday, October 20, 2006	Cayuga-Tompkins Apron Presentation & MMRL Presentation	Cayuga-Tompkins Dist
Sunday, October 22, 2006	Order of Eastern Star Testimonial Dinner	Saratoga Springs
Monday, October 23, 2006	Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter Opening Session	Saratoga Springs
Monday, October 23, 2006	Years of Service Awards - Maimonides Marshal Lodge	NYC
Wednesday, October 25, 2006	Seventh Manhattan District - Apron Presentation	NYC
Friday, October 27, 2006	Apron Presentation - Dennis Breheny - Sr Grand Warden	Utica
Saturday, October 28, 2006	Apron Presentation - Edward Gilbert - Deputy Grand Master	Buffalo

Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen

COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN	TELEPHONE NO.	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Brotherhood Fund *	Robert D. Stack	(516) 569-1951	masonic_brotherhood_fund@yahoo.com
Camp Turk	Dennis A. Breheny	(315) 724-2226	dennisbreh@hotmail.com
Charters *	Ralph Bailey	(814) 368-9996	rwbailey78@adelphia.net
Child Identification	Charles P. Uhle	(845) 226-8145	cpuhle@aol.com
Communications Umbrella	Ronald J. Steiner	(845) 354-4192	nysmason@aol.com
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The success of each year's Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign is dependent upon the efficiency and knowledge of all our Chairmen, and their ability to properly solicit donations.

The MBF meetings, in different locations around the State, attribute to these goals, and make the system of recording run smoothly.

It is important that the Lodge, District, and Area Chairmen, particularly the new appointees, as well as the DDGMs, attend in their areas.

I realize that I am asking you to take some of your valuable time, and we have tried to make the locations easily accessible, and a time, which allows for convenient travel. The dates and locations are listed below. All meetings will start at the time designated and will be over as soon as the material is covered.

Please RSVP, so that proper arrangements can be made for refreshments.

I look forward to seeing you this Fall. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

Fraternally,
Robert D. Stack, PGT
State Chairman

Location and Dates 2006—Check time for each location

September 9th	Dansville –off I 390 Phoenix Lodge	10 AM
October 7th	Syracuse-Mas. Mem. Ctr 648 Centerville Pl. N. Syracuse-	10 AM
October 14th	Masonic Home-9 AM and Latham Temple –Latham NY	1 PM
October 28th	Buffalo –Marriott Hotel	10 AM
October 30 th	Rockville Centre-Scottish Rite Temple	7:30 PM
November 4 th	Middletown Masonic Temple	10 AM
November 29th	Grand Lodge -71 West 23rd St NYC	7:30 PM



By now we have all received the 225th Anniversary Masonic Brotherhood Fund mailing in which we received a logo that should be proudly displayed for all to see. Masonry is not a secret society. Let's show it.



- *225th Anniversary Commemorative Crystal*
- *Etched with Official Grand Lodge Seal*
- *Dated 1781-2006*
- *Issued exclusively for contribution of \$100.00 to Masonic Brotherhood Fund*

In celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, a special crystal commemorative, finely etched with our official Grand Lodge Seal and the dates 1781-2006 will be issued exclusively to those donors who give a contribution of \$100.00 or more to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund during this landmark year.

Even if you cannot donate at this level, you have our heartfelt thanks for your support of any amount sent to help us reach our goals for Charity.



Family Day at Camp Turk

For all those who suffered through the very hot and humid first week in August, Family Day at Camp Turk on Saturday the 5th was a welcome relief. Smiles could be seen wherever you looked as families and friends reunited with the Grand Line in celebrating family. In addition to the fine BBQ chicken, cold salads, corn on the cob, entertainment ranged from dance displays by to campers to the annual softball game between campers and the Grand Master's team. Once again, the campers won, but we won't mention the score (16-7).



THERE IS SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN...

Brethren are invited to log onto the newly updated, user-friendly and secure New York Grand Lodge website at:

<http://www.nymasons.org>

The new website is still a "work in progress", but we are sure you will find it of interest and a terrific resource for further Masonic education. We hope you will log on now, and visit the site often.

The Grand Master has expressed his thanks and appreciation to all of the dedicated Brothers who have worked so hard and so long to update and upgrade the NY Grand Lodge Website.

FAMILIES GET TOGETHER

Within August there are three opportunities for your family and friends to get together. What better opportunity to spread the word about Freemasonry than to socialize and visit one of the three fairs that are scheduled for this month.

Erie County Fair Aug. 10 - 20,
NY State Fair Aug. 24 - Sep 4,
Dutchess County Fair Aug. 22 - 27.

You will not only have a grand time but can stop by the Child/ Id Booth and see Masonry in action.

My Brothers, anytime you can get your friends to a public Masonic event, you are exposing them to the good we do. They cannot help being impressed by our character our manner and our commitment to make the world a better place for all humanity.

On September 9, there will be a presentation presented at Grand Lodge NYC on the Rossllyn Chapel (in Scotland) that you do not want to miss.

On September 17, is Family Day at Tappan, a BBQ for the whole family.

On September 30, it is Family Day at West Point, a great day to watch the cadets parade and see the Army football team in action. Introduce your friends and their family to Freemasonry, you will be glad you did and so will they.

RW Walt Gillis
Umbrella Chairman
Public Relations

DISPLAYS AND BANNERS

Brethren, if you are holding an event this summer don't forget displays and banners are available from Grand Lodge to help you promote and advertise your event and spark the community's interest.

There is a display featuring famous Masons and others showing "Masonic Community Service activities, the Masonic Care Community, Camp Turk and the George Washington Historic Site Tappan."

There are banners promoting a "Blood Program" and a "Child ID" session. Call Angie at the Masonic Care Community 1 800 322 8826 for information.

Walt Gillis

Community Service Umbrella

All four program committees: Child ID; Community Services; Blood Donor and MSAT have all been busy this past month.

The **Child ID** Committee has received and distributed some of the new systems and training has started throughout the jurisdiction.

Community Services is in the final stages of providing all Districts and Lodges with amplifying information pertaining to the requirements and procedures governing the DeWitt Clinton Award.

The **Blood Donor Program** is requesting that each District under its own Blood Donor Chairman enter a local blood donor program.

The **MSAT** program has set its 2006 - 2007 training schedule. For additional information concerning any or all of these programs consult the following articles.

Child ID



Publicity and good communications in advance of a scheduled Child ID program is usually critical to the success of that event. It is important to let the organization or school know what to expect beforehand; what is provided by the Masons, and what is needed to have the Child ID program run smoothly and efficiently.

Here are some suggested questions to ask to help you implement the program locally:

How many children will be ID'd? Do you need additional volunteers to help? If so, how many? When and where do volunteers need to report? What will they be asked to do? Do you have printed instructions for volunteers? If they have questions, whom do they ask?

From the Masonic Child ID Team: Who is in charge? Who is the spokesperson for the event if there is newspaper or media coverage?

Do you have a rehearsal or "dry run" planned in advance of the event?

By the time this NETNEWS reached you, each Regional Child ID Chairman will have in his possession four (4) new ID systems. Training on the new systems is well underway. Al Bryant and I have the next Training Session scheduled for August 21st at the Kalurah Shrine Center in Endicott, NY on August 21st at 6:30 PM. Call Don Elliot at (607) 692 - 3134 or E-mail him at yourvote@frontiernet.net.

We will be scheduling additional training sessions in New York City and Long Island.

Out thanks to all of you throughout the state who have been working so hard to serve the children in our communities through the Masonic Child ID program.

Fraternally,
Charles Uhle

State Child ID Chairman
cpuhle@aol.com



Upcoming Child ID Programs

LOCAL FREEMASONS TO HELP PROTECT OUR YOUNGEST RESIDENTS WITH CHILD ID PROGRAM

WHAT: Masonic members of **Big Flats Lodge #378** and **Horseheads Old Oak Lodge #364**, along with other Freemasons from the Chemung-Schuylar-Tioga District, will hold a **Child Identification Program**, or **CHIP**, as part of the Strong Kids/Safe Kids event at the Chemung County Fair Grounds on **Saturday, August 26th, 2006**.

