

Dear Brethren,



You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the **559th Stated Communication & 560th Stated Communications** of Aurora Grata-Day Star Lodge No. 647 F.&A.M. to be held on

**Thursday Evening, February 13, 2019
at 7:30 p.m.**

for the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge and then we will have

**Knickerbocker Chapter Order of DeMolay
will be presenting the Flower Talk &
Historical Lecture**

and on

**Thursday Evening, February 27, 2019
at 7:00 p.m.**

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**R.:W.: Robert Remington
History of Aurora Grata Day Star Lodge No. 647**

Officers' Dress:

Feb 13.....Dark Business Suit
Feb 27.....Dark Business Suit
By order of:

W.: Walter Leong
Master


R.:W.: Prentice J. Collazo
Secretary

From the East



Greeting from the East,

Brethren, Greetings from the East. I hope that when you receive this communication that you and your families are doing well.

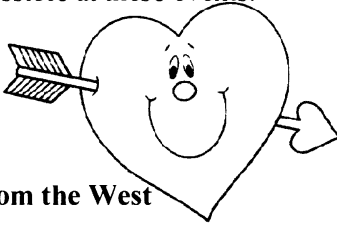
At our first meeting in January the Degree of Fellowcraft was conferred upon Bro. Edgar Catalogne, Bro. Jamari Robinson, Bro. Richard Villa, Bro. Ciro Battista, and Bro. Richard Joseph. Congratulations to all the new Fellowcrafts! Our Senior Warden Bro. Joseph Pagan conferred the Degree and did an excellent job along with the rest of the team. A special thanks to R.:W.: Ralph Archangel for doing the Middle Chamber Lecture on short notice.

We had our Annual Robert Burns Festive Board after our second meeting in January. The event was attended by over 60 Brothers of the Lodge, visiting Brothers & potential candidates. We also had the honor of having the M.:W.: William M. Sardone the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York present along with R.:W.: Steven Adam Rubin the Grand Treasurer, R.:W.: David Menegon the Senior Grand Deacon, & R.:W.: Richard Friedman the Grand Lecturer. A special thanks to W.: Richard Dutton for doing the Ode to the Haggis & R.:W.: Robert Remington for the presentation on Robert Burns. Also, thank you to all the Brothers & candidates that helped set up, clean up, sell raffles, etc. The event would not have been a success without a team effort. Everyone enjoyed the evening & is looking forward to our next event.

The first meeting in February will be a family night. Knickerbocker Chapter Order of DeMolay will be presenting the Flower

Talk & Historical Lecture. This event is open to all Masons & their families. If you know any youth that may be interested in joining a Masonic Youth Group please bring them. The second meeting in February will be a lecture on the history of Aurora Grata Day Star Lodge by R.:W.: Robert Remington. I hope to see as many of you as possible at these events.

Fraternally,
W.: Walter Leong
Master



From the West

Greetings from the West,

Brethren, I hope this communication finds you and your family in the best of health and happiness. January was a very productive month, we had successfully conferred the Fellow Craft Degree on five Entered Apprentices, three from our lodge and two from Norsemen Lodge No. 878. Once again, I would like to thank all the brethren for their outstanding work and commitment in conferring the degree on the new Fellow Crafts, including all the side-liners.

In addition, brethren at our 2020 Robert Burns Festive Board, again we had the honor of having M.:W.: William M. Sardone, Grand Master of the State of New York address our potential candidates and enjoy the festivities with us all including R.:W.: Steven Adam Rubin, the Grand Treasurer, R.:W.: Richard C. Friedman, the Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: David J. Menegon. the Grand Senior Deacon among the many others there that night with us. The night was active with many brothers eating, drinking, music, socializing and discussing the benefits of being a mason with all of the potential candidates, it was an enjoyable and impressive masonic night to remember!

At our next meeting we are having the Flower Talk and Historical Lecture by the Brothers of Knickerbocker Chapter Order of DeMolay, February 13, 2020 at 8:00 PM, It is open to all Masons, their ladies, family, friends and more importantly the Youth - ages 12 years old to 15 years old. Those are the ages for boys to join the Order of the DeMolay. So, if you have any boys those ages it would be ideal for them to attend and learn about the Order of the DeMolay or if you know of any other boys those ages that might have interest in it, have them attend with their parents.

Finally, we know life happens and you cannot make every meeting but please come to at least a few meetings to your benefit and continue to improve yourself (First Degree!), if possible! We have made many excellent improvements to run the lodge efficiently and in harmony with all. Therefore, we look for your attendance at lodge meeting(s) and/or lodge event(s). If you have any questions, concerns or just want to get any other updates, please feel free to contact me or any of the officers.

Fraternally,
Bro. Joseph Pagan
Senior Warden



From the South

Greetings from the South,



We had the honor of passing two of our Brethren to the rank of Fellows of the Craft! As we welcome them into a new place of KST, let us reflect on the valuable lessons we glean from the second degree. We are invariable taught to maximize our time as EA's so as fellows we may endeavor to study the various subjects to elucidate our minds. As fellows we must learn the arts and sciences so that we can come to a better understanding of our place in this vast

From the Tiler

Greetings from the Tiler,

Greetings fellow AGDS Bothers and Masonic Brethren. I would like to take the time to offer my thanks for the opportunity to be of service to our Lodge as Tiler. With the ceremonial sword in hand my job is to serve as the guardian of the Outer Door, allowing admittance to Masonic Brethren properly clothed and vouched for. Whether they are fellow members of our own lodge or visitors from other lodges, my duty is to check their credentials as fellow members of our craft. I serve as a welcoming committee for those qualified to join us in fellowship and a guard against those who are not qualified to participate or who my wish to do us harm for reasons of malice or misinformation. This role has been a feature of the position for centuries and has served us well.

In closing, the role of Tiler is important since it's a dual position of Guardian of the Outer Door and Caretaker of The Lodge. If you have a chance to attend our next meeting, please don't forget to sign our guestbook, make sure your apron is being properly worn, mute your electronic devices, and get ready to enter as I make the alarm on the Outer Door

Bro. Kenneth Hass
Tiler

Happy
Valentine's
Day



universe and to be better acquainted with the Great Creator. As it is said a wise man knows he knows not, and the more we learn the more questions we have. The continual pursuit to learn, the yearning for more knowledge, self-development; the seeking to find understanding of ones place in the universe, and the discovery of the universal laws which govern our existence, must be a never ending journey for the Free and accepted Mason. When initiated and passed we asked for Light, and More Light and it is our individual and collective duties to always search for it!

As brethren and Fellows we are reminded to live our lives in accordance with a doctrine of peace. We are reminded to live by the "Golden Rule". We are to do unto others as we would have others do unto us. The manifestation of the Golden rule is nothing more than an emanation of love. To treat others as you yourself would like to be treated is nothing more than an outward expression of Love. As we learn to truly love ourselves and that aspect of divinity which dwells within, we must necessarily love our neighbors. We begin to see our own reflection in our neighbor as well as the light of the GAOTU within them. As we learn to love one another we become better men and better Masons.

As we celebrate Valentine's day this February and share moments with our loved ones, always remember that as Freemason we are to love all mankind and try our hardest to remain a beacon of light in this world. As always we hope to see you again in the quarries so we may continue to build the bonds of friendship and brotherly love around the alter of Light. May we always live by our principle tenets: Brotherly Love Relief and Truth!

Fraternally,

V.:W.: Victor Escorbores
Junior Warden