



2009-2010 Officers

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Upcoming LODGE Events

• Stated Communications, Dinner, and Budget Vote.

Thursday December 10, 2009 at the Schenectady Masonic Community Center. Please have your dinner reservations to the Junior Warden or through MasonsOnline no later than the Monday prior.

• THIRD DEGREE, Special Communication and Luncheon.

Saturday December 12, 2009 at the Schenectady Masonic Community Center. Please make your reservations for lunch to the Junior Warden or through MasonsOnline. For Degree roles, please contact the Senior Deacon, W.: Alex Smuckler.

• Holiday Fruit Basket Delivery.

Saturday December 19, 2009. This annual event is being coordinated by our W.: Henry Michelin. Each year brothers of the lodge assemble at the Price Chopper on Eastern Pkwy, determine the assignments and routes, and then delivery fruit baskets to the widows of St. Georges. All are welcome and encouraged to come and support this effort.

**All dinners begin with refreshments at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are due to Junior Warden Bro. David Donofrio by phone (518-391-5117) or electronically on Masons Online by the Monday prior to the event*

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

• District Holiday Party – Friday, December 4, 2009.

Germania Hall, 109 Third Ave. 107th St. Troy, NY Beginning at 6:30 PM

ONLINE CHANGES AND INFORMATION

St Georges has been working on improving communications. As part of these efforts, the website is undergoing a few changes and improvements. Information will be distributed during lodge in order to outline the improvements and the reasons for them. Look for more information in this Dragon newsletter once these changes are complete.

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How Should a Candidate Be Prepared?

We speak of the Candidate as "prepared" by us; but what we do with him is emblematic of what has taken place before " in the secrecy of his heart," as he himself admits; something that has gone on, possibly, for many years, until at length he has been found to be ready for the reception of our Masonic light. Now his cherished desire will be realized, but first he must submit to certain indispensable formalities.

SERVICE AWARDS

W.: Bill Clark

55 yrs

Bro. Floyd Berrington

50 yrs

Bro. Henry Eckert, DSA

50 yrs

Bro. Don Missimer

50 yrs

Bro. Melvin Mintz

50 yrs

The Answer is Within

No stroke of gavel or chisel can add anything to a rough ashlar; it may only remove. Perfection then is already within.

The famous sculptor, Gutron Borglum (a Freemason), asked how he carved stone into statues, answered, "It is very simple. I knock away with hammer and chisel the stone I do not need and the statue is there - it was there all the time." In the Volume of the Sacred Law we read, "The kingdom of heaven is within you." Images are made by a process of taking away. The perfection is already within. All that is required is to remove the roughness. "...divesting our hearts and consciences of the vices and superfluities of life..." to show forth the perfect man and Mason, and to find the kingdom within.

We have to focus on the targets in our lives unless we are taking a necessary break for rest. But we must watch out for diversions that take our minds off the main objective. Lot's wife struggled with distractions that ended in her demise. She looked back at what she was leaving with longing in her eyes rather than forward to a better goal and purpose in life (Genesis 19:26).

We will not hit our target unless we focus our attention fully and clearly on the goal. Life demands that we know the destination and purpose of life. Without such focus, we end up wandering aimlessly and without success. We must learn from Lot's wife and keep the vision of the future God offers us clear in our minds. Masonry helps through the provision of landmarks, brotherly guidance and love, and a deep sense of Moral virtue.

You there stand an upright Man and Mason.

Masonry provides the foundation to the character necessary for a brother to present himself in his community as an example. He, the brother, is the exemplification of a good citizen, a friend, a trusted source, a personal of moral fiber. He does good deeds not for reward but because of virtue. Be cautious over all your words and your actions, and keep your eye on the target, for you are being watched.

Keep Your Focus on the Target

Hitting the bull's eye means hitting the center of a target in some endeavor. In order to have success we must see the center circle clearly. Once we perceive the objective, we can shoot for it straight and hard.

Some Words from the Past Masters

In the promotion of unity, knowledge and guidance from your fellow brethren, the Officers of the lodge are soliciting words of wisdom from the Past Masters of St. Georges #6. If you are a Past Master and would like to contribute some thoughts, they will be displayed in this newsletter column, as well as on the St Georges Lodge website. Please contact your Junior Warden to coordinate.

Masonry is for all men, that is its beauty. It is for the man who is humble enough to understand, regardless of where he is in life, he needs a personal development plan for his entire life. He, also, values the journey more than the destination. It is in this process we become better men, better brothers, better husbands and fathers. To be a Brother Mason is an honor and our responsibility is to serve others. The new leadership in St. George's lodge exemplify this daily. I am proud, as immediate Past Master, to associate with such a distinct group of men. Congratulations Worshipful Master and brothers all, carry on!

S&F - VW Damon B. Carr, AGL
Renesselaer - Schenectady District



A Message From the Respective Stations.

This year has been outstanding - much progress has been made, and much work is yet to be done...

The MASTERS Station

My family and I hope when you receive this message all are well. The holidays will soon be upon us and I wish you all and your families the healthiest, most joyous, and memorable times during this holiday season. Please look for the upcoming events.

Let us not forget our Brothers that will not be with us during this time and wish their families a supportive holiday season. I am confident that I can speak for our Lodge when it is said "We're just a telephone call away".

I would like to thank all of my Officers for all that they are doing; their attention to detail, keeping up with the ritual, and being there when needed, we will continue to move forward my Brothers.