Parents and caregivers will receive invaluable resources meant to aid law enforcement in a missing child case: a personal data card with a photo of their child and basic information (weight, height, hair color etc.) about the child; a fingerprint sheet; and a digital video profile.

Additionally, all pertinent information about each participating child – including the video profile – will be put onto a CD-ROM, which can be provided to local law enforcement agencies to seamlessly integrate into New York State's Amber Alert system.

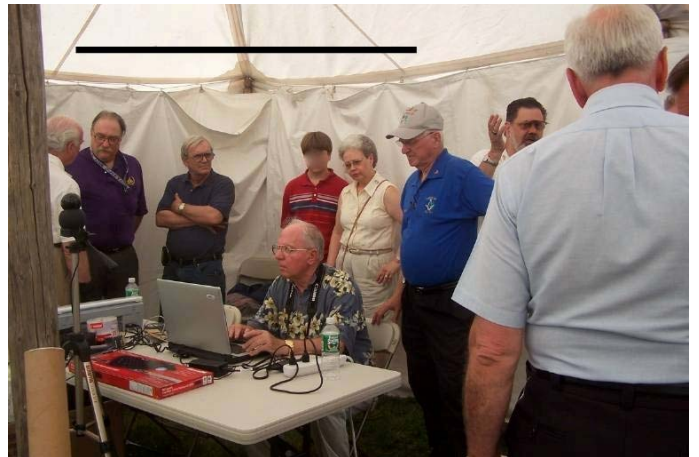
CHIP is offered at **NO COST** and all information gathered is kept by the parents or caregivers.

WHEN: **Saturday, August 26, 2006**
10AM – 3PM

WHERE: **Chemung County Fair Grounds**
Gate #3, Fairview Avenue
4-H Building (southern end of the fair grounds)

GREAT COMMUNITY EVENT – COVERAGE INVITED!!!

This is a great community event – Be a part of it!
For more information, contact Ted Pierce:
607-739-0875





This committee of Grand Lodge seeks to train teams of educators from any school in New York to identify, intervene, make appropriate referrals and follow through on helping students at risk for behavioral, attendance, academic or health related issues.

The team may include -- besides classroom teachers -- guidance, administrative, nursing, truancy personnel; in short, any school professional who observes, and is involved in, the education of our young people. A team should consist of five-eight people; as it is the team approach which contributes to the great success of the program. It is taught by professional consultants, experts who have helped to develop the program. The program is FREE OF CHARGE to the school districts. Our Grand Lodge pays for the facility; consultants; breakfast, lunch and snacks; motel room; and the cost of materials for the three-day program. The only cost to the school would be the need to hire substitute teachers for attendees.

The workshop is always conducted mid-week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) at the Masonic Care Community in Utica. The next presentation is October 24-26, 2006. However,

FLASH!!!!

The workshop being offered on December 5-7, 2006, will be conducted at the Hawthorne-Cedar Knolls School in Hawthorne, Westchester County. We will have school districts from Westchester and the surrounding area. Attendees will be able to commute from their homes, eliminating the trip to Utica and the need for sleeping accommodations. There is still plenty of room for new registrants.

This is the first time that the workshop will be held outside Utica. It will be the first time that ANY school districts in the Metropolitan area will attend. Hawthorne is a short ride from the Tappan Zee bridge. School districts to the west of the Hudson are encouraged to enroll.

The other scheduled dates for MSAT training are Jan 30-Feb 1, 2007; and March 27-29, 2007.

In Other News

The Summer 2006 issue of **UPDATE**, the quarterly publication of the National Masonic Foundation for Children (NMFC) will be of special interest to New York Masons. Past Grand Master Carl Smith is the new President of the NMFC and the current issue of the publication details several articles outlining MSAT activities in the Empire State and the recent presentation of the NMFC Medallion of Excellence Award presented to Past Grand Master Edward Trosin on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New York.

To learn more about NMFC visit : www.masonicmodel.org.

To learn more about MSAT in New York State visit the MSAT link on the Grand Lodge website: www.nymasons.org.

HELP WANTED

Master Masons are desperately needed to approach teachers, principals, administrators, school board members about this valuable public service. It is amazing how difficult it can be to give something so important for free!

If you are a good communicator and have an interest in improving schools in your area, please contact our chairman, W Tim McMullin (E-mail MSAT@nymasons.org\cms\msat or phone 1-888-694-0511).

You must be willing to attend the three-day October workshop in Utica so you can learn firsthand, from our outstanding trainers, what MSAT is all about. You will then be prepared to talk to schools in your area.

If a Master Mason on Long Island, for example, were to attend the workshop and work during the winter to interest schools in MSAT, we could locate a future training session on Long Island.

A future workshop would also be possible at Grand Lodge to accommodate attendees from New York City, if we can enlarge our committee to publicize our program and encourage enrollment.

To learn more about this free program and how NY Masons are helping schools and young people, just turn up the sound and clink on the link below! If that doesn't work, cut and paste the link into your browser.

http://www.johnsonrauhoff.com/msap/mmsap_video.html

You may share this video with an educator, and refer him or her to the MSAT Chairman.

Tim McMullin, Chairman, MSAT

To learn more about young people at risk and our program go to

http://www.johnsonrauhoff.com/msap/mmsap_video.html

Email Tim at MSAT@nymasons.org or call 1 888 694 0511
Workshop dates for 2006-2007 are Oct 24-26, 2006; Dec 5-7, 2006; Jan 30-Feb 1, 2007; and March 27-29, 2007. Visit www.nymasons.org/cms/msat for more information.

DeWitt Clinton Award News

The criteria for the DeWitt Clinton Award are presently under revision. The objective of the revision is to make the rules and requirements clearer so that those authoring the nomination will present a more descriptive and acceptable recommendation.

The revision also provides that the District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) will either "recommend approval" and forward the nomination to the Community Service Committee for their final review, or return it to the Lodge submitting the nomination disapproving or requesting clarification and/or amplification of the application. The one area which needs continued attention by the Master of the nominating Lodge and the DDGM is that **no announcement or plans pertaining to the award is made until the Committee Chairman has informed the Lodge and DDGM that their nominee has been approved.**

The purpose of the DeWitt Clinton Award is to honor a non-Masonic related organization or individual for service to their community. It also presents an opportunity for local Masons to publicly show that they respect and applaud the work of others assisting in freeing the community from concern affecting the safety and/or welfare of its people.

Look for the Fall Issue of the EMPIRE STATE MASON Magazine in the mail about September 1st!



Custodians of the Work

My name is Rich Friedman and I am the Chairman of the Custodians of the Work. On behalf of the Custodians of the Work, I welcome you to the NETNEWS. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and what we do.

Who are the Custodians and what do they do?

The Custodians of the Work are established as a Standing Committee of Grand Lodge organized under Section 102 of the Book of Constitutions.

Section 123 of the Book of Constitutions states the following:

"The Custodians of the Work shall have general administrative authority over all the duties and functions of the Grand Lecturer and his Assistants." (See also Sec 334 Supplement)

Section 334 of the Handbook of Masonic Law states:

"... no change shall be made in the Work as established by Grand Lodge except upon the report of such Committee and the favorable action of Grand Lodge thereon."

To get away from the legal aspect and deal in today's terms, the Custodians are the only committee which can propose a change to the Ritual. Such proposal can only be made at Grand Lodge and will not take effect unless voted on by the members of Grand Lodge in any given year.

Any Brother can suggest changes to the Ritual for review by the Custodians regardless of their rank or title. I can assure you that the Custodians take their responsibilities in this area seriously and that all requests receive a great deal of due diligence by all of our members. Any Brother suggesting a change will hear back in writing as to what has been decided by the Custodians as a whole.

