



FEBRUARY 18, 2021

TONIGHT'S COMMUNICATION:

Opening On The First Degree

Stated Communications on the 3rd Thursday
of the month, September through June

WHITESTONE MASONIC TEMPLE

149-39 11th Avenue, Whitestone NY 11357

"Harmony being the support of all institutions, especially this of ours"

<https://RelianceLodge.com/>

Brethren, You are hereby invited and encouraged to attend
the **2,355th Stated Communication** of
RELIANCE LODGE No. 776, F. & A. M.

at the Whitestone Masonic Temple
149-39 11th Avenue, Whitestone NY 11357

ON THE TRESTLE BOARD:

Thursday, February 18th, 2021

for the transaction of any such business as may regularly
and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

RSVP to the Jr. Warden, Bro. Gallo by 2/15
for a lovely, individually packaged pre-
meeting Dinner, to be served at 6:30PM

LODGE OPENS PROMPTLY at **7:30PM**

ATTIRE for all: Business Casual.



Ladies are still asked to NOT ATTEND this evening.

We hope to see you all out with us again REAL SOON!

To all brethren who are unable to attend these communications due to illness or distance, I extend my warmest regards. If you need transportation to or from any meeting, please call the Master or Secretary.

Fraternally,

W..Garrett L. Taverna, Master

Bro. Daniel Trembinski, Sr. Warden

W..Rick Gallo, Jr. Warden

Attest:

W..Robert M. Getschel, Secretary





UPON THE SQUARE

W.: *Garrett L. Taverna*

Dearest Brethren,

As we still face the ongoing pandemic, I hope this notice finds all in good health. As we begin to possibly see some light at the end of the tunnel, the Grand Master has lifted the ten (10) person maximum restriction. As such we are now allowed to have more Brothers attend each meeting, and I hope to see more and more of you come out as the term continues.

Since we can now have more Brothers at each meeting, I would like to move forward with the Degree work for our Brethren in waiting. For our upcoming February Communication, we will be doing a run through of opening on the First Degree and time permitting a rehearsal for the Second Degree. I ask that the Officers, specifically the Wardens, brush up on the ritual for opening on the First Degree.

As our March Communication is slated to be the Grand Lecturer Convention, which will be conducted virtually, we will not be meeting on our regular scheduled night. Therefore, I am planning to call for an in person meeting on a different night to conduct the Second Degree work for our Entered Apprentice Brother Richard Perez. Although I have already filled many of the roles, there are still some openings, and if anyone would like a specific role I can make changes. Therefore, please let me know if you have any requests for a role in the Degree.

I again wish all the best of health as we continue to face these tough times. I also hope as we continue to move back to (new) normal I see more and more of you at

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our Communications. As always if there is any Brother that would like to attend the Communication but needs transportation assistance please contact the Secretary or myself and we will work to make accommodations for you.

Best regards,
W. Brother Garrett Taverna



WE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW

As much as it has been said that “Absence Makes The Heart Grow Fonder” MOST of our members live too far to make meetings regularly. And because of that, we don’t hear from most of you, most of the time.

I can’t really speak for everybody, but as secretary, I would love to hear from the members, OTHER than when you think I didn’t send you your dues card.

Did you just retire, have a baby, have an operation, move (new address/phone number/e-mail), get married, loose your job? Here at Reliance Lodge 776 we are all family. We want to know.

My preferred method of contact is e-mail, listed on every notice on the back cover: Secretary@RelianceLodge.Com as e-mail allows for always ‘catching me in’ and spelling everything as you want it with a simple ‘cut & paste’ and easy transfer of a photo for this notice to accompany upcoming stories for what’s going on. It just works well!

Don’t worry, if you would rather not yell your new unlisted phone number to everyone in this notice, you can keep us posted and just let me know; I’ll only keep it in my Grand Lodge files if you don’t want it in the notice too.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Photos of all members is desired for the archives too.


FROM THE SECRETARY

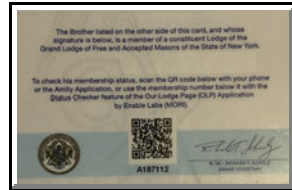
Hello my Brothers!

