

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



Dear Brother:

You are **summoned** and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the 2,719<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY:

**Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

**Election: The New Arcana Officer Line for Masonic Year 2006-2007**

*Please make it a point to attend this important Lodge Event.*

**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**  
**Officers' Dress: Formal / Attendees' Dress: Business suits, please!**

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**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

**Installation: The New Arcana Officer Line for Masonic Year 2006-2007**

*This is a beautiful ritual which ought to be attended by the Arcana Lodge membership. Please make a concerted effort to be present at the installation of your new Lodge officers*

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## *From The East* *"The Comfort Zone"*

My Brethren:

In a previous Communication, I wrote about tempus fugit, (which I know you've all read!) the relentless and unwavering passage of time. It seems like only a day or two ago that I assumed the great honor of being your Master for this Masonic year, and look, the year, for all intents and purposes, is over. It went by, literally, in a heart-beat.

In the process, I learned a great deal about Masonry, our Lodge, and yes, myself. It was an experience that I wouldn't trade away for anything, and I promise that you Brethren, who are "making the rounds of the chairs," will find your ultimate destination – the East, a profound place of discovery and learning. It's a goal worth pursuing, so learn your parts and keep your eye on the next step toward the exalted and revered end point.

I named this year, "The Year of the Ashlar," a period of honing and improving our metaphorical selves, which, by very definition, necessitates our getting outside our "comfort zone" – the manner in which we naturally do things and act. The process is difficult, for operating in a new and better way for self improvement is a challenging and sometimes painful process, but it yields results nothing short of spectacular. Our journey through life is very much like attending a special school with special lessons. Although no explicit grade is given, it is very much implied; and if we do poorly and do not achieve success in life, we surely must change our ways, which means extending ourselves to obtain a higher life-level. This new level is never simply given to us. It is a consequence of work and dedication while listening to that inner voice that tells us what and what not to do. We have free will to do what we please, but the key is to do the right thing – to choose the path to higher discovery, and with that, to morph our Ashlar toward its perfect state. The choice is ours to make, so please let's take this opportunity, and, as the Nike ads say, "Just do It."

I wish all of you a wonderful summer and year to come, and may God bless you all.

Fraternally always,  
W.: Bruce Zayde,  
Worshipful Master

## *From The West*

Brethren:

It has been my extreme pleasure and honor to have served you, the Brothers of the Lodge, as your Senior Warden. And as I prepare myself to become Master, I am again humbled to have the chance to serve you as Master. There are many issues facing our lodge as well as the fraternity itself. Many tough choices must be made to better our lodge and the fraternity as a whole. But I know that as we have many capable Past Masters who I shall rely on for their guidance as well as their input to many of my plans for our Lodge. Nothing can be changed if you, the brothers, are not willing to come to the meetings and help to make the changes needed for the survival of our great Lodge. It will be up to all the brothers as well as the officers and Past Masters to do all they can to support each other and stop all the infighting. This will be one of my main goals this year, as well as to start us on a stronger path with our finances. Again my Brothers, remember nothing can be accomplished without you, the Brothers we all have, to put our personal issues aside for the betterment of the craft. I look forward to serving you all as the next Master.

Fraternally,  
V.:W.:Nick Panariello,  
Senior Warden

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, May 22, 2006** – Testimonial Dinner for D.D.G.M. Martin D. Merman, **Fresh Meadows Jewish Center**, 193-10 Peck Ave., North Side of the L.I.E, Fresh Meadows, NY; Cost: \$50 Per Person, 6:30 PM Cocktails and Hors D’oeuvres; Cash Bar; 7:30 PM Dinner; in addition, there will be music for your listening and dancing pleasure. *As we’re expecting a large turnout for this event, please reserve your seats as soon as possible.* Contact the Secretary at (212) 675-4850 to make your reservations and to indicate your dinner preference, or e-mail: [seventhdistrict@earthlink.net](mailto:seventhdistrict@earthlink.net)
- **Sunday, June 11, 2006, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM** – The Annual Arcana Lodge Brunch, dedicated this year to the memory of W.:Sam Weiss. It will be held at **Vincent’s Clam Bar**, 159-13 Crossbay Boulevard, Howard Beach, NY (718) 835-4458. The cost is \$35.00 per person.
- **Summer, 2006** – The Annual Baseball Game, featuring our celebrated NY Mets, to be held in the July/August timeframe at Shea Stadium. Please look for further details in upcoming communications. The Annual Picnic – Location and time to be specified in a future communication.
- **Wednesday, October 18, 2006** – Mark your calendars for the Annual Seventh District Association Gala Event, the details of which will be in an upcoming communication.



### Glad Tidings:

- It was wonderful to see our Senior Deacon, Guy Caterina, back from prostate surgery as frisky as ever. The surgery was an unqualified success, although not without some post surgical moments of concern. Please join me in welcoming back Guy with a warm handshake (but no pat on the back, at least for the time being).
- I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to our Junior Warden, Bro. Phillip Weiss, for his effort with the Annual Arcana Brunch, devoted to the memory of W.:Sam Weiss, and his dedicated work with the **Widows & Orphans Outreach Program**. Bro. Weiss, at his own expense, crafted and mailed a lovely and sensitively worded letter to the families of our departed Lodge Brethren; I’m sure it touched the hearts of all those receiving the communication.
- I would like to express my gratitude to W.:Joseph Bonsignore for his work in finalizing the Annual Arcana Brunch arrangements. Joe is a man with many responsibilities, so it’s no small task for him to put the finishing touches on our brunch. So, on behalf of Arcana Lodge, accept our thanks Joe.

### Sickness & Distress:

- W.:Jerry Siskin is continuing to receive combination therapy for his seemingly intransigent prostate condition. Nonetheless, Jerry has been able to join us for the past few meetings, and for that we are truly grateful. Please join me in keeping Jerry in our prayers and I ask you to 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.
- We mourn the passing on April 24<sup>th</sup> of W.:Angelo Genetin, who was Past Master of Goulet Lodge, now a part of Arcana Lodge. A Masonic Funeral presided over by W.:Larry Sussman and W.:Seth Zolot was conducted at Massapequa Funeral Home in Massapequa Park, NY. May his soul rest in ever-lasting peace in the Grand Celestial Lodge.

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### **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

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**Junior Deacon:** Bro. Lawrence Centore

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

**Marshall:** Bro. Phil Chulbi

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

**Arcana Lodge Historian:** Bro. Phillip Weiss

## 2005-2006 Year of the Ashlar

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

