

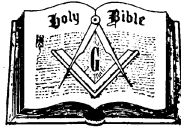
# FRATERNITY – DUNDERBERG LODGE NO. 942

Free and Accepted Masons

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Constituted May 5, 1981

M.:W.: Vincent Libone  
Grand Master



R.:W.: Nicholas Paolicelli  
District Deputy Grand Master

Dear Brothers,

All Brethren are fraternally requested to attend the 1,321<sup>th</sup> communication of the Lodge on Tuesday, **June 1st at 7:30 pm** for the first meeting of our new Worshipful Master for such business as may regularly and constitutional be brought before the Lodge.

The communication will be at the Peekskill Elks Hall, 1038 Brown Street, Peekskill, N.Y.

**DRESS; Business Casual.**

By order of the Worshipful Master:

*W.:M.: Glenn E. Tompkins Sr.*

Attested to by the Secretary

*R.:W.: Victor S. Versace*



**There are no candidates in Waiting**

**\*\*\* SUMMER EVENTS \*\*\***

Brothers, two opportunities for our Masonic families to socialize in a relaxing enjoyable environment, our **June picnic and our July Sunday Brunch.** Make your reservations early so that the Jr. Warden and the Stewards can properly prepare for a good time for all.

***See page 3 for details!***

**SOME BROTHERS HAVE YET TO PAY THEIR DUES!**

We have already paid dues to Grand Lodge for all our Brothers, and we have expenses in running the Lodge. Our only source of income is our dues. ***Please send your check to the secretary.***

**Dues are \$100 per year, \$70 for those over 100 miles from Peekskill.**

## **Sickness and Distress**

On April 20<sup>th</sup> Br. Irwin A. Goldman passed on to that land from whence none return. He was born on December 26, 1941, 19 days after the Pearl Harbor attack, initiated June 19, 1990, passed October 2, 1990 and raised December 18, 1990.

## **Glad Tidings**

The Lodge is also proud that three members of our family received Grand Lodge Education Assistance Awards. They are **Alyssa Bucci**, grand child of **W.: Raymond A Reber**, **Kayla Martin**, daughter of **R.: W.: Jim Martin** and **Andrea Bromberg**, daughter of **W.: Steven Bromberg**. To show our appreciation for there efforts and scholastic success, each will received a \$50 award from the Lodge at our July Sunday Brunch from the **Warren E. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund**. We wish the best for each of these fine students as they continue their education.

*Contributions to this fund will enable us to continue to recognize the achievements of our dedicated students in the future.*

## **Happy Birthday in June, July & August to**

Lawrence M. Solomon (6/06)	Melvin Schwartz (6/15)
John Argiros (6/27)	Peter Bergman (7/08)
Maurales Lumas (7/15)	Carmelo Balbi (7/15)
Brent A. Hnatow (7/18)	Lowell S. Rapping (7/28)
Paul M. Rosen (7/29)	Stephen C. Gallo (8/10)
Sergio Recine (8/11)	Glenn E. Tompkins Sr. (8/23)

## **May 4 Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting was well attended by Lodge Brothers and guests from other lodges including the newly appointed **DDGM R.: W.: Nicholas Paolicelli**. Our secretary, **R.: W.: Victor S. Versace**, gave his annual report in which he noted that we had gained two Brothers through initiation but lost three who passed away and two who had been NPD. Next, our treasurer, **W.: Raymond A Reber** gave his report. Do to some late bills and receipts, a slightly revised report will be issued at the June 1 communication. It will show that although revenue was \$305 under budget, our finances increased because expenses were \$710 under budget. The coming year's budget was approved with an increase in the rent cost of \$150 to increase the number of communications from 12 to 14. All other items remained the same except for a dues decrease of \$300, recognizing some Brothers are not paying their dues, risking NPD.

The new slate of officers were elected with unanimous support of the Brothers. **Br. Glenn Tomopkins Sr.** was elected the new Master, **Br. Victor Weil Sr.** Warden and **Br. Richard Swann Jr.** the Jr. Warden.

