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Brothers,

The Masonic year is drawing to a close and it has been a year of change. The building has been sold and now a new location for holding AMICABLE lodge communications has been determined FOR NEXT YEAR. There are only a few communications remaining but then much has to be accomplished this summer to set AMICABLE Lodge #664 to fulfilling the work of helping the community through charitable acts and contributions. The remaining communications are listed below but are **June 1 for installation** of new officers and a **SPECIAL COMMUNICATION on June 22 for third degree**. These communications will be the last ones to be held in our former home on Pearl Street; I hope many can attend the last installation (open) and the last degree to be conducted.

The first news you need, and I am sure you are anxious to hear, is the results of where AMICABLE will hold communications the next Masonic calendar year. This business was the first performed at the annual meeting held May 19th. A committee of the brothers was formed (W.: Ned Bulken, R.: W.: David B. Wilbur, Head Trustee Bro. Ralph Humphrey, W.: Martin Hernon, Brothers Bob Papisnick, Richard Jones and Brian Moore) to select suitable candidates and those selected were Sauquoit Lodge #150, Oriskany Lodge #799, Clinton Hampton #347 (Westmoreland) and the Utica Masonic Association. All four lodges were open to our needs and interested in having us as tenants. The brothers created a questionnaire to evenly examine each of the potential suitors. The questionnaire covered the cost to rent, whether 1st and 3rd Tuesdays were available, condition of their facilities, storage availability, parking, and kitchen usage, availability of other nights for practice, potential fund raisers and use by our investment club. The committee held meeting on Sunday May 16th and after several hours, determined that the best choice for next year is the Utica Masonic Association and the facility on Genessee Street. The reasons were the availability of maintenance plans, parking, storage space and having a known fee to rent the Utica temple on OUR communication nights, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Worshipful Ned Bulken presented the findings to the brothers on May 16th; site visit by site visit starting with Sauquoit. After presentation of the responses to Amicable questionnaire; the floor was open to questions and discussion. RW David Wilbur then presented a proposal that amicable stated communications be held next year at the Masonic hall/temple next year for rental that will not exceed \$20 per person per year. The number of people being that number as reported to Grand lodge. The proposal was second and discussion followed. Everyone was allowed to speak their minds and vote taken which resulted in majority approval of the proposal. Thus, the new location for AMICABLE Lodge 664 next year will be the Utica Masonic temple. The temple will be ours on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and any other use will have to be permitted by us through formal request by any other group.

It needs to be stressed that this is not a permanent solution and that WE ARE NOT MERGING with any other lodge and AMICABLE Lodge is still performing communication as AMICABLE LODGE 664.

The proposal was made for the purpose of addressing a mounting financial burden that was on the horizon by continued ownership of the property. Amicable Lodge can now use its financial resources to perform more acts of charity within the New Hartford community and become more of a presence than we have been.

The lodge can now expand its charitable and sponsoring activities for groups like: little leagues, cub/boy scouts, soccer and other worthy events and groups. We will investigate partnering with other organizations to perform civil activities for the greater good. Finally, the lodge can create a long term vision about where our future lodge should exist. A plan created without the worry of time. A solid long term vision would investigate all possible solutions- including a new lodge building in conjunction with other Oneida lodges residing outside Utica; renting space from business, church or other community foundation like the ELKS or American Legion. The lodge is only getting a new address; the 6th home for our fraternal organization. Through the members support, Amicable can remain a strong, vibrant Masonic lodge that other Masonic lodges have sought assistance from for degree/ritual work and knowledge over its 200 plus year history.

The second order of business was the election of the new line of officers for 2010-2011. I am honored that I have been elected Worshipful Master for next year. The new line will be strong and is composed of brothers who have recently joined the craft over the last few years. With all the changes occurring in the coming year, the new line will seek and gladly take advice and assistance from our follow brethren. The elected line is:

- Worshipful Master: James Nagy
- Senior Warden: Kelly Kohl
- Junior Warden: Richard Jones
- Senior Deacon: Zain Haider
- Junior Deacon: Michael Kem
- Secretary: Byron W. Elias
- Treasurer: Edward Ingersol
- Tyler: R.:W.: Stuart Card
- Chaplin: Bob Papinisk
- Marshall: James Reardon
- Stewards: Thomas Mazzotta and David Eberley
- Sr. Master Ceremony: Brain Moore
- Jr. Master Ceremony: Daniel Williams

Brother Kelly Kohl has stepped up to place the senior warden position in capable hands so the rest of the line can have the time to properly perform each of the chairs and then move up the following year. The goal is to have a strong line composed of fine, young outstanding masons.

There are two communications remaining for June which will be last to be held at Pearl Street:

JUNE 1 – Installation of your new officers. The installation will be open. The lodge will be open at 7 pm with normal opening procedures. After conducting some business, the craft will be called from labor to refreshment. Our loved ones and the public will be invited into the lodge room for installation of the officers. I hope many of you will do us the honor of attending. If possible, please RSVP to Brother Byron Elias at (315) 794.9423 with the number of people attending. Reservations are not required but will assist us in preparation of the refreshments to follow. After the installation, we will retire to the dining area for some light refreshments and fellowship.

JUNE 22 (NEW DATE 4th Tuesday) – Conferral of 3rd Degree. The lodge will conduct the last degree at Pearl Street. The brothers will raise several new members in a complete third degree. The brethren are excited to perform this last ritual and look forward to your presence, if possible. The lodge will open at 7 pm with the degree beginning immediately after. The degree will include the ritual, the enactment, and the masters' instructions to the newly raised brothers, the historical lecture and charge. This will be followed by light refreshments and fellowship. Again, please join us if your cable tow allows.