As a Lodge we have made a few accomplishments;

- St. George's/Challenger's Day
- St. George's Lake George Dinner Cruise
- Assisted Unity Lodge in Saratoga with the Installation of their Officers
- St. George's 235th Anniversary
- Earned the Pott's Award
- Earned the Traveling Gavel
- Assisted Lodges in Degree work at the Grand Lecturer's Convention and with the 1st Degree.
- VW Damon Carr for answering and rising to the call of Assistant Grand Lecturer.
- We Initiated 3 new Brothers in October, getting ready now to Pass 3

Brothers in November, and with the help of the GAOTU, Raising 3 Brothers at our December 3rd Degree. We also affiliated 3 Brothers from other Lodges this past October. My many thanks to the Brothers who helped make this happen!

•Brother Bring a Friend; 3 potential candidates came to this enjoyable evening. My many thanks to the Brothers who helped make this happen! Don't forget them, remind them that their presence that evening was greatly appreciated.

•We already received and will be reading another petition at our November 12th meeting for our 1st Degree in January 2010

Let's continue to offer the light to all we know and bring them to the table so we can help them to the next level.

If you haven't noticed by now, that I truly love this Lodge and this wonderful Fraternity, then, let's talk. Every opportunity that I am in an environment that offers the opportunity to speak about us, I proudly engage in it.

I ask that you consider the District Holiday Party, Friday, 4 December 2009; it gives us an opportunity to share this time as a Lodge family and also a bigger opportunity to meet as a District family. I can envision the kids enjoying themselves as well as

the adults. Good food, great music, and a nice group of folks to start off the holiday cheer, it's the way to go. My Brothers, there is a lot of this year left and I would like to continue with the momentum that we have; never, ever, forgetting our precious jewels; our family.

I hope this message reaches all, especially those that have not made it to Lodge in a while...Allow me to say this, you are missed! If there is anything that the Brethren and I can do, do not hesitate to bring it to our attention.

Look to the West

The Masonic year is off to a great start. I look forward to the rest of the year. Everyone is doing an outstanding job.

"I would like to continue with the momentum we have"

I could not be prouder of the stewards, Paul Hulseapple and Tony Griffin. The First degree went off great, so I cannot wait for the next two degrees. I'm here if any brothers need anything, just reach out to me. Remember to be on the level with yourself, family, and friends.

Look to the South

As Junior Warden I feel it is necessary to speak to a few logistics associated with events. I want to remind you that MasonsOnline is the ideal place to make a reservation for meetings and events. Having a reservation ensures you have a meal

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and are accounted for. We do not want to leave anyone out. Please either make your reservations online or contact me directly to do so. Masonry is so important to me and my life. I am conscious of its tenets and teachings on a day by day basis, and it pushes me to want to do more. I have always felt that there are many layers to Masonry. The fellowship we share is certainly one of these layers. Each one of you brothers means so much to me. It is a joy to come to lodge and something I look forward to. Someone once told me that going to lodge is therapeutic. It is. I look forward to the fellowship we will share at our events coming up.

Reading Program

Many publications and free resources exist through the Grand Lodge of the State of NY. The Robert R. Livingston Library offers a free reading program. This reading program is free of charge. You can sign up through the Grand Lodge website (www.nymasons.org). Once signed up, a book is delivered to you in the mail. Upon completion of the book, you simply send it with the return address sticker. The delivery of materials from the Grand Lodge is very timely, and the books are a wealth of information. If you haven't already signed up for this program, it is highly recommended that you do. Also on the GL website is reference to the Empire State Mason magazine publication. This is available online at: www.esmason.com and contains

A wealth of information.

Communicate & Collaborate

To help in your Masonic journey, we can recommend that you communicate often with the various brothers you meet. Through exposure to your brothers within and outside of your lodge you will find yourself rounding out as a Mason (especially if you go to a lot of dinners). You can leverage all of the technology you desire to achieve light in Masonry, however, you will find conversation and collaboration with other brothers and lodges is the best way to develop a clearer understanding of each other, your fraternity, and yourselves.

Masonic Light For New Brothers

This Edition's - Ask The Historian

Q: In your research as Historian, what have you personally found to be most interesting?

A: This is a difficult question, though it would seem to many as very direct and easy to answer. I have been the Lodge historian since 1983. Over the course of time I have uncovered and been led to rediscovered many of the artifacts belonging to the Lodge. They were dispersed over a vast area. As we all know a Lodge regards its name and number as a valuable piece of their history.

We have had a variety of numbers assigned to us, but our name remained the same. We cannot act without a lawful warrant or charter which leads me to my answer. The most interesting artifact that I came across was a copy of our original dispensation that was given us by Sir John Johnson. I had an opportunity to visit the Livingston Library in Grand Lodge and while going through some of their archives stumbled upon the copy of the document. It is the same document I have been reading at our anniversary meeting in September. I asked to have a copy made so it would be in our archives. This was only one of the warrants that I have 'recovered'. I will relate the discovery of another in my next installment.

*Questions for the Historian should be facilitated through your Junior Warden.

SICKNESS And Distress

Please keep the following Brethren in your thoughts and prayers:

- R.:W.: Edward Sorenson
- R.:W.: Ralph Rosenthal
- Bro. William Orick
- Bro. Arthur Roger, Sr.
- Bro. Edward Bogardus

In Memoriam

- Bro. Hubert D. Pogue
March 23, 2009
- Bro. Leslie Osterhout, Jr.
June 15, 2009
- Bro. Marlin Shubert
July 29, 2009
- R.:W.: Lee Esmann
August 13, 2009
- R.: W.: John D. Henry

CANDIDATES In Waiting

Second Degree:

- Stephen Fogel
- Ronald Ramos

Third Degree:

- Paul MacDonald
- Heath Gainor
- Paul Possen (#1174)



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