

## HISTORY OF FRATERNITY-DUNDERBERG LODGE NO. 942 F. & A.M.

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Prior to World War I, a group of Masons met in the home of a man who lived Masonry. There they discussed the need for a new Lodge in Ossining. After many meetings and considerable work W.:Br. Romine Williams and his Brothers attained their objective.

On January 16, 1916 a special communication of Ossining Lodge was held in Masonic Hall, Ossining, NY. R.:W.:Br. William B. Adams, D.D.G.M. called the Lodge to order. He then ordered R.:W.: BR. Thomas Leary of Westchester Lodge No. 180 to read the Dispensation from Grand Lodge to Ossining Lodge which appointed the following officers:

W.:Br. Romine Williams	Master
Br. Charles Finkelstein	Sr. Warden
Br. Morris Newman	Jr. Warden

Also appointed at this meeting were the following officers:

Br. Morris Finkelstein	Treasurer
Br. Moses Myers	Secretary
Br. Gustave Herrschaft	Sr. Deacon
Br. Abram Sadofsky	Jr. Deacon

Four months later, on May 4, 1916, we were presented with our Charter and at that time we were given a new name, Fraternity Lodge No. 942. Since our inception we have sponsored two offspring's, Dunderberg Lodge No. 1070 in Peekskill and Sleepy Hollow Lodge No. 1136 in Tarrytown.

From a membership of 37 on December 31, 1916, Fraternity Lodge attained a high of 160 members in the 1950s. In the ensuing years a declining interest in fraternal organizations began to take its toll. By 1978 Sleepy Hollow's membership fell off to a point where it could no longer operate as a working Lodge. Its charter was turned in to Grand Lodge and many of its members joined Solomon's Lodge No. 196.

Dunderberg Lodge No. 1070 was formed by a group of Fraternity Lodge No. 942 who lived in the Peekskill area. The first meeting was held on January 14, 1926 in Peekskill. Immediate past Grand Master M.:W.: William A. Rowan along with a delegation of Grand line officers opened the Lodge, presented the new charter and consecrated the Lodge. After a recess past DDGM R.:W.:Walter Johnstone with the assistance of Brother Samuel James Alterman as temporary secretary and R.:W.:Walter Faucher, past DDGM, as temporary Marshall, installed the following officers:

RW Louis E. Keller .....	Master
Bro. Charles Blank .....	Sr. Warden
Bro. Samuel D. Hartstein .....	Jr. Warden
Bro. S. James Alterman .....	Secretary
Bro. Lewis Kornhouser .....	Treasurer
Bro. Irving M. Grossman .....	Sr. Deacon
Bro. Frederick N. Weston .....	Jr. Deacon
Bro. Isador Vogel .....	Sr. M. Ceremony
Bro. William Karpf .....	Jr. M. Ceremony
Bro. David Slutsky .....	Sr. Steward
Bro. Samuel Poritsky .....	Jr. Steward
Bro. Martin Weiss .....	Marshall
Bro. Charles Weller .....	Chaplain
W Addison W. Brown .....	Tiler

Thanks was given to Courtlandt Lodge No. 34 for permitting the new Lodge to meet in their Masonic Hall. 29 Brothers paid \$10 dues. \$8 was spent on the caterer and \$100 paid to Grand Lodge, leaving an initial balance of \$182. The initiation fee was set at \$75.

Like Fraternity Lodge No. 942, membership grew to over 100 by the 1950s. Thereafter membership declined.

By 1978 both Lodges were actively pursuing merger possibilities. Fraternity Lodge No. 942 was well on the way to merge with Ossining Lodge No.

After several meetings it was agreed that the two lodges would merge and that the merged Lodge would bear the name Fraternity-Dunderberg Lodge No. 942.

