



Please join us on
Thursday February 10th
(Special Communication!)
for the conferral of the
Fellowcraft Degree

Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 721
P.O. Box 178
Cornwall, NY 12518

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meeting but need a ride?
Contact the Senior Warden
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My Brothers,

As I write this message, I'm entering the final few months of my tenure as Master of Jerusalem Temple Lodge. It has been a rich and rewarding five years in this post and I will treasure them all my life. During this time we've seen the Lodge grow from a very few Brothers clinging to one another and keeping Masonry alive within the four walls of our Lodge. The dedication and perseverance of R.:W.: Oscar Meissner, R.:W.: Bob Burwick, and W.: Jake Pryne kept Masonry alive, if not strong, until the Lodge could be rebuilt. It is their work and their dedication that deserves the gratitude and respect of all Masons from wherever they may hail.

Rebuild we have, my Brothers. On Saturday January 15, 2005 we accepted two new members for affiliation, W.: Hank Stoveland and Bro. Nick Iacovitti into our Lodge. This meeting, a Special Communication, called on just two days notice due to bad weather the prior week, attracted 12 Brothers to the meeting.

Bro. Bob Alicky, Acting Secretary, has filled in ably for R.:W.: Bob Burwick during his absence. Bro. Alicky has returned to Jerusalem Temple Lodge after being absent for many years and has proven to be a great asset to myself and the Lodge. He is currently the Brotherhood Fund Chairman as well.

Upon becoming Master five years ago I approached W.: Brothers Paul and Tom Serra and asked their help in rebuilding the Lodge. I promised them it would be a short period of time that I would require their aid. They joined the Lodge without hesitation and for five long years have held positions of authority and responsibility within the Lodge. I personally owe them a debt of gratitude. Additionally, the arrival of R.:W.: Joe Leo to JTL may have been the single most important factor in the resurrection of the Lodge. We owe him a debt that can't be repaid.

We have continued to attract new Brothers, men who are young and ambitious and who will keep Masonry alive at

Thursday May 26th 7:30 p.m.
Fellowcraft Club (Charity: Veterans)

Saturday May 28th 2:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m. Luncheon)
Public Installation of Officers

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Trustee	W.: John W. Pryne
Trustee	W\ Eugene Reynolds
Trustee	Bro. Thomas Leishman

On The Trestleboard

Thursday February 3rd 7:30 p.m.

Fellowcraft Degree Rehearsal

Thursday February 10th 7:30 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Dinner)

Special Communication: Fellowcraft Degree (Edict)

Saturday February 12th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Summoned Communication (By-Laws Change)

Thursday February 24th 7:30 p.m.

Fellowcraft Club (Charity: Library)

Saturday February 26th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Fellowcraft Degree School of Instruction

Saturday March 12th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Master Mason Degree

Thursday March 24th 7:30 p.m.

Fellowcraft Club (Charity: Youth)

Saturday March 26th 7:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. Dinner)

Brother Bring a Friend Night

Saturday April 9th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Entered Apprentice Degree School of Instruction

Saturday April 23rd 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Entered Apprentice Degree

Thursday April 28th 7:30 p.m.

Fellowcraft Club (Charity: Masonic Home)

Saturday May 14th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Election of Officers

Jerusalem Temple Lodge for many years to come. We are planning a 2nd Degree in February for EA John Moloney. If you're available you might want to come out and see some terrific ritual work on that day. Yes, my Brothers, the ritual work at Jerusalem Temple is second to none. This is another example of the dedication of our Brothers to the History and Traditions of our Craft.

Following Bro. Maloney's 2nd Degree we will then conduct a 3rd Degree for Bro. Moloney and Bro. Paul Serra who will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Saturday March 12th.

R.:W.: Oscar Meissner presented Annual Reports at yesterday's meeting indicating that we had not, for the first time in many years, dipped into our savings to accomplish some project that was required. We were completely self-supporting last year, my Brothers. At a time when most Lodges find themselves depleting their cash reserves we are set to grow the finances of the Lodge. Fund raising, which has been nearly impossible in the past, will gain strength in the coming year. This, combined with increased revenues from a growing membership, will serve us well.

A Fellowcraft Club has been organized within the Lodge and has already donated \$75 to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. The Fellowcraft Club will be a source of strength for the Lodge and I expect great things from it.

In closing, my Brothers, I'd like to thank the Brothers of Jerusalem Temple and the Brothers of Hudson River and Cornerstone Lodges, for being there for me as we've attempted the reconstruction of our Lodge. No, I'm not referring to the building, but the reconstruction of the Lodge of men who make up Jerusalem Temple. Our ritual teaches us that a Lodge is not just a building but is the men who make it so. It was with a great deal of assistance from Brothers outside our Lodge that we were able to accomplish so much. We've welcomed many of these men into our Lodge and they continue to aid us. I leave my station as Master with a Lodge that is healthy, viable, and active within the Masonic Community and the world as a whole. Thank you for your help and patience.

