



CLINTON-HAMPTON LODGE #347



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MASTER'S CORNER

As the holiday season approaches and thoughts turn to our families, we think of getting together with those relatives that we don't see very often, except at family gatherings and special events. I would like to take this opportunity to send a special greeting to those brethren that we don't get to see on a regular basis at our meetings. If your work schedule or health situation doesn't allow you to attend meetings regularly, please feel free to drop us a line and let us know how you are doing, we would love to hear from you. If you don't like to drive at night, just let us know and we will have someone give you a ride to and from the hall. If your health situation prevents you from attending lodge, then we can bring lodge to you, by having some of the brethren visit with you at your home. Each time we meet as a lodge, we ask if anyone knows of a brother in sickness or distressed circumstances. If you ever find yourself in like circumstances, remember that you

Sickness & Distress

It is with great sadness to list the following Brothers who have passed to the Great Beyond since our last newsletter.

W.: B.: Robert Broedel - 9/12/11

W.: B.: Robert Littrel - 9/26/11

Bro. Jack C. Nicholl - 10/11/11

In lieu of the Masonic Floral piece, donations from the Lodge were made to charities of the families choice.

It is also with much sadness to announce the passing of Bonnie Secor, wife of W.: B.: Homer Secor on 10/16/11

Please keep the families of these Brothers and Sisters in your thoughts and prayers.

If anyone knows of a Brother or Sister in need of our aid or sympathy, please inform the Secretary.

MASTER'S CORNER continued

are not alone, you have brethren that care about you and we are here to help. Sometimes it is hard to ask for help, but we all face adversity from time to time, and going through it alone is unnecessary. Freemasonry does not end at the lodge room door. I would like to personally thank all the brethren who attended the raising of four brothers to Master Mason at Roman Hatheway Lodge in Rome. It was great to see all of you there. Also thanks to all who supported our annual Turkey Dinner. Great success and a great time.

Thank You! Your comments and feedback are always appreciated directly or through the Secretary.
Sincerely & Fraternaly,
JD Jennings, Worshipful Master,
Clinton Hampton Lodge 347

Schedule of Events

November 2011

17 Game Night 7:30 P

December 2011

1 District Deputy Meeting

Lodge Opens 5:30

PM

15 Holliday Gathering
(Covered dish and party)

6:00 PM

(Do your best to attend for this fellowship)

January 2012

5 First Degree

19 Short Talk

February 2012

2 Regular meeting

16 Game Night

March 2012

1 Second Degree

15 Ladies Night / OES

Welcome New

Brothers

On October 4th, Four Fellowcraft took their 3rd. Degree at Roman Hatheway Lodge. Bros. Mike Flint, Brayton Reed, Jared Vollmer, Leroy Vollmer.

On October 6, R.:W.: Bruce Warcup was Accepted into membership as a dual Member.

We welcome these Brothers to Clinton-Hampton. May they have a long and lasting relationship in Masonry.

Brother Bring a Friend Night

Positive results brought us a fine gentleman who is very interested in becoming a Mason. Hopefully, an application will be forthcoming. There men out there who will join us if informed.

SECRETARY NOTES

To help save the cost of mailing, those Brothers who have computers are receiving this Trestleboard by email. If you change your email address, or snail mail address, please send an update to me so I may keep records up-to-date. By not having to print the Trestleboard, it saves the lodge many dollars over the year.

Dues notices must be sent by US mail as well as the summons for the District Deputy meeting for privacy reasons.

There are still a few Brothers who have not sent in their dues for the year 2011.

At this time, there are also 5 Brothers, 2 years in arrears and they have possibility of being dropped from the rolls as of December 31st.

We do not want to see this happen if there is a need for assistance. Please contact me if this is the case and arrangements can be made.



FUND RAISERS

The Annual Fall Turkey Dinner was held on October 30th. This is our BIG fund raiser for the year. The numbers served this Fall were down from previous years.

A profit of \$536.75 was realized and will go to the general fund.

Many thanks to those who helped serve and clean up. Many hands make for lighter work and the fellowship is enjoyed by all.

It is wonderful to see the cooperation between the O.E.S. and Masons working side by side.

Plan for the Spring Dinner in April and possibility another Chicken BBQ.

Brotherhood Fund

The Fund for 2011 -2012 is currently in progress.

If your donation is sent in the same envelope with your dues, please make out a separate check, one to the Lodge and another to the "The Masonic Brotherhood Fund". This way bookkeeping is made much simpler.

Even a small amount will increase our percentage of member giving and recognition is given to Lodges by percentages.

Send your contributions to W.: B.: Pete Locke, 7167 Taft Ave. Rome, NY 13440, who has been appointed Chairman 2011 - 2012.

SPECIAL APPEAL BY Grand Master

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary made a personal journey to upstate New York to see the damage done by the storms and floods. Many of our Brothers and their families had nothing except the clothes on their backs.

The damage to our Lodges, Districts and Communities was quite evident. To come to the aid of our Brothers a special appeal is being made and whatever you can afford can be sent to the Brotherhood Fund, earmarked New York Disaster Relief, Masonic Brotherhood Fund, 71 West 23rd St., NY, NY 10010-4149

District Deputy Meetings
November - 2011

- 9 Sanger - Waterville
- 14 Utica - Utica

December

- 1 Clinton-Hampton
- 8 Infinity - MCC
- 13 Oriental-Faxton - Utica

March 2011

- 8 Roman-Hatheway
- 15 Masonic War Veterans
- 28 New London-Vienna

April 2011

- 3 Amicable
- 6 Remsen
- 17 Sconondoa-Sherrill
- 25 Moriah

May 2011

3 North Woods

MAKE ALL RESERVATION WITH THE SECRETARY