

Free and Accepted Masons
Arcana Lodge No. 246



Dear Brother:

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the 2,716th Communication of Arcana Lodge No. 246 F. & A.M. to be held in the **French Doric Room** on the 10th floor Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY:

Wednesday, March 8th at 7:15 PM

**Honorary Membership of R.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick into Joseph Warren-Gothic Lodge
Masonic Building, Renaissance Room, 6th Floor**

**Dinner at 6:00 PM, Masonic Building, 2nd Floor, Room 2-East, Cost: \$20.00 per person
*Officers' Dress: Formal attire / Attendees' Dress: Formal or Business attire, please!***

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Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30 PM

**Guest Speaker: R.:E.: Charles O. Cowing, District Deputy High Grand Priest
Presentation and Discussion – The York Rites**

**Dinner at 6:00 PM, Outback Restaurant, 60 West 23rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues
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From The East

Tempus Fugit

My Brethren:

I am certain that when asked the question, “What is the most precious thing that you have?” many of you would respond unhesitatingly that it’s *time*. Time is, unlike anything else, irreplaceable. As the late and great Jackie Gleason once said, when interviewed by Mike Wallace on a *60 Minutes* segment, everyone should make a fortune, lose it, and make it again.

It is a luxury to be able to replace something. You can do it with money and even possibly with relationships. Say something to offend someone and you can generally retract it with an apology. The relationship may not be re-established in the same way as before, but if you work on it, it may be able to get fairly close. Squander time, though, and it’s gone forever. There’s nothing, but nothing that you can do to win it back.

I always had an issue with the saying so popular in the 1970s, “Today is the first day of the rest of your life.” In fact, you have no guarantee of anything other than the present. We have only this moment and nothing else. Since most of us don’t know when we’ll be sent to the Celestial Lodge, we operate as though our time is a given. The great mystics have often said that humans exist as automatons, in a state of sleep. We operate, day-by-day, in a semi-stupor, worrying about the most mundane things never paying attention to the reality of life’s passage. Time passes by unerringly and unsympathetically, not owing us a thing. It is a component of the physical world, an integral part of our universe over which we have no control. It’s great stuff for science fiction speculation; we all wish we could travel in time to explore, fix or change something, but there is where it sits, forever in the musings of the mind and nowhere else.

So, my Brethren, “*carpe diem*,” seize the day and live for the moment, yes, but have an eye to the future. Since we cannot be assured of a future, we should structure our lives to have value each day, if not each hour, but not be irresponsible about what our actions could bring. The frequently used phrase, “Some day I’ll...” should be forever purged from your verbiage because it is the ultimate cop-out. It is the same as saying “I’ll never...” do what I say I’m going to do. It is a way of appeasing our guilt for the lack of commitment to a certain task, project, or behavior. If you ever catch yourself saying “Someday I’ll...,” stop and say something like “On <give a specific date and time>, I’m going to...,” and complete the phrase. Don’t ever, under any circumstances, procrastinate. Through commitment you’ll grow strong, and by observing your day-to-day activities consciously, the quality and purpose of your life will be self-manifested. Please keep this in mind as you continue to sculpt your Ashlar and bring it closer to the ultimate state of perfection. We need to use our present time wisely and productively and always focus on the fact that our actions will have impact on the future, whether or not we will physically be there ourselves.

Fraternally always,
W.: Bruce Zayde

PAST EVENTS

- The Festive Lodge at Frauncis Tavern was a smashing success. We had a wonderful time intermingling with our Brethren and had a delightful presentation on some historical perspectives of Masonry by Angel Millar, author of the book *Freemasonry: A History*.
- With thanks to my lodge Brethren and especially to my Arcana officer line, we were awarded the Potts Award at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I'm thrilled at the significant turnout at the event and am very proud, indeed, of our lodge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, March 7th, 2006, at 6:30 PM** in the Library's Manhattan branch on the 14th floor of Masonic Hall, The Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge will host a book signing by Brother Angel Millar of Publicity Lodge no. 1000, New York City. Brother Millar has written the book *Freemasonry: A History* (2005: Chrysalis Book Groups Ltd.), which studies the origins and evolution of Freemasonry, and includes hundreds of images illustrating the symbols and rituals of the Craft. Brother Millar will speak about his research process and his goals in writing the book. Limited copies of the book will be available at the signing, with donations benefiting the Library.
- **Sunday, March 12th at 8:30 AM:** The 61st Annual Masons & Families Dedication Service and Breakfast at Leonard's of Great Neck, 555 Northern Blvd, Great Neck, NY; Cost \$25.00 per person. If interested, please contact the Secretary.



Glad Tidings:

- I will take the liberty of yet again mentioning our winning the Potts Award. My Brethren, I salute and thank you all. It's your award and you've earned it.
- I ran into our Tiler, Howard Danon, who is doing remarkably well and sends his regards to everyone. My sincerest hope is that before my term as Master is over, we may yet see Howard return to his highly valued position as Tiler of Arcana Lodge.
- We celebrate Bro. Warren Zolot reaching his 70th birthday. Congratulations Warren!

Sickness & Distress:

- Bro. Guy Catarina, our Senior Deacon is scheduled to undergo prostatic surgery on March 15th. Please, when you find a moment of solitude, offer a prayer on his behalf and do contact Guy and wish him well. He may be reached at (212) 447-1241. His e-mail address is: gcatarina@nyc.rr.com.
- W.: Jerry Siskin is continuing to receiving hormone therapy for his prostate condition, and though he hasn't been able to join us for the past few meetings due to the unpleasant side-effects of this treatment, he always sends his warmest regards. Please give Jerry a call to wish him well. I know he'd love to hear from our lodge Brethren; he's reachable at (212) 255-6045.

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2005-2006 Year of the Ashlar

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