Fraternally,

W.: Wayne J. Flavin

Master



Greetings,

I'd like to begin by wishing each of you and your families a very happy new year and what a new year it appears it will be! Typing out the trestleboard, I am overwhelmed by the variety of activities we have coming up for our lodge. We have degree work, social events, and charitable opportunities planned for our growing lodge. Attendance is up, petitions are coming in, and we're having a darned good time!

Please note that we will hold a Summoned Communication on Saturday February 12th for the purpose of the second reading of and voting on a proposed by-laws change. The details appear in the Summons that members will receive with this trestleboard.

During the next few months that this Trestleboard covers, we'll be doing a lot of planning for next year. I've spoken with a number of brothers about officer and committee positions already, but if you're reading this and we haven't discussed what you want to do, please get in touch with me. This appeal goes out to brothers living at a distance too. I'd like to have area liaisons to check on brothers living out of state and let us know what they are up to. Look for a concerted effort to stay in better communication with retired brethren and our Masonic widows.

As for those brothers who will be going through the chairs, please be assured that officer development remains a priority for our lodge. We have several new brothers joining our line who will *not* be rushed through the chairs. We took an obligation not to defraud a brother to the value of anything and that includes the education he is entitled to as he learns about the duties of the various offices. I have little doubt that the Wardens chairs next year will be filled by Past Masters but our Deacons and Masters of Ceremony will be brothers going through the line for the first time. Let's do everything we can to help them prepare for those important offices!

In that same process, we are going to open the rehearsals for our upcoming degrees to the district as schools of instruction. There may be brothers in the district who can't make the regular sessions of the Orange-Rockland School of

Fellowcraft Club News

Jerusalem Temple Lodge has formed a Fellowcraft Club to promote fellowship in the district and support the service and charitable programs of the lodge. Everyone is welcome to join us at our meetings, Masons, prospective Masons, and friends alike! We're getting together on the fourth Thursday of the month for some cards, darts, and cribbage along with the occasional adult beverage and fine cigar.

One of our goals is to help promote the Brotherhood Fund and to that end, we have decided to raise a little money at each meeting for a different Brotherhood Fund program each month. In December we bought chips for our poker game and raised \$75 for the Masonic Medical research Laboratory. The charities selected for the next few months are:

February 24th:	Library
March 24th:	Youth
April 28th:	Masonic Home
May 26th:	Veterans

We're looking for other ideas for activities and fundraising. Most importantly, we're hoping to see members of the lodge and brothers from all over the district come out to enjoy each others company. Come join us for a night out with 'da boys'!



**Need something to do until the snow melts?
Check out the**

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY READING COURSES

Many Brothers of the jurisdiction access the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Library and Museum's book collection through the twelve structured Reading Courses offered to all New York Masons. This educational program is designed to provide guidance to newly-made Masons, expand the horizons of long-time brothers, and stimulate the interests and widen the perspectives of the Brethren in general. The Reading Courses are offered free of charge; participating brothers are responsible only for the nominal fee of return postage if they participate in the Courses through the mail.

The Courses include volumes and topics which reflect contemporary theories and ideas in the Course subject areas. Modern scholarship is combined with the respected traditional works of brothers and other scholars of the Craft, so that Reading Course participants experience a full appreciation of the literature available. In true Masonic tradition, the Reading Courses offer the Brethren exposure to information, with the hope and understanding that the brothers will use the information to develop their own thoughts, ideas and practices in their area of study. Here is an example of one of the courses offered. For the full list, contact the Library at (800) 362-7664.

American History Course

Revolutionary Brotherhood by Stephen Bullock

House Undivided by Allen E. Roberts

House Reunited by Allen E. Roberts

Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers by Ronald F. Heaton

Freemasonry and the Presidency by Ray Vaughn Denslow

Colonial Freemasonry by Louis C. Wes Cook

Freemasonry in the Thirteen Colonies by J. Hugo Tatsch

Cornerstones of Freedom by S. Brent Morris

Brother Truman by Allen E. Roberts

G. Washington, Master Mason by Allen E. Roberts

Freemen and Freemasons by James W. Beless

Masonic Instruction on the second Mondays of each month, so we're going to open our doors to them. Attending a School with us does not mean you have to commit to working on Jerusalem Temple degrees though we always appreciate the assistance and presence of *anyone* who wants to help. It's a chance to join us for a morning of fellowship and the opportunity to fine tune your ritual work.

