



AMITY LODGE #472

CONSTITUTED IN 1866

FEBRUARY/ MARCH | 2012

- Stated meetings held at 7pm on the 1st & 3rd Wed. of every month!
- If you have something to add, feel free to submit an article for the Trestle Board! Submissions can be made to Ruben A. Moreno



Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master:.....James McCulloch
 Senior Warden:.....Kevin Clarke
 Junior Warden:.....Pete Santoro
 Treasurer:.....Dave Bohnenkamp
 Secretary:.....Robert Meyer
 Senior Deacon:.....Ruben A. Moreno
 Junior Deacon:.....Steven Baynes
 Senior Steward:.....Aron Jordan
 Junior Steward:.....Joseph Demkowicz
 Marshall:.....Ralph Perry
 Chaplin:.....Paul Woodward
 Tyler:.....Ernest Reitz

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From the East

Brethren my first writing from the East has started with a number of experiences; some have been easy and others hard. One problem still lingering is our participation we as Masons have made a commitment to our lodges.

I know family and work are our first priority. But your commitment to Masonry which you have chosen to fill the other parts of your life are important too. I'm only asking for a couple meetings a month which only last a couple of hours and maybe one Saturday a month for a couple hours for clean up. It is all OUR lodge.

My first two weeks were busy. I went to the Rainbow installation and enjoyed it, and I also participated in a Masonic funeral in the morning, and later that evening I went to a spaghetti dinner for the DeMolay.

Jan. 31 there was a first degree for two candidates at Black Berry Lodge. One of the candidates was sponsored by the Grand Master Illinois who was present for his degree along with a number of other grand officers.

Fraternally,
 James McCulloch
 Worshipful Master



From the South

The President and the gardener.

While he was President, Teddy Roosevelt visited his home lodge, Matinecock #806 in New York in September 1908. Afterward, he spoke of his experience of seeing his own gardener serving as Master of the Lodge that evening while he sat on the sidelines. "Clearly I could not call on him at home. It would have embarrassed him. Neither could he, without embarrassment, call on me. In the Lodge it was different. He was over me though I was President, and it was good for him and good for me".

In Masonry, all the trappings of status or prestige worn in the outside world are left on the other side of the Lodge door --- even for Presidents.

Freemasons promise never to bring anything offensive or defensive into the lodge with them. That means swords, knives, guns, and weapons of mass destruction. It also means WORDS, IDEAS, and ACTIONS that can divide and destroy friendships and institutions. All men are mortal and have mortal weaknesses. And all men have ideas and opinions that they may offer others. The OBJECT IS to create a place where those divisions are left outside, so Masons can engage in activities that unite them instead of separating them.

Fraternally,
 Pete Santoro, Junior Warden



How To Contact Your Officers

Amity has adopted a new system for e-mailing the lodge officers. This new system keeps an address for the Chair instead of the brother filling the Chair, thus, making it easier for everyone from our Grand Lodge all the way down to the general public to contact us. Please add these to your contact lists as you see fit:

Worshipful Master: wm@amity472.org
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 Junior Warden: jw@amity472.org
 Secretary: secretary@amity472.org
 IT/ Web Master: webmaster@amity472.org
 General info: info@amity472.org

Thank you Brothers... we look forward to hearing from you.



Respectfully,
 Joseph Demkowicz
 Junior Steward & IT Committee

BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Be an active member,
 The kind that would be missed;
 Don't just be contented
 That your name is on the list.
 Do attend meetings
 And mingle with the crowd;
 Don't stay at home
 And crab both long and loud.
 Do take an active part
 To help the Lodge along.
 And take time out to visit
 A member who is sick.
 Don't leave the work for just a few
 And gripe about the clique.
 There is quite a program scheduled
 That means success, if done,
 And it can be accomplished
 With the help of Everyone.
 So attend the meetings regularly
 And help with and and heart,
 Be an active member

And take an active part.
 Think this over, Brother
 Are we right or are we wrong?
 Be an active member,
 Don't just belong.

Submitted by: Pete Santoro



February 2012

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