The largest number of service awards in recent memory, were acknowledge. Present to receive theirs were **W.: William Marrero (40)**, **W.: Sheldon Manke (25)**, **Br. Irwin Bass (25)**, **R.: W.: Victor S. Versace (20)** and **Br. Gerard Keating (10)**. Others not present were **W.: Alan Drogy (40)**, **Br. Michael Lane (40)**, **Br. Jack Levitz (40)**, **W.: Paul S. Reif, DSA (40)**, **W.: Eugene Simco Jr. (35)**, **Br. Barry Brown (25)**, **Br. Stephen Gallo (25)**, **Br. Brent Hnatow (15)**, **Br. Emeric Kreiter (10)** and **Br. Jose Aponte (5)**.

The evening ended with **W.: M.: Matthew J. Weiss** thanking all for their support, presented each officer with a masonic lapel pin and promised to give his full support to the newly elected Master.

**\*\*\* *Lodge Family Picnic* \*\*\***

This year's picnic alongside the Hudson River will be on

**Saturday June 19 from noon till dusk.**

The rain date will be Sunday June 20.

Our new W.:M.: Br. Glenn Tompkins Sr. is providing the basics: hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, fixing, beer, soda, ice tea and all the utensils, etc.

**Each Brother (family) is asked to bring a dish of food.**

This is a great opportunity to show off your favorite dish. Attendees may also bring drinks they prefer, but note that no hard liquor is permitted.

Games including Volleyball & horseshoes, and a sandy beach till 2 pm.

Make your reservations with Br. Junior Warden Richard Swann, Jr. 914-572-3145, before June 8 so that they can plan appropriately. With your reservation describe the dish you plan to bring so that we can avoid 10 potato salads. Directions will be provided by e-mail to those making reservations.

**\*\*\* *Lodge Family Sunday Brunch* \*\*\***

Many have enjoyed our Sunday Brunches in the past at Henry's-on-the-Hudson. Unfortunately they no longer have such brunches.

However, our Jr. Warden has arranged with the owner of Henry's to provide us a private Sunday Brunch that he promises will be better than any he has done in the past.

Therefore, our Lodge Family Sunday Brunch will be

**Sunday July 18 at Henry's-on-the-Hudson from 11 am to 2 pm.**

**The cost is \$27 per adult and \$14 per child under 12.**

Make your reservations with Br. Jr. Warden Richard Swann, Jr. 914-572-3145, before July 6 so that the restaurant can plan appropriately.

Remember that at the Brunch we will be honoring three student members of our Masonic family who's hard work and dedication to their studies have won them Grand Lodge Education Assistance Awards.

## FROM THE EAST

To my entire Masonic family, I say **thank you!** My installation on May 18, 2010 (to Worshipful Master), was energetic, exciting, entertaining and extremely encouraging. Along with a supportive compliment of family and friends, our new officers were honored by the presence of our newly elected **DDGM R.:W.:** Nick Paolicelli, **Grand Dir. Of Ceremony R.:W.:** Joe Pasarotti, **W.:** Frank Rendina (President Of the Charity Corp). **Grand Representative of the G.L. of Maine R.:W.:** Bill Planck and a fine representation of lodges both inside and outside of our District. It was a pleasure to also see several Fraternity Dunderberg brothers that had previously been unable to attend regularly, return to support our new leadership team.

My brothers, I am excited and enthusiastic at accepting the challenges that lie before me as Worshipful Master of Fraternity Dunderberg Lodge #942. And I will be a master that proudly represents Fraternity Dunderberg throughout the district, throughout the state, or elsewhere as needed. I gladly step up to lead us, to guide us and to make decisions for our lodge that are in the best interest of our lodge, at all times. Rest assured that I will work tirelessly to be an active participant of any program or activity that we elect to introduce or that is presented to me from Grand Lodge. It is my goal to grow the number of attending brothers, while at the same time broaden our brotherhood base by attracting and adding new worthy brothers as often as possible. We will discuss several processes for attracting new brothers at our June 1, 2010 meeting.

At the installation I gave everyone a glimpse into our “Plan” for the 2010-2011 Masonic season. This plan outline to be discussed during the June 1, 2010 regular Communication is:

1. More aggressive communication with brothers and emphasis being on officers actively communicating with inactive brothers
2. Building on the traditions that include the entire family. Our family picnic and our Sunday Brunch have been scheduled. Each has proven to be a successful family activity that includes fun and great food for all.
3. FRATERNITY DUNDERBERG #942 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE MANUAL
4. Strengthening Of the Degree Teams—Ritual
5. Brother bring a friend/Brother bring a Brother
6. Variety of fun activities for strengthening the social bond of the brothers.