On November 26, 1980 the merger was approved by the Committee on Charters and Fraternity-Dunderberg Lodge No. 942. The Lodge was constituted on May 5, 1981. Fraternity Lodge No. 942, during its operation by that name received a number of Grand Lodge appointments and awards:

R.:W.: Charles Finkelstein	Grand Steward
R.:W.: I. Edward Grossman	Grand Sword Bearer
R.:W.: Marvin Ross	D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Fredric L. Aibel	D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Hanley Winter	D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Abraham Cohen	Grand Representative
Br. Arthur Nisonoff	Dedicated Service Award
Br. Joseph Giella	Dedicated Service Award
Br. Gabe Sher	Dedicated Service Award
Br. Abe Herskowitz	Dedicated Service Award

Dunderberg Lodge No. 1070 received the following appointments:

R.:W.: Alex Shustin	D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Sol Birbrower	Grand Representative

The first officers to hold office in Fraternity-Dunderberg Lodge No. 942 were as follows:

Master	W.:Harry Appel
Senior Warden	W.:Kevin Carosella
Junior Warden	Br. Murray Gudisman
Secretary	Br. Arthur Nisonoff
Treasurer	R.:W.:I. Edward Grossman
Chaplain	R.:W.:Abraham Cohen
Senior Deacon	Br. James Levin
Junior Deacon	W.:Plato Stout
Senior Master of Ceremonies	W.:Paul Simco
Junior Master of Ceremonies	Br. Charles Miller
Senior Steward	Br. Abraham Herskowitz
Junior Steward	Br. Sol Green
Marashall	Br. Mike Allegro
Tiler	Br. Herman Heckman
Trustee, 1981	W.:Alan Drogy
Trustee, 1982	W.:Mitchell Schwartz
Trustee, 1983	R.:W.:Frederic Aible

As a merged Lodge, Fraternity-Dunderberg Lodge No. 942 has been honored by the following Grand Lodge appointments and awards:

R.:W.:Harry Appel	Grand Director of Ceremonies	1981
R.:W.:Mitchell M. Schwartz	Grand Sword Bearer	1982
Br. Victor S. Versace	Ist place M.A.G.L.A. contest	1990
W.:Paul S. Reif	Dedicated Service Award	1991
R.:W.: Warren E. Brown	Grand Steward	1992-94
W.:Murray Gudisman	Dedicated Service Award	1994
R.:W.:Murray Gudisman	Grand Representative	1995
W.:Jay Stephens	Dedicated Service Award	1996
R.:W.: Victor S. Versace	D.D.G.M.	1996-98
W.:Michael Kohel	Dedicated Service Award	1997
Br. Irwin Bass	Dedicated Service Award	2000
R.:W.:James E. Martin	Grand Steward	2000-01
R.:W.:Paul M. Rosen	D.D.G.M.	2006-08
R.:W.: Victor S. Versace	Grand Master of Cryptic Masons	2006-08
R.:W.: Gerard Keating	Grand Sword Bearer	2009-10

MASTERS OF FRATERNITY LODGE 942 & DUNDERBERG LODGE 1070 first 40 years

Year	Fraternity	No. Yrs	Dunderberg	No. Yrs
1916	RW Romine Williams	1 <sup>st</sup> Master	---	
1917	"	2	---	
1918	RW Charles Finkestein		---	
1919	"	2	---	
1920	w Gustave Herrschaft		---	
1921	w Isador Finkelstein		---	
1922	w Henry E. Lasselle		---	
1923	w Benjamin Cartoon		---	
1924	w Robert H. Myers		---	
1925	RW Louis E. Keller		---	
1926	w Mory H. Cartoon		RW Louis E. Keller	1 <sup>st</sup> Master
1927	w Archie Rosenblatt		w Charles Blank	
1928	w Samuel S. Pines		w Samuel Hartstein	
1929	w Isaac Rosenblatt		w Irving H. Grossman	
1930	w Henry Philipson		w Isadore Vogel	
1931	w Milton Hammel		w Charles Jacob	
1932	w J Burtram Farren		w Micheal Kuritzky	
1933	w Max Greenberg		w Jerome H. Silverstein	
1934	w George Philipson		w Harry D Cohen	
1935	w Bernard Rosenblatt		w Irving S Keller (son of Louis)	
1936	RW I Edward Grossman		w William J. Haft	
1937	w Matthew Blummer		w Archibald Loshin	
1938	w Harry Cohen		w Sanuel Slutzky	
1939	w Louis Weingrad		RW William S. Smith	
1940	"	2	"	2
1941	RW Charles Finkelstein	3	w Irving H. Lipton	
1942	w Bennett Miller		w Barnett Platter	
1943	w Mendel Sussman		w Herman M. Epstein	
1944	RW I Edward Grossman	2	w Lawrence B Goldstein	
1945	w Harry Cohen	2	w Jack Schneiderman	
1946	w Henry R Willer		w Harry Hulnich	
1947	w Mendel Sussman	2	RW Solomon Birbrower	
1948	w Abraham R Katz		w Archibald Loshin	2
1949	w Irving Gendel		w Benjamin I Sandberg	
1950	w Irving Schwartz		w Bernard Berger	
1951	w Hilliard Greene		w Solomon S. Ganeles	
1952	w John J Werner		w Sidney H Fisch	
1953	w Herbert M Lebovitz		w Bernard G Gordon	
1954	w Abraham Klamka		w Jack Kuritzky	
1955	w Herbert E Greene		w Alexander Shustin	

