

Notes and other news

The Phoenix Club is selling a red white & blue Stars and Stripes Masonic magnetic vehicle ribbon.

In the center is the G, Square & Compasses & "Brotherly Love - Relief - Truth".

\$5.00 each

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I still have 2 or 3 cards left in my dues card file. If you don't have a 2007 or 2008 dues card you still have time to pay up your dues. If you are not sure what to do contact me @ cmclean@hvc.rr.com Ph# 845-343-9173
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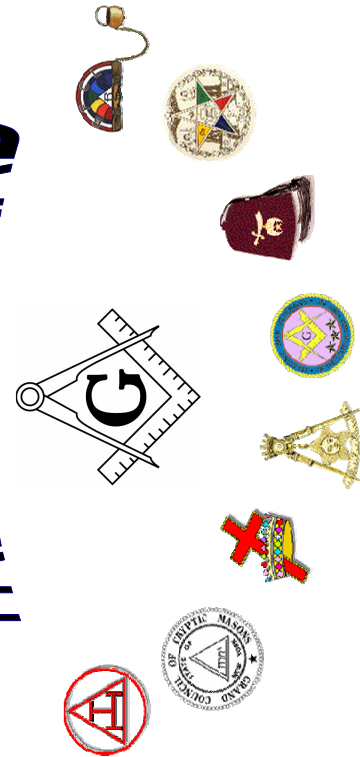
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LIVING PAST MASTERS of
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Richard A. Hutchings	1974
Allan D. Ackerson	1982
Dean W. Connell	1983
William C. Robacker	1984
Charles W. Smith	1985
Paul G. DiMaggio	1986
John D. Natras	1987
William T. Cuddy	1988
Bernard M. Levy	1989
Charles D. Vandemark	1992
Richard A. Heip	1993
Don L. Bates	1994
Harrison W. Keesler	1995
Bernard M. Levy	1997
Don L. Bates	1999
William J. Fitzhenry	2000-2005
Alfred H. Denninger	2006
Eugene W. McGill	2007-2008
Daniel E. Jonas (affiliated)	Past DDGM

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OCTOBER 2008
TRESTLEBOARD



OCTOBER 2008 EVENTS

- Oct. 3 OES - Meeting 8 pm
- 4 Annual Brotherhood Fund Meeting @ Hoffman 10 am
- 7 412 - Regular Communication 7:30 pm and **a 2nd Degree**
- 10 I. O. Rainbow for Girls 7:30 pm
- 13 Officers meeting followed by School of Instruction 6PM
- 17 OES - Meeting 8 pm
- 21 412 - Regular Communication 7:30 pm
- 22 Masonic War Vets Beth-El Post @ 7PM
- 24 I.O. Rainbow for Girls @ 7:30
- 25 Halloween Costume Party/Bring A Friend @ Hoffman

OFFICERS for 2008/2009

Bro. Bruce Weigand	Master
W.: Eugene W. McGill	Sr. Warden
Bro. Robert Valentine	Jr. Warden
Bro. Charles McLean, DSA	Secretary (845-343-9173)
Bro. John Stoltz, DSA	Treasurer
Bro. Richard McPhillips	Sr. Deacon
Bro. Ben Clark	Jr. Deacon
Bro. Charles Brodie	Sr. Master of Ceremony
Bro. Brian Young	Jr. Master of Ceremony
R.:W.: Paul DiMaggio & Bro. Elsworth Kenney	Chaplains
Bro. Robert L. Clawson, DSA	Marshal
Bro. James McCann & Bro. Dan Boland	Stewards
Bro. Harold G. Trout	Tiler
Bro. John Stoltz, DSA	Organist

TRUSTEES

- Bro. Robert L. Clawson, DSA - Chairman
- Bro. Charles Brodie, Bro. Brian Young
- Bro. Ralph Surita, Bro. Earl W. Baker

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Nothing to Report.

Deaths

None to report

DEAD LINE FOR NEXT TRESTLEBOARD

Oct. 15, 2008

MASONIC WAR VETERANS - BETH-EL POST #29

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month

Masonic War Veteran's Beth El Post # 29: Our Post was the host for the Charter Award ceremony for Barry Cox, Sr. Post # 57 on Sept. 20, 2008, and was well attended. The Commander General, State of New York and his officers were present along with Blue Lodge Grand officers, many veterans and friends. Linda Cox presented flags to the new post that were flown in Iraq (from her son, Barry, Jr.). In return, Linda was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a Masonic War Veteran's apron. We look forward to working closely with this new Post. Refreshments were provided by Past Commander Bob Clawson. Thanks, Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Fraternally, W:Bro. Joe Ryder, Commander

MIDLAND CHAPTER No. 240 R.A.M.

Meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30

CYPRUS COMMANDERY

Meets 2nd Thursday at 7:30

HOFFMAN LODGE'S PHOENIX CLUB

Thank you to the Phoenix Club for their time and contributions to the repairs and improvements to the Lodge and their continued support.

WEB SITE

If there are any errors, omissions or additions to the website (also any Concordant Body changes) please let me know via email at bwiegand@hvc.rr.com. I will be happy to post them

Fraternally, Bro Bruce Wiegand

New item

Subject to approval to purchase, the gold window transfer shown in last month's Trestleboard may be available for sale, by the Phoenix Club, for \$5.00

THE TRUSTEES of HOFFMAN LODGE

My Brothers; Your Trustee's are every day busy doing something around the building. Bids are still being sought on the various items on the to do list. The front door lock has been fixed but remember to check the door is secure when you leave the building. Remember if you hear of someone needing medical equipment, we have stuff. We now have a scooter for someone who might need it.

Chairman Clawson and Brother Trustees

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS**MIDDLETOWN ASSEMBLY #16**

Meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:30 PM

In Rainbow Love and Service Dawn Loechner Mother Advisor.

GOSHEN COUNCIL #93

Meets on the 4th Thursday at 7:30 PM

VALLEY OF MIDDLETOWN No. 117**LODGE OF PERFECTION**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30PM

QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER #163 O. E. S.

Meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays

Greetings Sisters and Brothers:

Now we must get back to work as we will be having a busy fall. The next meeting will be on October 3 and will be the Official Visit and also Homecoming of RW Myrna Carey, DDGM who will be accompanied by RW Jose Ithier, DGL. Please come out and support our honored member. There will be a reception for the (7) incoming Grand Officers of the District on SUNDAY, November 2 at 2 pm in Middletown. RW Irene Prehle will be the DDGM and RW Clinton Allen will be the DGL for the year 2009. December 19 will be our Christmas party with a covered dish and grab bag starting at 6:30 with the meeting commencing at 8 PM

We welcome friends and fellow members we haven't seen in awhile. We are also looking forward to seeing our older members come out to join us If you need a ride please call Betty @ 343-7135

Fraternally, Betty Carrick Worthy Matron/ Harold Trout Worthy Patron

HOFFMAN LODGE No. 412 F & A M

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM

FROM THE EAST

Dear Brethren:

My Brothers we have had a very busy month of September. I trust everybody took some time to, attend a meeting, enjoy Masonic fellowship or work on ritual. We held a 1st Degree for one Brother and raised four others. We have also scheduled a school of instruction for our lodge on the 2nd Monday of every month. I urge as many Brothers to attend as possible. These should be educational as well as fun; we will work on ritual for new brothers as well as degree work for some of the members who wish to learn new parts. Hopefully we have time for a game of pool as well as some fellowship. I have appointed Brother Joe Ryder to start a Drama Team. This can be so important to our lodge; it will enable us to raise brothers without relying on the availability of so many brothers from other Lodges. I was working, in the kitchen with Brother Stoltz and he told me how much fun it was during rehearsals on the old Drama team. The men on the team not some much worked as had fun together. On that Same subject I must say how much I enjoyed having a part in putting on the Dinner and a Movie with Brother Robert Valentine. We had so many Brothers come out to help it really was not work but a lot of fun. I hope I don't miss anybody but let me name a few, Bros. Bryan Young, John Stoltz, Bob Clawson, Rich McPhillips, and W: Bro Richard Huttner. The Wives were also helping Nancy Wiegand, Freda Klawsen, Sam Huttner, and all of Bob Valentines children were there. Many hands made the job not only easy but it was also fun to be with these people just having a good time to make an enjoyable evening for everybody.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday October 4th 10AM Brotherhood fund meeting at Hoffman Lodge.

Thursday October 9th West Point Lodge is hosting a Hudson River Cruise.

