



AMITY LODGE #472

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Lodge Smoking Policy

After a visit from our DDGM Frank Barrett, he informed the lodge that we could not have any smoking in our lodge, Amity Lodge must adhere to the rules of the state of Illinois and have all smoking done outside of the lodge building. I am sorry if this creates any inconvenience for any lodge members.



Lodge Officers

- Worshipful Master:.....Jeff Posadzy
- Senior Warden:.....Ruben A. Moreno
- Junior Warden:.....Jerry Jenkins
- Treasurer:.....Dave Bohnenkamp
- Secretary:.....
- Senior Deacon:.....Peter Santoro
- Junior Deacon:.....Joseph Demkowitz
- Senior Steward:.....Samuel Struhart
- Junior Steward:.....Justin Sorci
- Marshall:.....Ralph Perry
- Chaplin:.....
- Tyler:.....Ernest Reitz

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From the East

In November, Amity members enjoyed the lodge's past masters dinner where the 2012-2013 lodge builders award was presented to Brother Ruben A. Moreno for his outstanding support to our lodge during the past year.

In addition to this, Amity announced the recipients of the the Jeffrey Johnson Scholarship Award to two high school seniors. Niko Struhart and Andrew Posadzy who were picked by our lodge's scholarship committee. Both of the recipients graciously accepted the award from the lodge, Andrew Posadzy was at the dinner and Niko Struhart was presented his award at the following lodge meeting. It was great seeing some of the past masters at our dinner, these are the men who helped Amity Masonic Lodge in a big way during their years of being master

There are a couple of loose ends which need to be dealt with, first if you have changed any of your phone numbers or e-mail address please contact brother Frank Fokta so that we can update our records. Without current information, you may not be receiving a trestle board, calls from lodge or other items of a more urgent nature.

Thank You,

Jeffrey Posadzy
Worshipful Master



From the Historical Committee

The Amity Lodge Historical Committee has been busy for the last year in efforts to save the former residence of Amity #472 Charter member, Joel Wiant. The house was built in 1869 at 151 W. Washington Street (then called North Street) in West Chicago (previously named Turner), and is located just down the street from Amity's current location, the Atcherson Building (built in 1908 by Brother Charles Bolles).

The City of West Chicago purchased the house in 2011 and planned to demolish it to clear the area for new development as part of their larger 14 acre municipal complex. With the efforts of community advocates, the West Chicago Historical Museum, and Amity's Historical Committee, a campaign was launched in November of 2012 to save the historic structure. The house was featured as one of Landmarks Illinois "Ten Most Endangered Places" and received local and national attention as a result. Advocates for saving the Wiant house were actively involved in raising community awareness around town and in the local media. The West Chicago Community Center offered to take on the project as a result and the City agreed. Renovations are expected to begin in the spring of 2014.

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■ Stated meetings held at 7pm on the 1st & 3rd Wed. of every month!

Joel Wiant and his two sons, Albert and Thomas were all Charter members of Amity lodge. They moved to Turner in the 1860's where they established Wiant and Son's, a local merchandise store. Brother Wiant's wife, Dorcass, and two daughters (both of whom also married Amity members) also joined them. After Joel's retirement in 1869, he built the unique Second-Empire style house which was considered quite elegant in its day. Joel passed away in 1885, and his wife continued to reside there until her passing in 1901.

Shortly thereafter, the house was purchased by Amity member John W. Leedle, West Chicago's first city attorney, a post which he held for 40 years. Leedle moved to West Chicago with his wife, daughter and two step-children all of which remained in town. The house was sold after Brother Leedle passed away in 1960, and used as a mixed commercial and residential property. Both the Wiant and the Leedle families are interred in West Chicago, and forever remain in the heart and memory of Amity Lodge #472.

Additional information can be found at www.wianthouse.org and on Face Book ('Save the Wiant House').

Special Notice & Summons

Brethren:

Please be advised, we will hold a special election on January 15, 2014 to fill the opening in the Secretary's chair vacated by Br. Robert Meyer. We thank Br. Meyer for his many years of service to Amity and we wish him well on all his future endeavors. In the mean time, please plan on attending the aforementioned meeting to cast your vote.

Also, given that New Year's Day falls on 1st Wednesday of January, we have CANCELED that meeting. Therefore the only stated meeting for the month of January will be on January 15, 2014 @ 7pm.

We hope to see you there. In the interim, Amity Lodge wishes each of you a very blessed and safe Holiday Season to you and your family!

December 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <small>Stated Mtg. 7pm</small>	19	20	21
22	23	24 <small>Christmas Eve</small>	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26 <small>Boxing Day</small>	27	28
29	30	31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>				

January 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <small>Stated Mtg. 7pm</small>	16	17	18
19	20 <small>Martin Luther King Day</small>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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