In order to suggest changes a Brother can send in his request to the Grand Secretary's office or directly to the Custodians. To reach me directly:

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It is the belief of the Custodians that it is the ritual which not only sets our Craft apart from other "service organizations" but also lies at the heart and soul of what it means to be a Freemason.

We believe that the ritual outlines the Masonic "way of life" that this world so desperately needs. For the individual Mason, adhering to the ritual in daily life will benefit each of us greatly and will keep us within "due bounds with all mankind." I can honestly state that I refer to the ritual every day in some way shape or form.

We would make the argument that living out the ritual in our daily lives is the very best Membership Development and Membership Retention program that there is.

As the months go on we hope that you will enjoy our "Custodians Corner" and we fervently hope that we can stimulate each Brother to read, learn and take to heart the meaning of our magnificent ritual.

The Custodians of the Work are:

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Lawrence J. Hammel, Jr.
Stewart C. McCloud II
Frederick M.S. Downs
Peter R. Kermani
George S. Nasra
Charles E. Arnold
William G. Vassily, Emeritus
Maurice Solomon, Emeritus

See you in the quarries.

Masonic Family Day at West Point

You and your family and friends are cordially invited to join the Grand Master and your Grand Line for a day of fun, fellowship, and football. Masonic Family Day at West Point will be held on Saturday September 30th on the grounds of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Army will be playing Rice University. The day will begin with a wreath laying ceremony followed by a parade of the Corps of Cadets on the Plain.

In order to allow Brothers and their families to share in the fellowship, Grand Lodge will provide a huge tent, tables and chairs, as well as coffee and pastries in the morning and snacks throughout the day. For those who do not wish to attend the game, you can still enjoy our scenic tailgating spot on the banks of the Hudson River. The breakfast and snacks, and the tent which will be available for arts & crafts, card games, and children's activities for a small \$10 site fee per adult. Kids under 12 who are not attending the game are free!



Bring your own tailgating feast or partake of a complete barbecue luncheon consisting of a quarter chicken, baked beans, potato salad, coffee, iced tea or lemonade, and watermelon for \$7.50. We'll have free shuttle bus service to and from Michie Stadium

from our tailgating area, but parking passes are needed to drive onto the Academy grounds and to our tailgating area. These parking passes are \$5.00 each and we have a limited number, so carpooling is encouraged!

To make reservations, please download the attached form and follow the instructions. The only reservation is a paid reservation and ticket orders must be received by September 15th. For more information or questions, please contact Hank Stoveland at (845) 783-1405 or by e-mail at rwhs711@frontiernet.net. We look forward to seeing you there!

54th Annual New York State Masonic Golf Association Tournament

The 54th Annual New York State Masonic Golf Association Tournament was held July 6th, 7th and 8th at The Delhi College Golf Course in Delhi, NY. This year's winner of the A flight was Don Reese with a 91 scratch and 72 after handicap. Lynn Buchanan took the B flight after posting a 101 with a 73 after handicap. Lynn is a member of Delhi Lodge No.439 which hosted the tournament this year. Clyde Butcher won the C flight with a 112 and 75 after handicap. Clyde is a member of the Akron Lodge No.527

The ladies division saw Grace Ackerman post a wonderful 93 scratch total and 75 after handicap. Congratulations to all the winners and all the participants. A special thanks goes out to all the men and women that helped clean up Delaware County and the Delhi Golf Course after the severe flooding that occurred the week before this tournament. Without their efforts this would not have been possible. This year's tournament raised over 600 dollars to be donated to Camp Turk through hole sponsorships. Thank you to all the businesses, Lodges and individuals that donated to this worthy cause. The Golf Course also donated part of the green fees to the Delhi Masonic Lodge flood relief fund. Delhi Lodge No. 439 will be using this money to aid in local flood recovery efforts. Thank you to Dave Arehart and his staff for all of his efforts in making this a wonderful tournament.

Motorcycle Club Forming

I am in the process of forming a "New York Grand Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association". If anyone is interested, please send a E-Mail to NY-MMC-subscribe@YahooGroups.com or contact me directly, off-list, at shriner@att.net.

S&F

W Kenneth G. Orner
Kings County Lodge #511, PM,
NY Masonic Motorcycle Club
(Fellowship Committee - Club Membership)

The Individual Development Course is well organized under the leadership of Larry Hammel. Several new students are registered for the next set of lessons.

Other programs are moving ahead at good paces.

The Eight Lesson Leadership Development Course (LDC-8) has been reborn. It has been tested in seminar format in 2005 and again in 2006 in the Cayuga-Tompkins District. In July of 2006 the program was offered again this time for the Cortland-Madison District. Several Brothers were involved from the Broome-Chenango District.

The program has been tested and proven true. The next stage is to make the course available via distance learning using the Moodle system. Joe Leo has provided Eric Howd the necessary tools to access Moodle and to organize the course via that format. There are a lot of loose ends, but the goal is to have LDC-8 available as an on-Line program by early September.

Individual Development Course (iDC) News

Current Status of the iDC Program for 2006-2007:

- Each DDGM **must contact his applicants, give authorization** (whether a "Request for Application" was submitted or not) and **provide the password**.
- Access is available at the new e-MUNY site: www.e-muny.net at the bottom of the iDC info page.
- All applications **must** be produced on line (**preferred method**) or on hard copy - contact Larry Hammel for the form. An essay is also required.
- The cutoff date has been **extended until August 25**, for applications and fees (\$149 payable to Grand Lodge State of New York) and send to: Grand Lodge C/O iDC TEAM, 71 West 23rd Street, NY NY 10010 as soon as the application is submitted.
- Brothers who paid \$99 last cycle and did not complete the program and were not reimbursed (there are very few) will be permitted to take the course this year for the \$99 all ready paid.
- Applicants can choose the Site location nearest their home or most convenient for them to attend.
- The initial sessions begins on September 16 at ten or eleven convenient Sites around the State. Subsequent sessions will be held on the third Saturday of each month through February.

Response has been good but please keep those applications coming in!

If there any questions, please contact Larry Hammel, at ddgm5986@aol.com or by phone at (917) 545-5608 or (718) 631-9816 after 6 PM (Louise may answer).

Masonic Family Day at Tappan

Sunday September 17th
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Noon Barbecue Begins
1:00 Craft Demos
2:00 Grand Master's Address
*Kids Activities and Costumed
Reenactors All Day*



You and your family and friends are cordially invited to join our Grand Master and his Line as we celebrate Masonic Family Day at Tappan. Held on the awe inspiring grounds of the DeWint House at the George Washington National Historic Site, this day will have activities for the whole family to enjoy. Tour the grounds (considered by many to be a Masonic arboretum!), visit the home used by George Washington as his headquarters several times during the Revolutionary War, and talk with costumed re enactors. Bring your kids to learn Colonial crafts and play Colonial games, and watch a puppet show. Instead of a expensive formal brunch, we'll be serving hamburgers and hotdog's at family-friendly prices. We'd love to see you there!

For more information, contact
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(845) 401-8387

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The George Washington Masonic
Historic Site at Tappan, NY

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The George Washington Masonic Historic Site at Tappan, New York

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“The function of the Masonic Youth Committee is to make suggestions and to formulate plans which will be of assistance to every Master Mason in this jurisdiction in helping our young people to maintain high standards for the perpetuation of democracy and freedom”

Grand Master Nathan Turk
September 10, 1964

The questions then arise: How can we have meaningful relationships with the young people in our communities? How can the young people know that men in our fraternity are men of high standards and that the key founders of our country were Masons?

Many Lodges have been successful through the use of one or more of these programs:

- 1. Allow supervised youth groups to use the Lodge building.**
- 2. Support the four Masonic youth groups with time and money.**
- 3. Recognize the good work of the Boy Scouts.**
- 4. Grant scholarships and sponsor essay contests.**
- 5. Support sports teams and Child ID programs.**
- 6. Support Camp Turk. Sponsor a young person’s summer at camp.**
- 7. Special Lodge events open to family and friends.**

Many of our children and teens are going astray for lack of caring. Your participation will help insure that they will receive the assistance, guidance and role models they need to mature into responsible adults and productive law-abiding citizens of our great country.