Saturday October 18th Child Id Program New Windsor.

Saturday October 25th Hoffman Lodge will be having a Costume Party/ Brother bring a fiend night. Contact me if you would like to help. Brothers; we have no shortage of events that we could attend there is something for everybody, please come out and have a good time.

Bruce Wiegand Master Hoffman Lodge

FROM THE WEST**To: All Brethren of Hoffman Lodge**

The 2008-2009 term has begun in earnest and we all are busy getting back to our regular meetings and activities. I just want to say a few words about September's activities. We started it off with a few of Hoffman's members who are also Masonic War Veterans participating in General Montgomery Day. I am sorry I did not get to participate in the march as I have in the past. We had a successful First Degree on September 16, 2008 for our newest member, Brother Edward Elmore. It was greatly appreciated the hard work and participation you all showed. Master Bruce Weigand and the Phoenix Club sponsored a dinner and movie on September 27, 2008. I am sure this dinner, as has been in the past, was a fun night for all.

It was my privilege to represent the Lodge on September 20, 2008 at a School of Instruction and Penny Social with the Rainbow Girls. The classes were very well taught and great fun was had by all of the girls. If you have a daughter, granddaughter, niece or know any young ladies between the ages of 10-20 invite them to give the Chapter a call to find out what Rainbow is all about. The Middletown Chapter is under our umbrella and I would love to see more participation from Hoffman Lodge at their installations and functions. On September 26, 2008 there was an installation of officers for Rainbow's girls for the up coming term. This notice will be coming to you late, and I promise to keep you informed as information and dates become available to me of the Rainbow Girls events.

Brother Robert Valentine is making us proud with his delicious dinners and I thank him his efforts and also all those Brothers who helped.

In closing, please inform the lodge of anyone in distress or in need of a ride to and from the meetings and events. The information will be well received. If you know of any brothers in distress, or ill, the only way we find out is if you let us know. Also, if you need a ride to and from the meetings, please contact me. I will be happy to arrange transportation for you.

Fraternally W.:Bro. Eugene W. McGill, Sr. Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South Greetings from the South my Brothers

As we travel through these dark days with high fuel prices and questionable financial markets, I hope all are blessed and their family's are healthy and happy as these are truly the things that make us rich. We have a busy schedule ahead of us as we welcome many new candidates to the craft.

Thanks to Bro. William Sharp who is heading up investigations and moving along nicely. Thanks to the Brothers who supported and helped with the dinner and a movie night it was a success. We also had some new guests for dinner from the newly formed chapter of the Guardian Angels I hope their presence will keep Middletown a safer place for all who visit. The Recreation room has been fitted with a new 50 inch plasma TV for your viewing pleasure compliments of the Phoenix Club proceeds from last year, please come and check it out. I am planning a Child ID program for Sunday, Oct 12 in Sugar Loaf at the fall Festival if any one is interested in helping please give me a call.

My direct cell phone # is 845-590-8058 or I can be reached at creamery-pond@yahoo.com for e-mail

Respectfully: Robert Valentine Junior Warden
Dessert & Coffee after the meeting
Brothers James McCann and Dan Boland (Stewards)

FROM THE SECRETARY**Masonic Birthdays**

60 years Archie Fellenger. **55** years Fred Werner, John D Norman, and John S. Volpe **50** years W: Wm Cuddy, J.Tompkins and R:W: Wm Howell Sr. **45** years C.L.Gruner and C.J. MacEntee. **35** years Earl Baker and DSA Harold Trout. **30** years R:W: Paul DiMaggio and E.H. Morrison, **25** years W.Sayer Beakes, W. H. Gorman, G Hosdaghian, J. Kimble, E.J.Speirs, Wm.G.J. Totten Jr., and Fred Baker Jr.

Congratulations to you all.

Bro. Charles A McLean, DSA, Secretary

FROM THE DEGREE MASTER

My brothers,

We have scheduled a 2nd on Oct 7th and a 3rd, Nov 4th. As we now have 17 Candidates/Brothers in waiting and several others pending for the various degrees. Participation and practice are essential to our goal.

Practice sessions will be announced well ahead of the actual dates and those of you who have parts all will be asked to make yourself available. Any of the new Brothers who would like help learning ritual can call or email me and I would be glad to arrange a meeting to help.

W.: Joe Ryder, Ritual Director