

Upcoming Events

You are cordially and fraternally invited to join us at our next communication to be held at the Hoffman Lodge, No. 412 Masonic Temple in Middletown, NY.

Tuesday September 8th, 2009

Organizational meeting
Business Meeting
Time: 7:30 PM

Tuesday September 22nd

4th Degree
Time 7:30 PM
Hoffman Lodge
Tentative Date

Tuesday October 13th, 2009

Business Meeting
Time: 7:30 PM

Tuesday October 27th, 2009

14th Degree
Time 7:30 PM
Hoffman Lodge
Tentative Date

Saturday October 31st, 2009

Fall Reunion
Valley of Schenectady

Tuesday November 10th, 2009

Business Meeting
Time: 7:30 PM

Tuesday December 8th, 2009

Business Meeting
Time: 7:30 PM

ALLEGIANCE

The bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Middletown, State of New York, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33^E, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States Of America, **whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose Officers are:**

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If you have sponsored a Brother into the Blue Lodge in the past year, and would like to receive a "Remember the Blue Lodge" medallion, please contact me or our Secretary Br. Daniel E. Jonas 32^o



~ High 12 Rays ~

Lodge of Perfection
No. 117, A.A.S.R.
Valley of Middletown
Middletown, NY

Br Bruce Wiegand 32^o
Thrice Potent Master



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Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month,
Time: 7:30 PM meeting at the Hoffman Lodge
Temple, Middletown, NY
Attire –Jacket & Tie -Officers Formal



From the Thrice Potent Master

Fraternal greetings from the East!!!

Brethren:

I trust that everyone is having a good summer and will be ready to return to their lodges in a few short weeks. I would like to first of all thank everybody for placing their trust in me and electing me Thrice Potent Master for the current term. I would also like to thank the other officers of the lodge for agreeing to serve as officers and again express my gratitude to the Lodge for electing them to the offices that they now hold. I believe we have a great team and can begin to move forward with the lodge. As officers, I know that we have a great responsibility to the members of the lodge—to not only preserve the lodge but to ensure the lodge grows and becomes a valuable part of the Masonic community as well. Our lodge should be a lodge that we look forward to coming to and we should be proud to sponsor new members.

The first item that will be covered after normal business during our September meeting is deciding upon a Degree schedule and rehearsal dates. I have tentatively scheduled two degree dates for the Lodge: the fourth Tuesdays of September and October. We must be aggressive in setting the first two degree dates because the Fall reunion is being held on October 31st and we want our candidates to be ready. I have included in this mailing two assignments of parts for the 4th Degree and one for the 14th Degree. These were prepared by Brother Louis Irizarry II. Thank you, Louis. They are not set in stone, merely PDF which I cannot currently edit. If necessary, we can make some changes at the first meeting, but this is a great start. So if your name is not on the list, don't panic. We can easily add you to it. It is important that we have as many Brothers participate as possible. As we have all heard before, many hands make the work light. My plan for the year includes two sets of degrees—one in the fall and one in the spring.

The second major item we need to cover is lodge events. We currently have two events planned, the first being a fundraiser for the Children's Learning Center in October. In the past we have always done a Walkathon, but this year we would like to try something different. We currently have a committee working on this and a final decision must be made about what we are going to do. The second event we have planned is the Family Life Night and Night of Patriotism. We did the last one in the spring but it makes more sense to bring this back to the fall. This is a great opportunity to bring new members to the lodge and we will lose the benefit if we wait too long. We will set up a committee for this at the first meeting. Please consider helping with this program.

I would like to see us do at least two other events during the year. Brother Richard McPhillips looked into a possible Museum trip to Lexington, Mass. which appears to be very viable. We could rent a bus and have a nice weekend trip. This would be a great trip if we have 50 people to commit to it. I would like to see one other lodge event this year. I know in the past we have had a steak dinner at the lodge, so maybe we could do this again. Please think about this and bring ideas to our first meeting. We are not limited to four events. We can have as many as we want, but we need people to work on planning them and to participate in them.

I would like to urge all members to please come out to the first meeting on Tuesday, September 8th. It is important that we work together to set up these first two degrees because we have candidates waiting and we do not want them to miss the reunion in October. This first meeting will allow us to set all the parts and a rehearsal schedule. It will also allow enough time for you to learn the parts so we can put on a degree that we are all proud of.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting and working with you in the upcoming Masonic year. Once again, thank you for your trust and support.

Bro. Bruce Wiegand
Thrice Potent Master

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