I urge all Lodges to expand their relationships with their community and other youth oriented and civic minded organizations. Let our future leaders and their parents know that the Masonic fraternity cares and will help to forge stronger bonds of friendship for the benefit of all. There is no greater need in our society today than nurturing our youth.

Cary S. Cohn, Chairman
Committee on Youth



What Lodges or Districts Can Do With Youths in their Communities

Lodge Programs for Youths

- Annual Father and Son or Family Dinner
- Invite DeMolay, Constellation, Rainbow and Triangle to conduct Family Night programs
- Take kids to a Shrine Circus
- Have an Easter Egg Hunt or a Holiday Party in the winter for under-privileged children
- Halloween Party for kids
- Hold a school talent show in the Lodge hall

Fundraiser Projects

- Pot-luck dinners or pancake breakfasts or spaghetti dinners to benefit any worthy organization – youth serve and clean up.
- Work with youth groups to raise funds for worthy, proven organizations; Red Cross, March of Dimes, Cancer Societies, Cerebral Palsy, Salvation Army, Hospitals, local ambulance corp, Ronald McDonald House etc.
- Find the need and fill it with youth fundraiser to obtain donations of equipment to local hospitals, schools, ambulance corp, aid physically or mentally handicapped children, etc.
- Sponsor a sports night with donations to PAL
- Raise funds with youths to donate bulletproof vests to local police force
- Help youths raise funds to finance signage of *Drug-Free School Zones or Community Zones*
- Help youths raise funds to provide defibrillators to emergency ambulance corps

Activities

- Organize a Bicycle Rodeo
- “Keep Kid Safe Day”, Child ID & Car Seat Testing
- Visit Children’s Hospitals, VA Hospitals or shut-ins with youths
- Conduct Essay contests in local schools as a District or Lodge project
- Involve youth in reading programs for the elderly or reading to the blind
- With local Masonic youth group, *Adopt a Highway*
- Help a Day Care Center with youth participation
- Help Masonic youth group provide holiday gifts for needy children, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter baskets, or supermarket gift certificates
- Help youth develop “Elder” Clothing collections for Seniors

Working With Youths

- Lodge clean-ups. Invite the DeMolay, Scouts or other youth groups for help, give them lunch
- Permit youth groups to use Lodge Rooms for meetings – whether DeMolay, Cub Scouts etc.
- Develop youth recreation projects or environmental projects – vacant lot cleanups, clean a town pool, etc.
- Work with youths at a food kitchen – time is sometimes more important than money
- Have youths conduct a collection drive for a worthy group – coats, books, eye-glasses etc.

Lend Financial Support

- Support all Masonic Youth Organizations with District and Lodge funding through the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.
- Donate money or material to youth summer camps and Day Care Centers.
- Provide financial assistance to local youth organizations – Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Basketball Leagues, Soccer Leagues, Hockey, Lacrosse, Little League, 4-H Clubs.
- Scholarships, High School and College.
- Donate funds to homes for the homeless, especially families with children.
- Sponsor a child at Camp Turk.
- Establish a Lodge or District scholarship fund.
- With Masonic youth group, support *Meals on Wheels* or similar groups with time or money.
- Give a High School “Drug-Free” Graduation Party.
- Challenger Donations for Little League – helping on field & off

All of the ideas and projects above are currently in use by Lodges in communities throughout New York State



225th Anniversary Celebration
The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of New York

The Masonic Truth Regarding the “The DaVinci Code” and the Mysteries of Rosslyn Chapel, a Special Presentation.

Featured Speaker:

Brother Joseph Lang, tour guide of Rosslyn Chapel, Scotland.

Mr. Lang is a Scottish Freemason and Poet Laureate. Mr. Lang will present new insights into the Masonic Mysteries. There will also be an audio/visual show and live musical entertainment.

**The Grand Lodge Auditorium,
71 West 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 11010.
September 9th 2006, at 4:00 p.m.**

This event is part of a drive to raise public awareness of the truth in Freemasonry
and to raise funds for the

Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (www.mmrl.edu), a 501c3 charity.

All tickets are \$23.00 and are available through Ticket Web at www.ticketweb.com
(a portion of the \$23.00 ticket price is tax deductible)

This is an event not to be missed!

(Produced by Mr. Harlan J. Papert and Mr. Dominique de Anfrasio)

MASONIC INTERFAITH SERVICE

September 10, 2006

“... The Interfaith/Breakfast Program will be a great opportunity for every Lodge to show that Freemasonry is active in our communities and to display our belief in religious freedom, community service, patriotism, and brotherhood. ...”

from the Grand Master

INTERFAITH SERVICE PROGRAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
- HYMN “America the Beautiful”
- INVOCATION
- READINGS from faiths
- MEDITATION
- PRAYER
- SONG OF COMMITMENT “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
- BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE



Tompkins Chapel
Utica, New York

...I believe that *freedom of religion* is an inalienable human right and *tolerance* an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

Taken from our Masonic compact ...

Following the interfaith service Lodges should repair to the Lodge fellowship hall (or the church hall or community center) for breakfast. At the breakfast, Lodges will present American flags to community groups previously selected in honor of our 225th anniversary (Boy/Girl scouts, local schools, municipal offices, sports field, etc.)

SUGGESTED BREAKFAST PROGRAM

- WELCOME
- PRAYER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- BREAKFAST
- MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE
- PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN FLAGS
- COMMENTS FROM RECIPIENTS
- SPEAKER (optional)
- CLOSING PRAYER

September 10 is a great opportunity for every Lodge to show that Freemasonry is active in its community and to display our belief in religious freedom, community service, patriotism, and brotherhood.

The 50th Annual Empire State Mason Cruise

My Brothers & Friends.

I would like to take this moment to identify myself. I am RW Roy Puckhaber, Past DDGM of the Ninth Manhattan District and I am pleased to tell you that I am your Cruise Chairman for Grand Lodge. Next year's cruise will be what the travel industry is calling the "Country Club Cruise." It is something a little different than what Grand Lodge has done in the past, consisting of two weeks traveling down the West Coast of South America and up the East Coast. On one shore excursion we will be offering a fly over of Antarctica. This cruise is really looking to be a little different than your typical Caribbean Cruise. Just keep in mind that we are going during the Summer Months of South America so do not be afraid of the cold just yet. The Grand Lodge Line is looking forward to spending some time with the Brothers and Friends of our Fraternity. I can be contacted at; rpuckhab@optonline.net

The 50th Annual Empire State Mason Cruise January 28 – February 11, 2007

14 days from Valparaiso, Chile to Buenos Aires, Argentina on-board Celebrity Cruise's ms Infinity

Day	Date	Port Arrive	Depart
Su	Jan. 28	Valparaiso (Santiago), Chile	9:00pm
Mo	Jan. 29	At sea	6:00pm
Tu	Jan. 30	Puerto Montt	8:00am
We	Jan. 31	Cruising the Chilean Fjords	
Th	Feb. 1	Cruising the Straits of Magellan	
Fr	Feb. 2	Punta Arenas, Chile	7:00am
		At sea	5:00pm
Sa	Feb. 3	Ushuaia, Argentina	9:00am
Su	Feb. 4	At sea	5:00pm
Mo	Feb. 5	Port Stanley, Falkland Islands	9:00am
Tu	Feb. 6	At sea	6:00pm
We	Feb. 7	Puerto Madryn, Argentina	9:00am
Th	Feb. 8	At sea	7:00pm
Fr	Feb. 9	Montevideo, Uruguay 8:00am	5:00pm
Sa	Feb. 10	Buenos Aires, Argentina	8:00am
Su	Feb. 11	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Disembark am

Unusual shore excursions are available for this special cruise including a Pre-cruise package in Santiago, a Post-cruise package in Buenos Aires, and an Antarctica Flyover from Punta Arenas. We have available at this point a wide variety of accommodations including full suites, outside mini-suites with balconies, outside and inside cabins. We are holding these cabins at excellent rates until the cut-off date of July 31, 2006. Our minimum price starts at \$2,350.00 per person (Category 11, inside, double occupancy). This price does not include air, insurance or port taxes.