Another exciting event on our calendar is our upcoming Brother Bring a Friend Night, which will be held on the evening of Saturday March 26th. We'll be following the guidelines offered by Grand Lodge for running this successful program. The general cycle is one of gathering names, sending invitations, offering a good dinner and enlightening program to prospects and their wives, and then inducting the new brothers who are then invited to being in others themselves. We are especially interested in introducing local clergy and the leaders of other community service organizations to Freemasonry and welcome any suggestions for prospects that you may have.

The common place where these programs often fail is in gathering names of prospects from brethren to send invitations to. Please refer to the worksheet in this newsletter and get back to me with your results. I make this appeal to every brother of the lodge, near and far.

We also have plans in the works for upcoming charity and service projects including Child ID programs at Birchwood Caterers and the upcoming American Legion Little League tournament. The Fellowcraft Club is combining evenings of fun and fraternity with fundraising for the Brotherhood Fund. We hope to replace business meetings this summer with family barbecues, trips to baseball games, and maybe even a weekend camping trip.

Here's the part you all knew was coming: We've laid out a lot on the trestleboard but it can't happen without you! Your participation, be it in personal attendance or recommending men you know to Masonry, will be the contributing factor to the success of our lodge. We've been getting as many as twenty brothers out to meetings but the room will hold five times that number! Come see what you've been missing. You can call me if you need a ride. If you live at a distance, consider sending us an article or update for the next trestleboard or our web site. Your brothers want to know how you are doing and what you are up to.

Brother Bring a Friend Night Worksheet



The purpose of this worksheet is to help brothers come up with prospective candidates for Freemasonry. Some will live in the area of Jerusalem Temple Lodge and others may be men who can be recommended to lodges in other areas. We understand that some Brothers can be unsure of how to approach a prospective candidate and so we simply ask that you forward their names and addresses to the Senior Warden and the lodge will send out invitations to these men and their wives. When they arrive for the dinner and program, they'll be pleasantly surprised to see a familiar face... you!

Instructions

1. Get a piece of paper and write down as many names as possible for each category. Don't think about who they are, just write down names! If they live out of the area, we'll get their names to a lodge near them. Add any we missed.
 2. Review the list and cross off anyone who you feel would NOT be a good candidate for Freemasonry. (If you make an honest effort and cross out every name, think about the company you're keeping!)
 3. Look at the names of the men who are left and provide them, with any contact information you have, to the Senior Warden.
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| 1. Your Male Relatives | 17. Your Kids' Friends Dads |
| 2. Your 3 Best friends | 18. Your Kids' Teachers |
| 3. Your Doctors | 19. Your Local Librarian |
| 4. Your Dentist | 20. Name 5 Veterans |
| 5. Your Clergyman | 21. Name 5 Firemen & EMTs |
| 6. Your Attorney | 22. Name 5 Friends from High School & College |
| 7. Your Accountant | 23. Name 3 Local Politicians |
| 8. Your Electrician | 24. Your Local Newspaper Editor |
| 9. Your Plumber | 25. Your Morning Coffee Guy |
| 10. Your Handyman | 26. Your Bartender |
| 11. Your Mechanic | 27. 3 Guys You Golf With |
| 12. Your Realtor | 28. 5 Lions, Elks, or Rotarians |
| 13. Your Veterinarian | 29. 5 Guys named Bob or Bill |
| 14. Your Barber | 30. 5 Guys Named Jim or Tom |
| 15. Your Train Conductor | 31. 5 Guys named John or Dave |
| 16. Your Kids' Coaches | |

Finally, I would like to address a few things from the Master's column (it's a perk of being the editor). I echo the Master's thanks to those brothers who kept the spirit of Jerusalem Temple alive until the flames could be rekindled and I hope that the new blood coming into the lodge can maintain the fine traditions, high standards, and Masonic example that you have set forth for us. Also, please do not overlook the significance of R.:W.:Meissner's report that the lodge did not have to tap into its savings this year, but grew significantly in its activity and still completed all of its successful programs within our actual income. Few lodges in the state that own buildings can still say that!

As for our Worshipful master, his vision and willingness to try new things have been instrumental in the revitalization of our lodge and I hope he will look back on his five years as a period of growth and success. That said, the year's not up, Wayne, we still have a lot of work to do and we ask every brother of the lodge to pitch in to help make Wor. Flavin's plans for the lodge come to fruition. I look forward to seeing you all at a meeting soon and, until then, remain

Yours in service to the Craft,
R.:W.: Joe Leo, Senior Warden

Important Reminder!

If you have not yet paid your 2005 dues, please do so immediately so that the lodge can continue its fine work! Please remember to remit your dues (and direct any other official lodge correspondence) to the Acting Secretary:

**Bro. Robert Alicky
11 Sarvis Lane**

"Self-knowledge is best learned, not by contemplation, but by action. Strive to do your duty and you will soon discover of what stuff you are made."
Brother Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe