

*Free and Accepted Masons*  
**Arcana Lodge No. 246**



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**Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30 PM**  
**DDGM Visitation to Arcana Lodge**

**Dinner at 6:00 PM, Outback Restaurant, 60 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues**  
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**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

**Conferral of the Second Degree to Qualified Entered Apprentices**  
**Dinner at 6:00 PM, Outback Restaurant, 60 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues**  
**Lodge to be opened by officers at 6:45 PM**  
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## From The East

*"This year will be a new beginning. This year I'll..."*

My Brethren:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and healthy New Year. May 2006 prove to be a year filled with prosperity and joy for us all.

Referring to the title of this message, how many times have we said it, or some variation of the same? Once, twice, twenty times, a hundred times, or maybe even more. The resolve was cast in earnest, after a doctor's visit, or maybe after a fight with a friend, or after a business screw-up, or some level of catastrophe, especially if it's at the end of a year. Then we begin the ritual of resolve, typically cast on New Year's Eve to fix it all, and then what happens? We revert to our old ways again; yes we curse our actions, hiss at ourselves, our self esteem plummets, and we feel like, well something we'd typically flush down the toilet. So, what can we do to stop the syndrome? How do we deal with our own "broken promises?"

Firstly, and probably most importantly, we need to understand that any resolve that requires a life style change is inordinately difficult. Losing a great deal of weight, quitting smoking, never being late, quitting coffee, quitting drinking all require a large adjustment in how we live our lives. Unlike smaller things such as vowing to dress up every day in a snappy and coordinated outfit, a pretty simple task when you stop to think about it, life style changes get to the very root of who we are, particularly if we've lived comfortably with the behavior that we're attempting to change. So again, what do you do? Well, while there's no simple answer to every possible change, there is an approach that is pretty solid, and it's this: Take *small* steps.

Don't attempt to undo that which has taken years to do. If you're one hundred pounds overweight, don't resolve to lose it all. Just vow to lose 10 or 20 pounds. If you're smoking 2 packs a day, reduce it to one. (In truth, smoking is in a class by itself, as it's more of an addiction than just a bad habit, but stopping smoking is absolutely possible. Both my parents who were in their sixties vowed to quit, and they did it together – cold turkey! Yes, my father was howling at the moon at night and my mother grew some pretty nasty fangs, but quit they did.)

We can go on and on about this, but you get the idea. As they say, "Rome wasn't built in a day" so don't try to raze it in a day either. Little by little, you'll get it all done. Just set your eyes on limiting the range of accomplishment and when that's done, do a little more. In that way, you won't fail, (at least it'll be far less likely) and you'll feel a whole heck of a lot better about yourself and will get the self-confidence to ultimately succeed.

Fraternally always,

W.: Bruce Zayde

**Brethren:**

It's January, which marks the beginning of the New Year, and with that I'd like to ask that you consider writing a check at this time to bring your dues payments up to date. Arcana Lodge's fiscal health depends in part on the conscientious payment of all dues, current and otherwise, so please, if you've not already done so, send in your dues checks to our Acting Secretary Matt Burich as soon as possible. Matt's address is:

142 Mountaindale Road, Yonkers, NY 10710-3510. Thank you for your prompt attention regarding this important matter.

## PAST EVENTS

- As if our efforts on November 19<sup>th</sup> weren't enough, we did it again and beautifully too. On December 14<sup>th</sup> we held another complete 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree which included the drama, and executed it with dignity and confidence. This was yet another example of our lodge pulling together to bring about a quality degree. I'm proud of all the participants, with particular kudos to the newly raised brothers who, having just gone through the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree themselves in November, contributed significantly to the one in December. Bravo all!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** – Festive Board, Francis Tavern, New York, NY. The cost will be \$40.00 per person and there are only 15 tickets available per lodge, so please, if you're interested let Matt Burich know at your earliest opportunity and reserve your ticket by paying the fee up front. Tickets will be available on a first come first served basis.
- **Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Grand Lecturer's Convention. Officers, please make every effort to attend in order that Arcana Lodge may be honored with the **Potts Award**. *Please note: We must have all senior officers present (Master to Junior Deacon) in order to receive this recognition! Please do whatever you can to adjust your schedules accordingly, as we have only one opportunity. It'd be a pity for our lodge to go unrecognized.*



### **Glad Tidings:**

- It was heartening to see Bro. Larry Centore present in his role as Junior Deacon for our Third Degree in December. I know that I speak for the entire lodge in welcoming Larry back to his pivotal role. He looked absolutely great!

### **Sickness & Distress:**

- Bro. Guy Catarina, our Senior Deacon was diagnosed in December with a prostate malignancy. In typical take-charge manner, Guy has been standing tall and getting all the pertinent information needed to help him decide the best course of action. I speak for all our lodge members in wishing Guy a fast and speedy recovery. Please call Guy and along with me, extend to him your prayers and well wishes. He may be reached at (212) 447-1241. His e-mail address is: [gcatarina@nyc.rr.com](mailto:gcatarina@nyc.rr.com).
- W.: Jerry Siskin has discovered that he must undergo additional treatment for his prostate condition. After having completed a battery of tests, it was determined that the disease has reasserted itself, requiring continued attention. I would ask that our lodge brethren join me in praying for Jerry's rapid recovery. I know he'd love to hear from you as well, so please do call him at (212) 255-6045.

# TRESTLE BOARD

## AWAITING DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Bro. Angel Hinostroza

## AWAITING DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT

Bro. Aramis Seferian, Bro. Jason Putignano, Bro. Curtis Ellis, Bro. Michael Blacksborg, Bro. Jonathan William, Bro. Gerald Martin Bro. Thomas Rackett, Bro. John Shamen, Bro. Samuel Goldstein, Bro. Maury Satin, Bro. Jeffrey Berman

## AWAITING DEGREE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE

Mr. Colin Profitt, Mr. Jeffrey Stones, Mr. Kevin Eldrich, Mr. James Palese, Mr. Daniel Rodriguez

## Arcana Lodge Officers (2005-2006)

**Master:** W .: Bruce Zayde

**Senior Warden:** V .: W .: Nick Paneriello

**Junior Warden:** Bro. Phillip Weiss

**Treasurer:** R .: W .: Joseph Homer

**Acting Secretary:** Bro. Matthew Burich

**Senior Deacon:** Bro. Guy Caterina

**Junior Deacon:** Bro. Lawrence Centore

**Senior Master of Ceremonies:** Bro. Anthony Colao, Sr.

**Junior Master of Ceremonies:** Bro. Anthony Colao, Jr.

**Steward:** Bro. Anthony Colao, Jr.

**Steward:** Bro. Matthew Burich

**Marshall:** Bro. Phil Chulbi

**Tiler:** Bro. Robert Carle\*

**Chaplain:** R .: W .: Arthur Klansky

*\* We welcome back and thank Bro. Robert Carle for taking on the role of Tiler of our lodge*

## 2005-2006 Year of the Ashlar

We work on the perfection of our Ashlar with the loving help of our Brethren