Booking your own air will undoubtedly save you money, however, Celebrity Cruises Air is available starting at \$1149.00 per person from J.F.K. Airport and includes transfers to and from the ship in Valparaiso and Buenos Aires.

For information please write or call

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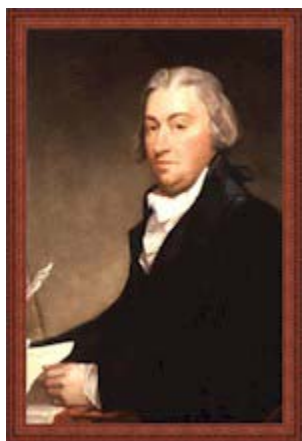
Donate Masonic Books to Flood Damaged Libraries

Although this may seem to some a minor concern in comparison to other necessary relief, several public libraries in the Upstate regions were severely damaged by the recent flooding and need help. According to the news from the New York Library Association (below), the immediate need is money for repairs, but they are also looking for book donations as well. While ANY help will be appreciated by the libraries, one specific way to help might be the donation of books about Freemasonry to help rebuild the libraries' collections. There are several new books about Masonry in the stores today (such as the "Freemasonry for Dummies/Idiots" books), but if you need suggested titles, check the Livingston Masonic Library's reading list at: <http://www.nymasoniclibrary.org/library/courses.htm>.

Thank you on behalf of New York State's public libraries!!!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

RW Richard Vang
Library Trustee
(NYLA Member)



The Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library
Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York



collecting, studying and preserving
the Masonic heritage



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www.NYMasonicLibrary.org



Since 1960, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has recognized the importance to encourage talented young men and women to pursue a career in science or medicine. This year, Seth Anderson (Syracuse University), Jonathon Bates (Nazareth College), Monica Crary (Ursinus College), Amit Desai (Hamilton College), Ashwini Nayak (McGill University), Arpan Patel (Boston University), Grace Reid (Rochester Institute of Technology), Danielle (Clarkson University) and Ankeet Shah (Tufts University) will join a distinguished group of over 400 students who have participated in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program.

The 10 week program permits students direct involvement in research projects under staff guidance in the fields of experimental cardiology, molecular biology and molecular genetics. During their tenure, students gain an appreciation for how scientific problems pertaining to medical disease are approached and examined, and experience the day to day running of a cutting-edge research facility. After completing the program, they will gain knowledge and practical experience in physiological, biochemical, molecular and pharmacological methodologies and be better prepared to make important career decisions.

The summer session closed with a scientific symposium presented by the students on Thursday, August 10 followed by an awards luncheon honoring the Summer Fellows and local sponsors at the Laboratory. Funding for this year's program has been provided by The Max, DeTraglia, Max and Sullivan Donor Advised Fund of The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., Northeast Affiliate of the American Heart Association, Dr. Atul Butala, Dr. Ashok and Shilpa Patel, Utica Lodge 47, F. & A.M. and Bredablick Lodge 880, F. & A.M.

Contact: Ronald P. Kamp

Director of Development and Communications

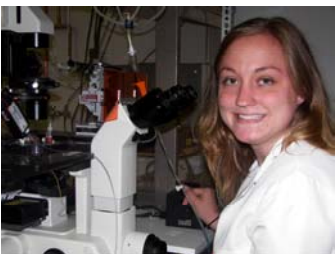
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Summer Fellowship Program Letter of Appreciation

Presented to

Northeast Affiliate of The American Heart Association

I would like to thank the Northeast Affiliate of the American Heart Association for their generosity in sponsoring my Summer Fellowship at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica New York.



Danielle Renodin

*American Heart Association
Northeast Affiliate
2006 Summer Fellow*

My research on the Functional Analysis of HERG Mutations Causing Long QT Syndrome has been highly educational. Through my hands-on experience, I now have a greater understanding to what extent mutations in the HERG gene can affect heart function. My internship also exposed me to the intricate details required to conduct innovative medical research.

Most importantly, this Fellowship helped to solidify my interests in furthering my education in medical school upon graduation from Clarkson University in 2007. I am honored to have had the opportunity to study at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.



Summer Fellowship Program

Letter of Appreciation

Presented to

The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida counties, Inc.



Ashwini Nayak
The Community Foundation of
Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc.

I would like to sincerely thank The Max, DeTraglia, Max and Sullivan Donor Advised Fund for their continued support of the Summer Fellowship Program at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

This summer I have participated in an ongoing research project in the Molecular Biology Lab under the direction of Dr. Alejandra Guerchicoff. Through my experiences thus far, I have gained much practice in the techniques of tissue sample preparation, SDS-Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) and especially Western Blotting.

My experience here has extended into the Genetics and Electrophysiology programs as well. I have had the opportunity to observe as experiments were performed by various researchers and peers; numerous times I have participated directly. The flexibility of the Summer Fellowship has allowed me to have those experiences, and therefore given me new perspective on the applications and importance of my own work, as well as that of others. I enjoyed being part of a program that is so open to students and so willing to teach through extended mentorship and hands-on learning.

This program has taught me how to approach science and learning from a critical perspective, and to be thorough in my examination of problems, and execution of their solutions. It is teaching me patience, as it is difficult many times to see immediate results, as well as how to work effectively with peers of diverse backgrounds. The knowledge and skills I have gained during the course of this program will bring me successfully to the next level of my pursuits, working in research and then medical school.

With the ambition of attending medical school in the near future, the knowledge, principles and character I have gained from my experience will make me a stronger candidate, student and physician. Your contribution to the program has allowed me to pursue my scientific curiosities at a higher level as well as learn more about my own strengths, the dynamics of working in a team environment and the ethical aspects of science and research. I thank you for this opportunity and hope that you continue to support students in this valuable program.

From Whose Bourn

RW Francis E. Oberer laid down the working tools of life on July 15, 2006, at age 72. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sandra Scott Oberer; his children, Michael (Anita) Oberer, Andrew (Mary) Hodge, Amanda (Alan) Murray, Thomas Hodge, Francis Oberer, Darlene Hennessey, David Oberer; brother, James (Nancy) Oberer; and many loving grandchildren. Bro. Oberer was a 50-year member of the Bergen Grange, 32nd Degree Mason, Secretary of the Caledonia Masonic Lodge #830 F&AM. He was also part of the Damascus Shrine (Perry); past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Past Patron and Grand Officer of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a retired police officer with the Wheatland Police Department; a lifetime member of the Mumford Fire Department; and a member of the First Baptist Church of LeRoy.

Contributions may be made to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, c/o Allen Roggen, 3060 W. Main St., Caledonia, NY, 14423, or the First Baptist Church of LeRoy, 5 East Main St., LeRoy, NY 14482.

It is with deep regret that we passing of **Mr. William E. Bateman**, father of our Grand Pursuivant and Assistant Grand Secretary, RW Richard Bateman. William was summoned by the Great Architect on Monday July 24th after a brief illness.

Our Grand Lodge expresses its deepest condolences to our Brother and his family and we ask that you keep William, Richard, and the entire Bateman family in your thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow.

It is with sadness that we learn of the death of **W Brother William Balash**, a dual member of Trinity Lodge No. 12 (Ninth Manhattan) and of Scotia Lodge No. 634 (Fifth Manhattan). Brother Bill Balash had just celebrated 50-Years as a Master Mason this past March 7th. He was Raised on March 7, 1956 in Pythagoras Lodge No. 86 (which has since merged into Trinity Lodge No. 12), where he served as the Master in 1970.

Sympathy cards may be sent to the family in care of:

John Balash
121 Thornton Park Avenue
Davenport, FL 33837-9243

Sickness and Distress

W Harold Squires Past Master of St. Cecile Lodge #538 and member of Allied Lodge #1170, entered Sloan Kettering Cancer Center on July 11th for medical treatment.

Get well wishes may be addressed to:

HAROLD F. SQUIRES
116-06 194th Street
Jamaica, NY 11412-3124

Bro Glenn Lloyd, a member with 49 years in Britannia Lodge No. 1166 is in Parkway Hospital with pneumonia. He is in room 213, has no phone, but would appreciate cards and visits by the Brethren. Well wishes should be sent to:

PARKWAY HOSPITAL
70-35 113TH ST
FOREST HILLS, NY 11375

Concordant Bodies

Royal Arch Masons



On July 2nd 2006 the Royal Arch Masons Degree team consisting of Royal Arch Masons from the 2nd,3rd and 4th Capitular Districts, traveled to 23rd Street NYC to visit Bunting Charity Lodge # 727 and portray the Hiramic Drama. Pictured are Wor. James Roberts of Bunting Charity Lodge with R W Charles Bunting and members of the degree team.

The RAM Degree team was formed as a way to give back to the Blue Lodge. We do not mean to be a replacement for any Ritual work that that should be done by regular Lodge Officers. To date the team has done both the Ritual and Drama sections for Bayshore Lodge # 1043 and Amityville Lodge #977.





OSWEGO (OES) STAR PLAYERS PRESENT A MIX OF COMEDY AND MYSTERY AND DINNER

“I Was Pushed!”—It’s *Murder on the Rerun*

by John Krauss, Lake City Lodge #127

Being a dead person doesn't necessarily mean you have no life. Sometimes, when there is an unjust death, some souls cannot rest until the truth behind their murder is revealed. And that's exactly what happens in Fred Carmichael's comedic murder mystery *Murder on the Rerun*, which tells the story of a woman named Jane who is determined to solve the mystery behind her own death. The Oswego Star Players present *Murder on the Rerun* as their 2006 production. The curtain rises in Wilcox Hall in Mexico Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 15-17. Following a delightful home-cooked Turkey dinner with all the trimmings relax and enjoy the annual Oswego District, OES presentation.

Murder on the Rerun takes a different approach to mystery as a ghost tries to find out who murdered her in a witty, sophisticated, yet suspenseful look at the upper crust of Hollywood. Set late in the last century, an eclectic group of people converge at the Vermont ski lodge of Hollywood mogul Stanzio for the weekend. There are producers, actors and even a gossip columnist, who all have career opportunities in mind. However, Jane is not as shallow and selfish as the rest. She's a more trusting person and a little naive of the Hollywood culture.

Jane comes to the lodge with her actor husband, Hugh, to bring her newly finished screenplay, *The Loves of Laura*, for Stanzio to consider producing. But Jane is discovered lying dead at the bottom of the stairs and it's presumed by all that she fell to her death.

In the afterlife, an angel must earn its wings in order to be accepted into heaven and it seems an angel was just what Jane needs to help her figure out who pushed her down the stairs. Kitty is the angel-in-waiting assigned to help Jane figure out who killed her. If Kitty succeeds, she'll finally have entrance into heaven. She's been trying for 200 years to get in; she lived a very colorful life and she hasn't done enough of helping sinners repent, so in order to get admittance into heaven she has to help Jane.

Jane wants to know why she was killed and who did it, because she feels it wasn't her time to go and she can't accept that everyone thinks her death was accidental when she was in fact murdered.

Not only do Kitty and Jane become astral detectives but little by little the two become friends who support one another and together solve the case.

It's a small cast, only seven people, and all the action takes place on one set, but it's refreshing and fun. The dialogue is full of quick wit and humorous imagery. Picture triplicate forms in heaven's waiting room and a cowboy version of "*Hamlet*."

Earline Wood (Lake City OES 352) plays it just right as Jane Ackerly, a talented script writer who's convinced she was murdered and wants to find out whodunit. She earns our sympathy as we cheer her on. She receives a lot of help -- although not quite of the divine variety -- from Natalie Woodall (Lake City OES 352) as Kitty an angel-wannabe trying to erase a lifetime's worth of demerits to gain entrance to heaven.

Jane is brought ahead to the present, three years after the murder, where the same group is gathered. They are all famous film makers with an intense hate love relationship; Jane's husband Hugh (Wayne Visconti (Hiram No.144 F&AM)) who has married an ambitious ingénue (Lillian Thomson), a heading for middle age leading lady (Myrna Evans (Pulaski-Puritan OES 159)), an arrogant director (Everett Cooper (Mexico No. 136 F&AM)), and Hollywood's reigning gossip columnist (Ted Evans (Pulaski No. 415 F&AM)). The five suspects join together to keep the possible murder quiet for reasons of their own but their relationship busts apart with their mutual distrust. Woven through the suspense in humorous, acidic, and revealing comedy is an extraordinary whodunit with a surprise denouement when the murderer is revealed.

Directed by John Krauss (Lake City No. 127 F&AM), produced by Elyse Skiles (Victoria OES 205) with assistance from Kay Wicks (Elizabeth Caldwell OES 141), *Murder on the Rerun*, will be performed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 15, 16 & 17 following a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings served by the Oswego District OES. Dinner will be served Friday & Saturday at 6:30. With the Sunday Matinee at 3. Tickets for dinner and the show are \$15.00 Call (315) 343-6396 for more information about tickets. For the unusual pleasing combination of fine food, comedy, intrigue, and suspense, this is a must!

John E Krauss General Manager

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Order of DeMolay

The following is the speech delivered by Bro. Justin Cook, Immediate Past State Master Councilor of New York DeMolay, at his Chevalier Investiture on Sunday August 20th.

Far have I traveled and much have I seen, dark distant mountains with valleys of green. Past painted deserts, the sun is on fire as he carried me home to the Mull of Kintare.

Over the last 7 years, DeMolay has brought me far from home and waaay out of my comfort zone, but it has taught me a great deal about life. DeMolay taught me about how the big roads of Kansas City are different from the roads in New York, DeMolay taught me about the engineering principles of a Boeing 737 and when to use the so-called emergency button, DeMolay also taught me that if we see a Welcome to the United States of America while visiting Buffalo we probably were temporarily misplaced but not lost. And the easiest way to get to Grand Lodge is not via a Hyundai Sonata but via a NYC taxi cab which the Masons of New York so graciously taught me how to hail.



But most of all DeMolay not only reminded me of my obligations to my home, my school, my country, and my God, but it taught me about the value of friendship, but just not any friendship but Brotherhood. People say you are who you are today because of the people you are around. In that case I have nothing to worry about because I am surrounded by hundreds of DeMolays, sweethearts, and kind and caring adults who would give anything to help me.

For some, the concept of DeMolay is hard to grasp all at once; however, once we become acquainted with the lessons and teachings of DeMolay, it clicks. DeMolay doesn't teach us things we don't already know because chances are, whether we remember or not, our parents tried to teach us the same thing. But DeMolay reinforces those teachings and makes us carry them into our daily lives.

I can honestly say here tonight, that I owe my life to many people here tonight. First, my parents, my Mom and Dad love and support me in everything I do. I know that at the end day, no matter what I do or where I go, I can retreat to a place near to my heart: Home.

Secondly I owe DeMolay a great deal. DeMolay helped me reach my full potential. "I've never been the one to raise my hand, that was not me, but now that's who I am." It is truly amazing what DeMolay does to a young man. It takes him from a loyal follower into a strong leader because "Leadership, we Teach it." But as I stand in the east with my eyes on the setting sun I have learned that the night is but the herald of the everlasting day. And while the infamous age of 21 approaches quick, there are always new responsibilities which arise, and as a Chevalier I am willing to except all the responsibilities of such an honor because "Community service is the rent we pay for living" and each of us, as DeMolays and citizens, have a duty to improve our respected community and reach out and change the lives of young men like ourselves. Together we can.