I have been getting a number of calls about members having not yet receiving their 2021 dues card after a prompt payment of their dues.

As much as we DO appreciate your prompt response from the dues notices, it was explained in previous notices and Grand Lodge publications, how Grand Lodge had switched to a new system last year.

The cards had been sent out. They looked like a light blue, two-tone, plastic, flat credit card, with the Grand Lodge of New York logo top left on the front with your name, Grand Lodge number and "Reliance Lodge 776" and a funny square logo on the back (called a QR code.)

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That is now your 'renewable dues card' that has been updated to be your 2021 card if you paid your dues!

For those who own a smart phone and are tech savvy enough, you can scan that QR code and see your file to verify your status ~ just like the Tiler of the Lodge can!

Keep safe and happy, sincerely,

W..Bob Getschel, DSA, Secretary.

SICKNESS DISTRESS AND GLAD TIDINGS TOO

Mike Monahan Jr. finished his course work for a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Molloy College in Rockville Centre, NY. Graduation ceremonies are not until May of 2021.



The Masters mother has been having heart problems and had a procedure done. Since her procedure, her heart rate has been off, but she is feeling much better.

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Greetings Brethren,

I hope this notice reaches you and your family safe and in good spirits.

It has been a great, challenging beginning of a year, but as always, we will prevail. Please let the Worshipful Master know if you need assistance getting to and from the lodge, or in anything else. We are always here to assist our fellow Brethren.

As life slowly starts to get back to a familiar normal, we are currently planning our Second Degree and other events in the near future. We are hoping to see many of our Brothers at these upcoming events.

May the Great Architect Of The Universe guide you to further light!



Please call BEFORE the 15th with you choice of:

- Eggplant Parmesan
- Shrimp Parmesan
- Chicken Parmesan



W.:Rick Gallo, Jr. Warden.

Call or Text me: [REDACTED]

Or send me an e-mail: [REDACTED]

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, February 18th 2021	Reliance Lodge No. 776 meeting. Opening on the 1st Degree.
Thursday, March 4th 2021	2 nd Kings District Meeting via ZOOM.
Thursday, March 18th 2021	Our regular 3 rd Thursday meeting evening, Reliance Lodge No. 776 will be hosting the District Grand Lecturers Convention via ZOOM. NOT at the Whitestone Masonic Hall!
Thursday, March 31st 2021	Reliance Lodge No. 776 Special meeting: Fellowcraft Degree.
Tentative date: Saturday, April 24th 2021	District Deputy Testimonial & Social at Verdi's, in Westbury, from 1-5.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to COVID-19, social distancing measures are STILL in effect. Therefore NOBODY will be admitted into the Lodge room or building without a mask on, or with a fever. No shaking of hands or other "grips" will be given. No dinner buffet will be available before the meeting, but rather "individually packaged meals" with an RSVP by the Monday before the meeting ~ CALL the Jr. Warden to reserve your dinner. Further details will be given before the meeting starts, as regulations change all the time.

ON THE TRESTLE BOARD

Awaiting the Degree of Master Mason:

Bro.Stephen Joseph Trachtulec

Awaiting the Degree of Fellowcraft:

Bro.Richard Albert Perez



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ELECTED and APPOINTED OFFICERS for 2020-2021

WORSHIPFUL MASTER W. Garrett L. Taverna



SENIOR WARDEN

Bro. Daniel Trembinski



JUNIOR WARDEN

W. Rick Gallo (Anna)



TREASURER

R. W. Richard Volz



SECRETARY

W. Robert M. Getschel, D.S.A. (Pia)



SENIOR DEACON

Bro. Paul N. Zoll III

JUNIOR DEACON

Bro. Pierre Alcantara

Sr. MASTER of CEREMONY

Bro. Fred Kusterbeck

Jr. MASTER of CEREMONY

R. W. Richard L. Giordano

PAST~CHAPLAIN

R. W. Raymond Stern

MUSICIAN

AVAILABLE

TILER

Bro. Nerva Augustin

TRUSTEES:

Bro. Michael J. Monahan 2019-2022

R. W. Robert E. Moore 2018-2021

R. W. Marshal D. Shichtman 2020-2023

R. W. William P. Stris 2020-2023