

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

BRO Phillip Hughes was hospitalized from an accident with a taxicab and is now recovering from his injuries at home.  
BRO James Roberts has returned to active involvement in Amity and has been elected Master of Bunting Charity Lodge while still recovering from serious injuries to one of his legs as a result of a motorcycle accident last July!  
Congratulations R.W.: Jim Roberts!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11, 2006 **Sunday Evening !**

The Fifth Manhattan District Association *in conjunction with* The Fifth District Camp Fund for Underprivileged Children Present A Charity Ball Testimonial Dinner Dance

*in honor of*

R.W.: JOHN P. CHANG, D. D. G. M. 2004-2006  
@ FORT HAMILTON COMMUNITY CLUB  
Washington Room - Fort Hamilton Army Base, Brooklyn, NY 11252  
Tickets are available through R.W.:Joe Quinones (917-213-7426), or W.:Jason Palmer (212) 327-3528

June 23-25, 2006 St. John's Weekend, Utica, NY. Check the "Empire State Mason" for details.

AUGUST 19, 2006 INVITATION TO THE R.W.: ED WEIGERT'S BLOCK AND BEACH PARTY

## MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND

The principal charity of the Grand Lodge of the State of NY is the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, which acts as an umbrella for all the charitable endeavors of the Grand Lodge and makes it all possible. These worthwhile charitable ventures include the Masonic Home, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, the Livingston Masonic Library, Masonic Benevolence, the Masonic Youth Foundation, the Veterans Service Committee, to name a few. If you wish to support this fund with a donation of any amount, please contact our Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Bro. Anthony Biz, at 917-923-6254.

## OFFICERS

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<b>Bro. Caga Ozer</b>	Junior Master of Ceremony
<b>Bro. Sultan Kojasevic</b>	Steward
<b>Bro. John Vakalopoulos</b>	Steward
<b>Bro. Anthony Stamatouras</b>	Marshall
<b>Wor. Hamid Lalani</b>	Chaplain
<b>Wor. Khristos Karastathis</b>	Trustee
<b>Bro. Michael Marks</b>	Trustee
<b>Bro. Mehmet Elbassan</b>	Trustee
<b>Wor. Harry Zoref</b>	Tiler

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

M.W.: Gary A. Henningsen, P.G.M  
R.W.: Richard W. Bateman, Asst. Grand Secretary  
R.W.: Walter R. Moore, Past D.D.G.M. 5<sup>th</sup> Manhattan

## LODGE LEADERS

R.W.: Steve Kastner, GSB (2000-02) 718-745-5589  
R.W.: Edward Weigert, G.G.D.M. 718-627-7500

## COMMITTEES

Membership Investigation:  
WOR K. Karastathis, BRO A. Stamatouras, BRO E. Biz  
Masonic Education: VW S. Kastner  
Masonic Brotherhood Fund: BRO A. Biz  
Finance Committee: BRO J. Roberts  
By-laws: BRO E. Biz, BRO M. Marks, BRO D. King, VW S. Kastner  
Monthly Bulletin: BRO D. King, BRO K. Cullen, Mr. J. Gorkic  
Anniversary Yearbook: WOR K. Karastathis, BRO D. King, BRO K. Cullen  
Bequests to Amity: WOR K. Karastathis

## 2005-2006

## AMITY LODGE

NO. 323 F.&A.M. June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
CHARTERED – JUNE 15, 1854

M.W.: NEAL I. BIDNICK  
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

R.W.: EDWARD WEIGERT,  
D.D.G.M. – FIFTH MANHATTAN DISTRICT



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MEETS SECOND THURSDAY AT MASONIC HALL  
71 WEST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET, CORINTHIAN ROOM  
MANHATTAN

Dear Brother,

You and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to attend the next Stated Communications of Amity Lodge #323 F.&A.M, to be held in the Corinthian Room, 8th Floor, Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. for the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before it.

Thursday Evening, June 8, 2006, at 7:30 PM

Program of the Evening:

Election and Installation of the Officers of Amity Lodge

Fraternally,



*Ken Cullen*

Valentin Paytchinov  
Master

Ken Cullen  
Secretary

AWAITING THE DEGREE OF MASTER  
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Bro. Ozgur Gokirmak 917-669-8857  
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Mr. Istemihan Oguz Onaran 201-896-0626  
Mr. Vladut Virvescou

FROM THE EAST

Dear Brethren,

It is a great honor for me to be elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Amity Lodge. My special thanks to W.: Khris Karastathis, R.W.: Steven Kastner and R.W.: Edward Weigert for their help with the Election and Installation. Thanks also to all brothers who came, voted and supported our May 2006 communication and I keep my hopes up that even more of us will attend the Lodge during the year. You made it a very memorable evening for me and our new Officers, who I personally congratulate. We will do our best to maintain and improve Amity Lodge this coming year.

At our June communication, we will discuss business issues for Amity and I will share the plan for the next meetings. Please, everyone who did not pay there dues yet, bring your checkbooks and do so. I expect all of you to come with your passion, ideas and suggestions, full of care for Amity Lodge. Let us remember that we are all different, but we have the same goal, the rise of our Lodge. All the work must be done in a manner of peace and good fellowship.

Bon Voyage  
Fraternally,  
Valentin Peytchinov,

Worshipful Master

FROM THE SECRETARY

R.W.: Ed Weigert has been very generous in offering his time and assistance in helping me through my learning curve upon being appointed interim Secretary and then as elected Secretary.

While it seems a bit overwhelming at this point I am confident that with the DDGM's support and guidance from other brothers serving as Secretary in different Lodges that I will be able to serve the needs of the brothers. I want to thank the brothers who supported my election to Secretary. I hope to prove worthy of their trust. The Grand Lodge has moved decisively to automate many functions of the Secretary using IT to increase access and communication amongst our brothers while reducing the paperwork and the cost. I hope to continue to help with this effort to computerize various repetitive functions to save both time and money that can better be directed to worthwhile projects of the lodge such as the support of the men and women of our armed forces serving in Iraq by our fraternity suggested by DDGM Weigert in recent emails on the listserv!

Some things will not change. Dues for Amity Lodge are \$80.00 per year and initiation fees are now \$300.00 effective 1/1/06. If you owe past dues, please bring your checkbook, and pay your dues for the continued health of our lodge.

If you cannot pay your dues because you are financially destitute, please contact Grand Lodge to request a form excusing you from paying your dues if you qualify for such relief.

I look forward to serving the lodge in this transitional period. I am also eager to get feedback and material for the webpage. If we can move to greater use of the webpage and email listserv for monthly and daily communication, we can drastically reduce the escalating costs of mailings. (KenCullen@GMail.com)

Fraternally,  
Ken Cullen,  
Secretary