And last, but certainly not least, I owe literally everything to God, the giver of life, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and our Heavenly Father. Over the last two years, myself and my family have seen a lot of troubled times. I began to question my belief in God cause why would someone so merciful put a family through so many hard times? Then it hit me, quite literally. As I woke on a strangers front lawn and stunningly looked at my car wrapped around two telephone poles, I realized God gave me a second chance to make things right because I walked away without a scratch.

Now it is up to me to write the rest of my story, and DeMolay will always play a vital role. I plan to continue studying music education at Westminster Choir College in Princeton New Jersey in hopes to fulfill my dreams of being a music teacher and helping teens through music. But I will always remember, no matter how far I may travel, the roads always lead back to DeMolay. Thank you.





(Utica, NY) Buffalo area DeMolay members Joe Dombrowski and Abe Morgan were recognized as outstanding leaders at the 2006 New York DeMolay Convention held August 3-6 2006 at the Masonic Care Community in Utica, NY.

On Saturday, August 5, at the Twin Ponds Country Club in New York Mills, the "York Rite DeMolay Award" was presented to Bro. Joe Dombrowski, Past Master Councilor of Ridge Council Chapter. The award, previously given worldwide in only seven jurisdictions and only once in New York, was developed by a group of DeMolay advisors in Louisiana. Selection of the recipient is under the control of the DeMolay State Executive Officer, Dad Keith B. Rung, but Grand Chapter of the State of New York, Royal Arch Masons retains control of coordinating and presenting the award.

To be considered for this award the candidate must clearly demonstrate that he lives by the virtues taught in DeMolay. He should be an example and mentor to his peers, in his DeMolay Chapter and the community. Brother Dombrowski is an outstanding DeMolay, who has served Ridge Council Chapter extensively in various roles. Since moving to Akron from Tonawanda in 2005 he has pursued formation of a new DeMolay Chapter.

After opening comments by the Most Excellent Alan G. Morgan, Grand High Priest he introduced the Chairman of the Grand Chapter Masonic Youth Committee to explain the significance and history of the award and to act as Master of Ceremonies for the Knighting Ceremony. The ceremony includes the "Order of the York Tribune", a Charge, a Knighting as a "York Tribune" and the presentation of a medallion. A certificate signed by the heads of all 4 York Rite bodies was then presented by Most Worshipful Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Executive Officer of New York DeMolay, Dad Keith B. Rung presented Abe Morgan, two-time Past Master Councilor of the Ridge Council Chapter with the Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award. The PMC-MSA was originated by the Founder of DeMolay, Dad Frank S. Land. He recognized the tremendous advantage gained by the Master Councilor in having a pre-planned program for his term of office. When such a program has been planned and distributed to the Chapter membership, the M.C. has gone a long way in achieving goals he has set.

While the Master Councilor is the only one that is qualified to apply and achieve the award, he cannot meet the standards of the award alone. The requirements can only be met through the combined efforts of the members. The M. C. must provide the leadership and incentive to inspire and motivate the members of his Chapter towards a well-rounded program and over-all efficiency in Chapter activities.

Brother Morgan was also presented with a "Blue Honor Key". This award is presented to any DeMolay member who acts as "first line signer" for 10 new members of DeMolay. Bro. Morgan is only the second member to receive this recognition in western New York in the last 5 years.

Founded in Kansas City in 1919, DeMolay is a Masonic youth organization open to young men between the ages of 12 and 21. Ridge Council Chapter, is sponsored by Lackawanna Lodge #887 and meets on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at the Lackawanna Masonic Hall. DeMolays, Senior DeMolays and Master Masons are always welcome. You can visit their website at www.RidgeCouncil.US.



New York DeMolay 2006 Hall of Fame Induction

On Saturday evening August 5th 2006 the New York DeMolay Alumni Association inducted four very deserving men into the New York State DeMolay Hall of Fame. The class of 2006 included:

Brother Robert Balzer – A Senior DeMolay from Queens City Chapter and a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. Brother Balzer is also a past Trustee and Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons in the State of New York.

Brother George Stear – A Senior DeMolay from Rochester Chapter and a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. Brother Stear served NY DeMolay in many capacities including Deputy Executive Officer. Brother Stear is a member of Frank L. Simes Masonic Lodge and is currently living in Florida.

Dad John R “Buddy” Prout – A DeMolay Advisor for many years, Dad Prout is currently an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, representing the Jurisdiction of New York. Dad Prout has received the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and is a member of several Masonic Lodges. Dad Prout served the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons as Grand Treasurer.

Dad Sheldon K. Blank – Receiving his induction posthumously, Dad Blank served New York DeMolay as an Active Member of the International Supreme Council and Executive Officer of New York DeMolay. Dad Blank is a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York.

With over 225 in attendance NY DeMolay welcomed these outstanding men as the second class to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Everyone was inspired by the work the honorees have done and continue to do for Masonic youth. The NYS DeMolay Hall of Fame is sponsored by the NYS DeMolay Alumni Association and its members.

Highest Honors Awarded

New York DeMolay would like to congratulate the following recipients on being elected to receive the respective honors as of Session in Seattle, WA. Be sure to check here often as plans develop.

2006 Chevaliers

Eric K. Romano
Harry L. Gibbs
Justin P. Cook
Frank Lewis

2006 Legion Of Honor

Active:
Raymond R. Beardsley
Robert E. Crystal
Harry E. Dainty
David B. Glassman
Robert P. Grimaldi, II
Mark Alvarado

2006 Cross Of Honor

Edward LoBue, Sr.
Roger H. Pelham
Dale R. Roberts
Paul R. Smith

Honorary:
David E. Barnes
William C. Clizbe
James C. Simpson
Robert S. Finley
Lester B. Stockwell

St John's Day Weekend

During the morning of June 24th, many were concerned if the threatened thunderstorms would wash out the parade of newly appointed Grand Line Appointed Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Staff Officers and Assistant Grand Lecturers scheduled for 3pm. Prayer works, and the weather remained perfect from the time of the wreath laying ceremony at the Soldiers and Sailors memorial through the end of the day.

The Wreath Laying ceremony began with the presentation of the colors by members of the Grand Post was followed by the wreath-laying, which was highlighted by addresses by RW David Crawford, Umbrella Chairman of the Military Outreach and Veterans Services Committee, RW Deputy Grand Master Edward Gilbert and MW Neal Bidnick.

Good food and fellowship were evident throughout the day which included the unveiling of the new Child ID Program system by RW Charles Uhle, Chairman Child ID and RW Allan Bryant Vice Chairman Child ID.

The culmination of the day was the parade and the presentation of Commissions and Letters of Appointment to the newly appointed officers.



Around the State



'Meet the Grand Line' Program Held in Syracuse

On Sunday, July 23rd, the Grand Master, MW Neal I. Bidnick visited with the Worshipful Masters of the Onondaga District at the Memorial Masonic Center in North Syracuse.

The event was very well attended with eleven members of the Grand Line, ten Worshipful Masters from Onondaga District, one Worshipful Master from Oswego District, Past DDGM for Onondaga District, RW Gary Kall, along with RW Richard Powell, DDGM, RW Larry Egnaczyk, GSB and VW Kevin Parker, AGL for the Onondaga District and many wives present.

The very casual evening began with wine, cheese & crackers and introductions of the Brothers & their wives. The Grand Master then spent some time discussing his ideas for the ensuing 2 years and beyond. Questions & Answers followed with good cheer and fellowship. MW Bidnick also handed out the book "Who Moved My Cheese?" to all present. It is a nice little book that discusses change and the methods of dealing with it.



