



NOT on **MONDAY**, but instead, on

FRIDAY, December 27, 2024.

ON TONIGHT's AGENDA:

HOLIDAY GATHERING

at the

**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 & Friends,

You are hereby invited and encouraged to attend the
2,391st Specially Summoned Communication of

RELiance LODGE No. 776, F. & A. M.

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

Friday, December 27th, 2024

ON THE TRESTLE BOARD TONIGHT:

the transaction of any such business as may regularly
and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge,
including a lovely Family Gathering downstairs.



Lodge Meeting Opens after Dinner, about 7:30PM.

Dinner is at 6:30PM with Fellowship starting just after 6PM.

Attire: Clean with Ugly Sweater for all.

Please contact the Jr. Warden, Bro. Stephen Trachtulec, for your
RSVP to the Dinner, if attending ~ See Page 5.



Ladies & Friends of the Lodge, please join us for the dinner this evening
prior to the meeting, with an RSVP to the Jr. Warden in advance.

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 yours,

W.: Paul Zoll III, Master

Bro. Michael J. Monahan, Sr. Warden

Bro. Stephen J. Trachtulec, Jr. Warden

Attest:

W.: Robert M. Getschel, D.S.A.,
Secretary



From The East



Holiday Greetings Brethren,

It gives me great pleasure to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Holiday Season. I am hopeful you all also had a great Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

As we approach a new calendar year of Masonry, we should all dedicate more time to the principals of Masonic commitment as we proclaimed in our

Obligation. To wit, we still need Brothers for parts to fill for our upcoming Fellowcraft Degree on Monday, February 24th.

If you are interested in helping, positions we still have available are ~ Sr. Master of Ceremony; Jr. Master of Ceremony; Conductor(s); Master work in the Middle Chamber and the Degree Charge. Also, we do need backup Brothers just in case there is an issue within a position in all roles.

This is a great opportunity for new Master Masons to hone their education and broaden their Masonic abilities.

Take notice of our upcoming Holiday Party at Harbor Links Golf Course,

1 W Fairway Drive in
Port Washington NY, 11050.



The \$105⁰⁰ fee per Brother with their spouse, is requested to reserve your reservation prior to the Saturday, Dec. 21st event. Please contact Secretary Brother Bob Getschel BEFORE December 15th to get on the list.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year Brothers!

Fraternally yours,
W.: Paul Zoll III, Master

From The West



Dear Brothers,

At this time of year, our hearts and minds naturally turn toward those who are less fortunate. In Reliance, 2nd Kings and throughout Masonry, we are reminded to translate our compassion into action to help those in need. As a District, we recently donated non-perishable food items to Long Island Cares, and several Lodges within our District have also contributed to Full Circle Home. I wanted to thank the

Brothers of Reliance Lodge for their generous donation to Full Circle Home. Between the Lodge and Brothers we are donating \$910⁰⁰.

Full Circle Home is a nonprofit organization that connects deployed service members with their loved ones across the country and on bases around the world. Since its founding in 2007, the organization has helped over 37,500 troops send holiday gifts and heartfelt notes to their Heroes at Home. Additionally, our District continues to collect lightly used coats throughout the year, making a tangible difference for those in need.

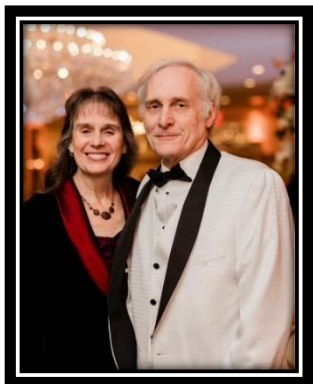
On November 23rd, Grand Lodge hosted the annual *Toys for Tots Charity Ball*, organized by Reliance Brother George Filippidis. My wife and I were honored to attend, along with more than 450 Masons and friends. It was a truly inspiring event that allows us to bring joy to countless children in need during the holiday season. George did an amazing job running the event. I urge you all to attend next year.

Whether through generous donations or hands-on efforts, every act of kindness makes a meaningful impact. I am both grateful and humbled by the dedication of my fellow Masons, who consistently strive to help their neighbors and make the world a better place.

May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over you and your families this holiday season.

Fraternally, Bro. Michael Monahan,
Senior Warden & Brotherhood Fund Chairman of Reliance Lodge #776.
3rd Vice President, Second Kings District Association.

From The South



Greetings Brothers,

I hope this finds you and yours well “stuffed” and you have enjoyed many a turkey dinner. November’s collation was well-received, and I am planning another holiday menu. This month in celebration of Christmas I am ordering spiral ham and London broil, for a Hanukkah tradition we will have fried chicken cutlets and latkes with apple sauce, and for honoring Kwanzaa the menu will feature sweet potatoes and macaroni and cheese. We will also have mashed potatoes, candied yams, and a vegetable medley for all to enjoy. Of course, birthday cake and apple and coconut custard pies for dessert.

I ask you to please RSVP, so we all have plenty to enjoy. If there are any dietary needs different from this menu, please let me know by Friday, December 20th so I may try to accommodate you. Also, if you have any suggestions for upcoming dinners, please let me know.

I am looking forward to our Holiday Party on December 21st and spending time with my brothers, my family, and friends. In case our paths do not meet then, I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season, full of happiness, health, and peace.