I wish my brothers and their entire families a safe and happy summer. I expect to see more brothers (at our meetings) in the fall. But, rest assured, you will be hearing from me, not only to convince you to come to meetings, but to keep you abreast of items of interest to all Masons.

Fraternally, W.:M.:. Glenn E. Tompkins, SR.

### Dates to Remember

June 17 7 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree conferred by Philipstown #236, @ Philipstown Temple

**June 19 Saturday, noon to dusk, F-D Lodge #942 picnic at W.: Br. Reber's riverfront .**

**June 21 7 pm, Annual District Awards Dinner, public, @ Rini's Restaurant, Hawthorne**

June 25-27, St. John's Weekend at Masonic Care Community, Utica, NY

**July 25 11 am, F-D Lodge #942 Sunday brunch at Henry's-on- the-Hudson, Peekskill**

## **THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES IS NOT MASONIC!**

**From Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon, Section 2, Chapter 2.9**

The misinterpretation of the seal as a Masonic emblem may have been first introduced in 1884. Harvard Professor Eliot Norton wrote that the reverse was 'practically incapable of effective treatment; it can hardly look otherwise than as a dull emblem of a Masonic fraternity.

### ***Interpreting the Symbol***

The "Remarks and Explanations" of Thomson and Barton are the only explanation of the symbols' meaning. Despite what anti-Masons may believe, there's no reason to doubt the interpretation accepted by the Congress. The Pyramid signified Strength and Duration: The Eye over it & the Motto allude to the many signal interpositions of providence in favor of the American cause.

The committees and consultants who designed the great Seal of the United States contained only one Mason, Benjamin Franklin. The only possibly Masonic design element among the very many on the seal is the eye of providence, and the interpretation of it by the designers is different from that used by Masons. The eye on the seal represents an active intervention of God in the affairs of men, while the Masonic symbol stands for a passive awareness by God of the activities of men. The first "official" use and definition of the all-seeing eye as a Masonic symbol seems to have come in 1797 with The Freemasons Monitor of Thomas Smith Webb -- 14 years after Congress adopted the design for the seal. Here's how Webb explains the symbol.

Although our thoughts, words and actions, may be hidden from the eyes of man, yet that All-Seeing Eye, whom the Sun, Moon and Stars obey, and under whose watchful care even comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, will reward us according to our merits.

Besides the subtly different interpretations of the symbol, it is notable that Webb did not describe the eye as being in a triangle. Jeremy Ladd Cross published The True Masonic Chart or Hieroglyphic Monitor in 1819, essentially an illustrated version of Webb's Monitor. In this first "official" depiction of Webb's symbol, Cross had illustrator Amos Doolittle depict the eye surrounded by a semicircular glory.

The all-seeing eye thus appears to be a rather recent addition to Masonic symbolism. It is not found in any of the Gothic Constitutions, written from about 1390 to 1730. The eye -- sometimes in a triangle, sometimes in clouds, but nearly always surrounded by a glory -- was a popular Masonic decorative device in the latter half of the 18th century. Its use as a design element seems to have been an artistic representation of the omniscience of God, rather than some generally accepted Masonic symbol.

Its meaning in all cases, however, was that commonly given it by society at large -- a reminder of the constant presence of God. For example, in 1614 the frontispiece of The History of the World by Walter Raleigh showed an eye in a cloud labeled "Providentia" overlooking a globe. It has not been suggested that Raleigh's story is a Masonic document despite the use of the all-seeing eye.

The eye of Providence was part of the common cultural iconography of the 17th and 18th centuries. When placed in a triangle, the eye went beyond a general representation of God to a strongly Trinitarian statement. It was during this period that Masonic ritual and symbolism evolved; and it is not surprising that many symbols common to and understood by the general society made their way into Masonic ceremonies. Masons may have preferred the triangle because of the frequent use of the number 3 in their ceremonies: three degrees, three original grand masters, three principal officers, and so on. Eventually the all-seeing eye came to be used officially by Masons as a symbol for God, but this happened towards the end of the eighteenth century, after congress had adopted the seal.

A pyramid, whether incomplete or finished, however, has never been a Masonic symbol. It has no generally accepted symbolic meaning, except perhaps permanence or mystery. The combining of the eye of providence overlooking an unfinished pyramid is a uniquely American, not Masonic, icon, and must be interpreted as its designers intended. It has no Masonic context.