Grand Line and the Onondaga District GL Officers and Worshipful Masters



Grand Line Wives and Onondaga District GL Officers' and Worshipful Masters' Wives

Orange-Rockland District Raises Funds for Flood Victims

The Brothers of the Orange-Rockland District have been working hard to raise funds for two Brothers of Hudson River Lodge No. 309 who lost their homes and all of their possessions in the terrible flooding last month. In addition to personal donations from Brothers across the District and contributions from area Lodges, Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 721 of Mountainville donated half its profits from a previously scheduled Coffeehouse fundraiser to assist the Brothers in distress. The evening of live music and fellowship was enjoyed by all, with much of the musical talent being provided by members and friends of Wallkill Lodge No. 627 in Walden.

The two Brothers, who are also father and son, have expressed their gratitude to the Brothers and Lodges who have reached out to assist them. The District Deputy Grand Master, RW Joe Leo, said, "It was great to see the Brothers from two Lodges pulling together to share their talents and effort to help Brothers from a third Lodge. We have received donations from all over the District, demonstrating the spirit of service and charity that's so important to our identity as Freemasons. "



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Matinecock Lodge No. 806 Installs New Officers for the 2006-2007 Term

On June 7, 2006, Matinecock Lodge No. 806 Free and Accepted Masons installed the new Officers of the Lodge, in the meeting room at the Oyster Bay Fire Company No. 1. The Brothers tell us that they will be moving back into their building by the end of the summer. The Lodge Building is nearing completion as the finishing touches; installation of the elevator and other fittings, as well as the assembly of the massive "Ancient Landmarks" Lodge room furniture are all that remain to be done. A Dedication Ceremony, including a visit by the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, MW Neal I. Bidnick, is planned for this fall.



Pictured above are all the assembled Officers and the Installing team, which was headed by Larry W. Entenmann, and assisted by Warren W. Obes and Efrain C. Azmitia, all Past Masters of Matinecock Lodge.



Charitable Seventh Prepares For October Black Tie Gala

The Third Annual Gala of the Seventh Manhattan District Association, a glittering Black Tie Dinner Dance, is planned for Wednesday evening, October 18, 2006 at the elegant El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn, NY.

The Most Worshipful Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, together with his Grand Line and their ladies are expected to be on hand as the Brothers of the "Charitable Seventh" celebrate another year of successful service to the community and the distribution of checks to a dozen or more local and Masonic charities. This year, checks totaling \$400,000 are expected to be given to deserving organizations by the charitable arm of the Seventh Manhattan Masonic District.

Close to 200 Brothers and their ladies will be attired in Black Tie and formal dress as they gather for a 6:30 Reception, followed by dinner, dancing, and top professional entertainment. As is their tradition in the Charitable Seventh, this year's affair promises to be long on socialization, good food, beverage and fellowship ... and short on speeches.

The Seventh District Association President this year is The Right Worshipful David Mordo, who is also the current District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Manhattan District. As a young man, Dave Mordo worked several summers as a member of the Kitchen staff at Masonic Camp Seven, a summer youth camp for financially disadvantaged young ladies between the ages of 8 and 12. Camp Seven was operated by the Masons of the Seventh District for a period of 60 years and served literally tens of thousands of youngsters until it closed in the late 1980s.

The spirit of caring for children in the tradition of Masonic Camp Seven lives on today in the philanthropic work of the Brothers belonging to the five Masonic Lodges in the Seventh Manhattan District. The charities they continue to serve are primarily those involving children and include summer camps, hospitals and research facilities, such as the world famous Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica, NY.

It should be noted also, that the Brothers of the Seventh Manhattan District have been at or near the top of most recent Masonic Brotherhood Fund efforts in the state.

Those interested in attending the Seventh District Gala on October 18, or who wish to participate in the Charitable Fund Raising Journal, or for more information should call (212) 675-4850.

El Caribe Country Club is located at 5945 Strickland Avenue in Brooklyn. For directions call (718) 531-1200.

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Albany Man Takes State Masons Post

Stephen S. King will oversee education and fellowship activities

Staff reports

From the pages of the Albany Times Union - First published: Friday, July 14, 2006

ALBANY -- Stephen S. King of Albany was recently sworn in as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in New York.

As part of the grand master's grand line, King will help oversee various statewide committees including those responsible for education and fellowship activities.

King is the director of financial administration of the New York State Office of Real Property Services. He is a member of many volunteer organizations and serves as a director of the Bethlehem chapter of the Lions Club International.

Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of the state's Masons, said, "As masons we are committed to the tenets of our fraternity -- friendship, morality and brotherly love. Stephen embodies all of these and has upheld these values throughout his Masonic career. He serves as a good example for his fellow masons as well as to those considering becoming masons. I look forward to working with him as a member of the Grand Line."

King joined Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 in 1981, becoming master in 1988. He served as district deputy grand master for the Albany District from 2002 to 2004 and continues to be an active member of the grand lodge's committee structure.

Masons (also known as Freemasons) belong to the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. Today, more than 2 million Freemasons live in North America, with about 54,000 Masons in New York State.

Many of North America's early patriots were Freemasons. Thirteen signers of the Constitution, 14 presidents of the United States, including George Washington, and 19 governors of New York State were masons.

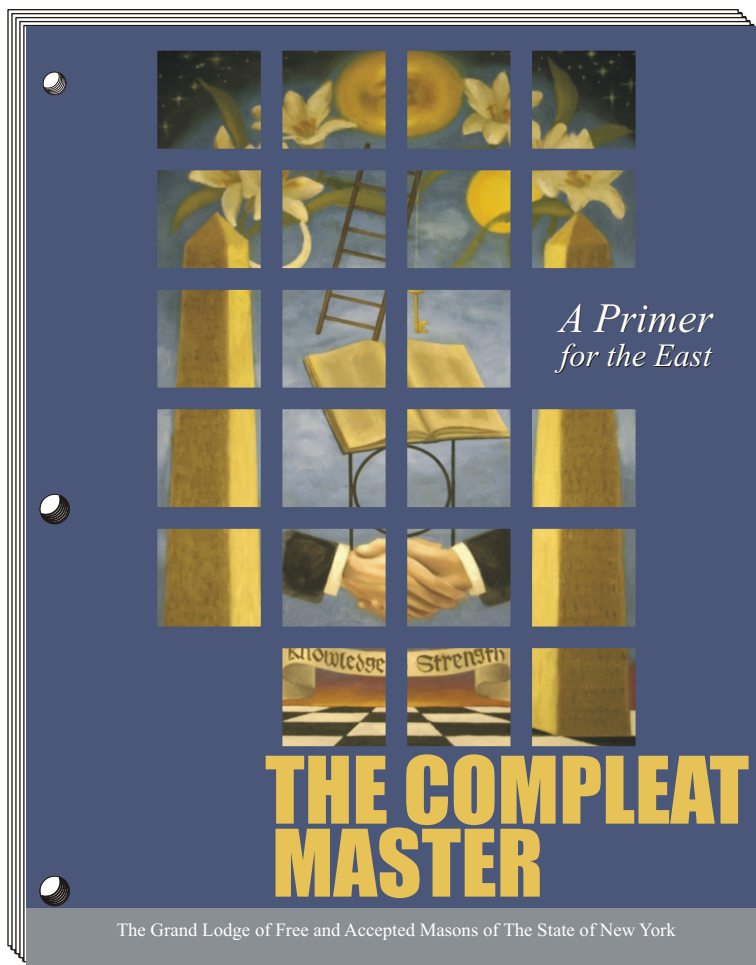
The masons are widely known for their community service and philanthropic works. Each day, masons across the United States donate about \$2 million for operating children's hospitals to local community service.

In New York state, the masons began the Masonic Grand Lodge child identification program, which has enrolled more than 275,000 children since 1991. The New York masons own and operate the Masonic Care Community in Utica, which is also home to the New York Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

The New York Grand Lodge Headquarters, also known as Masonic Hall, is located in Manhattan and is home to the Chancellor Robert Livingston Masonic Library, one of the most complete collections of Masonic literature and artifacts in the world.

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