August 21-SUMMER PICNIC : The Annual Picnic will be in August and will be held at the usual pavilion at the New Hartford Sherrill Brook Town Park located off Route 12. The start time and duration will be posted in my next newsletter. Please bring a dish to pass, I'm sure new Junior Warden Richard Jones will have the Burgers and Dogs and Sausage patties covered, but we'll always have room for more soda, chips, salads, desserts etc. Families are welcome and encouraged as always, as well as any friends who may enjoy a pleasant day. In addition, if you require a ride to and from the event; please call me at 315.725.3430 or email me at nagyj@roadrunner.com and I will be happy to schedule transportation.

Finally, before presenting the DRAFT trestle board for next year; I would like to present a few thoughts on what I would like to accomplish during the year and hopefully lay the ground work for beyond. Unlike in years past, where the brethren only needed to concern ourselves with when the picnic would be; this summer there will be calls for volunteers to assist the lodge in removing AMICABLE property out of the pearl street lodge building. This must be accomplished by the end of July and will be overseen by the trustees. If available, please be ready to respond to their call for assistance. Plans are being finalized to relocate some items to Utica Masonic hall on Genessee Street; donate others to the Livingston Library and others items auctioned off or sold/donated to other needy and worthy lodges or fellow brethren.

After the immediate requirement of closing Pearl Street; and setting up the new location at the Utica Masonic Hall; my goal for the year is to reemphasize fundamentals of free masonry while actively promoting true fellowship. The lodge is more than a place to meet for stated communications and only discuss business of the lodge. That is important but cannot be all we are. I will reach out to the brethren to elicit ideas for new charitable causes. I want to ensure that all members of the AMIACBLE family are involved with this process and that all are invited and encouraged to attend not just communications but events like our picnic, Christmas party and fellowship night. Yes, fellowship night where awards will be given; our lost ones remembered and our surviving spouses and loved ones will not be forgotten.

As you receive this newsletter, I will be actively meeting with all members of our lodge; either by phone or in person. I want Amicable lodge to be known for meeting our obligation that each one of us took upon himself to help, aid and assist our Surviving Spouses and Loved Ones, as well as our indigent Brothers. I intend to set up Lodge Surviving Spouses Team, whose function is to visit these spouses and indigent brothers. The reason for the visitation is not charity but a social call to check up on their well being and remind them that they are still members of our Masonic Family and restate our offer of assistance and service.

The trestle board also contains information nights on the Masonic Research Laboratory and their outstanding work; an overview of the Masonic home and of other Masonic bodies. The trestle board contains as well communications for brother bring a friend, reading of and voting on petitions and of course degree work.

I close with the thought that I hope any brother or widow can contact me by telephone or email or text message for any reason – discuss an idea, inform of someone in need of our aid and assistance or to just chat and talk. I look forward to busy 12 months and to you my brothers assisting me to make your lodge all it can be.

B&F,
Jim Nagy

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2010/2011---TRESTLEBOARD

June 1: Installation of Officers 7:30PM
June 22: 3rd Degree – open lodge at 7 pm.

**June and July: Work Parties to move Pearl Street contents as required
Requesting Volunteers to help pack up and move**

August 21: Picnic; usual pavilion at the New Hartford Sherrill Brook
Town Park located off Route 12. 11AM-4PM
August 31: Rehearsal of open/close
September 7: Brother Bring A Friend (BBAF)
September 14: Rehearsal of open / 1st degree
September 21: Summer wrap up
October 5: Reading of petitions; Masonic Research Lab overview
October 12: Rehearsal - 1st; if needed
October 19: Vote on petitions; Masonic Home overview
October 26: Rehearsal; if needed
November 2: 1st Degree
November 9: Rehearsal - 2nd degree
November 16: Fellowship Night – Lodge Remembrance/ Surviving Spouse
November 23: Rehearsal - 2nd degree
December 7: 2nd Degree
December 14: Rehearsal - 3rd degree
December 21: Holiday Party

2011 TRESTLEBOARD

January 4: 3rd Degree
January 18: DDGM
February 1: Fellowship Night - BBAF # 2; held at local restaurant meeting room
February 15: Past Masters Night/ Read petitions if needed
March 1: Awards Night / Vote petitions if needed
March 15: 1st Degree
April 5: GL Convention (travel to)
April 19: 2nd Degree
May 3: Move-up night/ Grand Lodge
May 17: Annual Meeting
June 7: Installation of officers

OUTGOING MESSAGE FROM WORSHIPFUL NED BULKEN

My Brothers,

I want to take a moment of your time to thank each and every one of you who have made my time in the East such an honor. Particularly I want to thank all of my officers, who made my job so easy. I had zero concerns about your work, and I'm truly honored to have served as Worshipful Master with such an exemplary core of officers. For those of you who were not elected or installed officers, your hard work and support was no less appreciated, There were so many who helped out with the ritual work, and just generally made the year and a half go by so easily.

My main focus was to do two things:

- 1) Prepare the line of new officers to continue the strong Amicable tradition of ritual Work. We've reached out to several other lodges to help them with degree work, and I hope that we will continue to do that for years to come.
- 2) Guide the lodge through the transition from property owner to tenants.

Together we have made some momentous decisions this year. Everyone can rest assured that none of the changes which have happened were made lightly. There were many hours of heartfelt discussion and weighing of all of the pros and cons in and out of lodge before any of them were put into action.

W.: Jim has detailed the culmination of the past year's events, I have every confidence that we are now on a stronger footing and that as he has stated, we can now make a larger impact in the community. I hope that we will continue to bring in new brothers and to maintain the fellowship, which we've all enjoyed so much.

Thanks again to all for making my term in the East such a pleasure. See you in Lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours;



W.: Ned