Records from the early years of Fraternity Lodge #942 are lost.  
Dunderberg Lodge #1070 was formed by Brothers of Fraternity.  
12 of 13 applicants for affiliation at 1st meeting were from Fraternity.

MASTERS OF FRATERNITY LODGE 942 & DUNDERBERG LODGE 1070 1956 thru 1980

	<u>Fraternity</u>	No. Yrs	<u>Dunderberg</u>	No. Yrs
1956	w Mitchell M Schwartz		w Bernard Baumann	
1957	w Irving Goldberg		w Walter Borten	
1958	w Robert M. Woolf		w Albert Droger	
1959	w Sol Shuchman		w Leonard Brown	
1960	RW Marvin Ross		w Archibald Loshin	3
1961	w George Bernstein		w Norman Roskin	
1962	w Bernard Bernstein		w Fred Berger	
1963	RW Fredric L Aibel		w Fred Berger	2
1964	w George Morganstein		W Irving Blackman	
1965	w Daniel G Levin		w Arnold H Platter	
1966	w George Z Ross		w Sam Musikar	
1967	RW Hanley Winter		"	2
1968	"	2	"	3
1969	w Arthur Klamka		w Murray Ike	
1970	w George Z Ross	2	RW Sol Birbrower	2
1971	w Irving Kopelman		"	3
1972	"	2	w Harold Kruger	
1973	RW Hanley Winter w Mitchell M	3	w Daniel Robbins	
1974	Schwartz	2	"	2
1975	RW Fredric L Aibel	2	w Alan Drogy	
1976	w Abraham Cohen		"	2
1977	"	2	w Eugene Simco	
1978	"	3	"	2
1979	w Harry Appel		w Paul Simco	
1980	"	2	"	2

Masters Total

49 in 65 years

43 in 55 years

including Louis E Keller who was  
Master of Fraternity Lodge # 942

MASTERS OF FRATERNITY - DUNDERBERG LODGE 942

		No. Yrs	# Master	
1981	w Harry Appel	3	1	was Master of Fraternity
1982	w Kevin Carosella		2	
1983	RW Murray Gudisman, DSA		3	
1984	w Paul R. Simco	3	4	was Master of Dunderberg
1985	w William Morrero		5	
1986	w Henry Grossman		6	
1987	RW Warren E Brown		7	
1988	"	2		
1989	w Henry Grossman	2		
1990	w Sheldon Mankes		8	
1991	w Jay Stephens		9	
1992	w Michael S Kohel, DSA		10	
1993	w Paul S Reif, DSA		11	
1994	RW James Martin		12	
1995	RW Victor Versace		13	
1996	w Gerald F Beyrer		14	
1997	w Michael A Spath		15	
1998	RW Paul M Rosen		16	
1999	"	2		
2000	w William Morrero	2		
2001	RW Paul M Rosen	3		
2002	"	4		
2003	w Vincent Furfaro		17	
2004	w Larry Solomon		18	
2005	RW Gerald Keating		19	
2006	w Raymond A Reber		20	
2007	w Raymond A Reber	2		
2008	w Jeffrey Wynans		21	
2009	w Matthew Weiss		22	
2010	w Glenn Tompkins Sr.		23	