This month’s quote is from French philosopher and author Albert Camus:

“Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.”

Faternally,

Bro. Stephen J. Trachtulec

Upcoming Degree Work

Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree:

Mr. Marlon Aguiar Salcedo

Upcoming Holiday Party

Our upcoming Holiday Party this year will be on Saturday, December 21st at the lovely Harbor Links Golf Course and start at 7PM.



It will be \$105⁰⁰ a head ~ with Reliance Lodge members getting a half price with restrictions, as was voted unanimously on in lodge: 50% off, when paid in advance.

Other guests you would like to invite can be seated with you @ \$105⁰⁰ a head with a pre-paid RSVP too.

Contact the Secretary with your RSVP's and payments before Sunday, December 15th so we can get the total headcount together for the facility as soon as possible.

Dates To Remember

Sunday, December 8th, 2024 178 50 Linden Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11434	Come help with our Mason sponsored Veterans Visitation & BINGO @ St. Albans Vets Home. Starts at 2PM.
Sunday, December 8th, 2024 The Glen Terrace 5313 Avenue N, Brooklyn, NY 11234	Midwood – Fortitude No. 19 225th Anniversary Gala from 2 – 6PM. \$160 ^o per person. Contact Bro. Rich Giordano for your tickets.
Monday, December 9th, 2024 @ Grand Lodge on 23 rd Street	Ridgewood Lodge No. 710, Official DDGM Visit from 8 to 10PM.
Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 @ Grand Lodge on 23 rd Street	America Lodge No. 284, will be hosting the School of Instruction , 7-10PM.
Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 Elks Hall, 901 Lakeville Rd, NHP, NY	2nd Kings District Meeting , starts at 8:00PM tonight.
Sunday, December 15th, 2024 RSVP deadline for our upcoming Holiday Party	RSVP to Bro. Bob Getschel with your payment BEFORE Dec. 15 th via text or a call.
Saturday, December 21st, 2024 Harbor Links Golf Club 1 W Fairway Drive Port Washington, NY 11050	Our Holiday Party @ Harbor Links from 7PM – 11PM. (<i>See Page 6 for details.</i>)
Monday, December 23rd, 2024	Reliance meeting MOVED to this Friday.
Wednesday, December 25th, 2024	Christmas Day / First Night of Hanukkah. Happy Holidays! NO MEETINGS tonight. ~ See Fri., Dec. 27 th
Thursday, December 26th, 2024	First Day of Kwanzaa. Happy Holidays!
Friday, December 27th, 2024 Whitestone Masonic Hall, 149-39 11 th Ave. in Whitestone NY	Reliance Lodge No.776, Meeting tonight, Friday , starts @ 7:30. Holiday Family Dinner starts at 6:30PM beforehand. Please RSVP.
Friday, January 17th, 2025 Masonic Con New York To be held in the iconic Grand Lodge building in the heart of New York City 71 West 23 rd Street, NY, NY 10010	Freemasonry in the 21st Century: Starts on Friday evening with the famous Mariners Lodge 67 Maritime Festive Board and Beefsteak Banquet in the Grand Lodge Room at 6 p.m.
Saturday, January 18th, 2025 Masonic Con New York To be held in the iconic Grand Lodge building in the heart of New York City 71 West 23 rd Street, NY, NY 10010	Freemasonry in the 21st Century: "Self and Society" will showcase experts discussing the urgency of Masonic teachings and the importance of Brotherhood in our lives and communities.
Monday, January 27th, 2025 Whitestone Masonic Hall, 149-39 11 th Ave. in Whitestone NY	Reliance Lodge No.776, Meeting starts @ 7:30. Dinner starts at 6:30PM beforehand. Please RSVP. Official DDGM Visit tonight
Sunday Morning March 2nd, 2025 Marina del Rey, One Marina Drive Throgs Neck, Bronx, NY 10465	Announcing the 78 th Annual Metropolitan Region's Masons & Families Dedication Service & Breakfast.

ELECTED and APPOINTED OFFICERS for 2024-2025

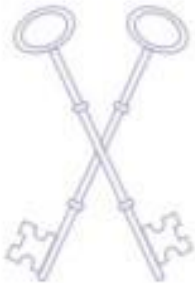
WORSHIPFUL MASTER W.: Paul N. Zoll III (Lois)



SENIOR WARDEN Bro. Michael J. Monahan (Mary)

JUNIOR WARDEN Bro. Steve Trachtulec (Diana)

TREASURER W.: Garrett Taverna (Rachael)



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

SENIOR DEACON
JUNIOR DEACON
Sr. MASTER of CEREMONY
Jr. MASTER of CEREMONY
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TILER
MARSHAL

Bro. Aziz Haghighy
Bro. Richard Perez
Bro. Jacob Fredi
Bro. William James
Bro. John Lucas
AVAILABLE
W.: Rick Gallo
W.: Daniel Trembinski
AVAILABLE
W.: Nerva Augustin
AVAILABLE



TRUSTEES:

R.:W.: Brian Finger	2024-2025
R.:W.: Richard L. Giordano	2024-2025
R.:W.: Marshal D. Shichtman	2023-2026
R.:W.: Robert E. Moore	2024-2027