

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 is still healing from serious injuries to one of his legs as a result of a motorcycle accident last July.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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.

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Anniversary Yearbook: WOR K. Karastathis, BRO D.

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AMITY LODGE

NO. 323 F.&A.M. May 11th, 2006

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Dear Brother,

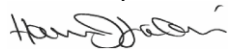
You and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to attend the next Stated Communications of Amity Lodge #323 F.&A.M, to be held in the Corinthian Room, 8th Floor, Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. for the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought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

Thursday Evening, May 11, 2006, at 7:30 PM

Program of the Evening:

Election and Installation of the Officers of Amity Lodge

Fraternally,



Hamid Lalani
Master



Ken Cullen
Secretary

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FROM THE EAST

My Dearest Brothers,

It has been my great honor and pleasure to have served as Master of Amity for the past year. I want to thank all of my brothers who have contributed to the

life of the lodge and the success of my term. I want to thank all of you for your personal support and dedication to growth of our lodge. In particular I want to express my deepest thanks to the Senior and Junior Wardens who have given freely of their time and talents.

I am confident that all of you will lend your fraternal support and good wishes to Edward Weigert, as the newly elected DDGM, 5th Manhattan District. He has informed me that he plans on visiting Amity lodge on May 11, 2006. I am sure we can count on his leadership and guidance given his strong fraternal ties to our lodge. Again I urge all of you to extend the same support you have kindly shown me to the newly elected officers of our lodge after this month's election.

That brings me to my next topic: the Amity Lodge election of 5/11/06. Our lodge will elect a new Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior and Junior Wardens, and one Trustee on that day. It is very important that you attend the May 2006 election and give every candidate serious consideration. The future of our lodge depends upon the quality, hard work, and dedication of our new officers. In order to make your choice and elect them into office, you must BE THERE to do so. There are no proxy votes allowed. Please attend and elect the candidate of your choice.

Finally, I wish to remind you that Bro. Daniel King has resigned from his post of Secretary of our lodge after twelve years of excellent service. His increased work and service obligations as a Deputy Sheriff, member of numerous military associations, and newly elected First Vice President of his union have made it impossible for him to serve as Secretary any longer. He will remain a member of the lodge and work closely with his replacement to insure a smooth and professional transition. I have appointed Bro Ken Cullen, our lodge bulletin publisher and a Master Mason in our lodge since 1995, to serve as Bro. King's replacement as Acting Secretary until the election.

I will continue to work with you to improve the life of our lodge as my term as Master ends and the new Master's term begins. It is this continuing sense of belief in the principles of Freemasonry that makes me

so proud to be a member of this Fraternity and just as proud to have served you as the Master of this lodge.

Fraternally,

Hamid Lalani

Worshipful Master

FROM THE SECRETARY

Transitional periods are always difficult but Bro. King has helped me begin my service as Interim Secretary. It is an interesting time to be Secretary as 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