

# VENICE LODGE NO. 301 F & A.M.

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**W.:M. John R. Latta**  
Worshipful Master



**R.W.: Stephen H. Clark**  
Secretary

Chartered April 18, 1951

Stated Communications 7:30 P.M.  
1st and 3rd Mondays

## FROM THE EAST

Well summer is almost upon us and our seasonal brothers have all gone north. Now is the perfect opportunity to do some house cleaning. To that end, come join me on Saturday, May 22nd at the Lodge so that we can give it some much needed attention. I intend to get into all the corners and clean out all the cobwebs and unnecessary material. Ensure we have everything required and in good condition to operate an effective Lodge. And give the building and grounds a good going over. I plan on starting around 9:00 AM and working as long as needed. As noted below we will need lawn equipment and probably someone with a truck to haul stuff off.

As we do not normally do a pot luck in May due to Memorial Day, I thought it would be nice to have an old fashion picnic. To be held on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at a time and place to be determined. If you know of a suitable location that we could get into, let me know. The Lodge will provide the meat, just bring an appropriate picnic item to pass. Also the Master Mason Association is hosting a bowling party to help offset the cost to lodges for the Most Worshipful Grand Masters visit to the 27<sup>th</sup> Masonic District on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3 P.M. at the Sarasota Lanes. Anyone interested contact me or any of my officers for information and tickets

Finally welcome our newest members, Brothers William S. Long Jr. and Gregory Jones by affiliation and Victor Malawin by dual membership. And our newly raised Brother George Menowski who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Englewood Lodge #360 on May 1<sup>st</sup>. I invite all Brothers to come on in and make yourselves known to them, see you at Lodge. We go dark in June and will only meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.

W.: John Latta

## FROM THE WEST

Thanks to the Brothers who have responded to my requests for e-mail addresses and who have completed the Member info forms and The Talent Survey. Our Lodge is in need of volunteers for a number of committees. We are always looking for Catechism instructors or those who want to learn the Catechism. A good way to do this is come to our Catechism practices. This invitation is open to all members. Interested? E-mail me at missingyrs@aol.com and I'll let

you know when the next practice is scheduled.

Other committees that need immediate attention are the maintenance committee and a kitchen/cooking committee. Our maintenance committee is in need of additional volunteers and a good lawnmower and weed whacker. The duties are light, but they have been handled by one person for the last 11 years and should be shared. If you have some free time and/or you have a good lawnmower or weed whacker, please consider donating them to the Lodge.

The other committee that needs immediate attention is a kitchen/cooking committee. The Lodge is always in need of funds and cook-outs are an easy and fun way to raise money and build relationships in the Lodge. If you like to cook, or if you'd like to learn to cook, please consider joining this committee.

You may contact me at the above e-mail with your questions or to volunteer. I look forward to hearing from you. Remember, our Lodge benefits by every little action taken by its members. Please consider helping in these areas or in any arena you may have an interest in.

Barry D. Hart, 33°

## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren, before we know it, summer will be upon us and we will go dark for the first meeting of the month. The year is going fast. Let us join together and make an effort to look for new members. I was in a restaurant just the other day and overheard the gentleman in the next booth with his wife offering his little girl some care, love and understanding while eating their meal. I heard him saying that he was looking for avenues to increase his knowledge of his community and get involved in something worth while. I spoke up and invited conversation by sharing how good the food was that we were enjoying. I heard him say he liked hot and spicy food, so I used that to open up conversation. I then brought up the fact that I was a Mason and overheard he was looking for involvement in something worthwhile in the community. Then, his wife spoke up to say her Father was a Mason. I will be getting him a petition soon, with his wife supporting my efforts. Look around you and you will find a like situation. I wish you good prospecting.

Fraternally yours,  
W.: Lou Marchetti

## MAY - JUNE

### Masonic Birthdays

Steven Ellis .....	05-01-93
Paul T Marrone .....	05-01-93
Earl D Orth .....	05-02-05
William T Broom .....	05-05-78
Maurice M Dalton Sr .....	05-05-78
George L Deneen .....	05-05-78
Hampton L Crimi .....	05-05-97
Alvin J Winslow .....	05-07-75
George W Estes Jr .....	05-08-68
David F Altmier .....	05-10-45
Robert E Doody .....	05-11-64
James S King Sr .....	05-12-75
Terry L Garner .....	05-15-76
Phillip J Kopp .....	05-15-76
Kenneth F Baier .....	05-17-97
Donald L Pursell .....	05-20-93
Joseph V Mahoney .....	05-14-50
Malcolm B Ryder .....	05-24-56
John L Robertson .....	05-24-97
David J Rife .....	05-25-70
Warren E Gnegy .....	05-27-02
John C Hobeika .....	05-27-02
Sigfried Pahl .....	05-27-02
Charles W Schafer .....	05-27-02
Robell T Snow .....	05-27-02
Glen E Hoeschen .....	05-27-63
John E Rogers .....	06-01-76
B John Ross .....	06-02-53
Frederick Ellis .....	06-02-86
John Winn .....	06-02-86
Charles T Yelton .....	06-04-94
John H Greene III .....	06-05-82
Edward J Crowe .....	06-10-85
Robert B Strayer .....	06-17-52
Donald C Anderson .....	06-18-54
Thomas J Millaway .....	06-20-95
Frederick L Carmen .....	06-23-79
Robert S Hamilton .....	06-23-79
Edward G Drake .....	06-24-68
George A Menold .....	06-25-65
Lambert E Stewart .....	06-25-79
Louie E Kelly .....	06-26-67
Maurice M Hamblett .....	06-29-39
Oliver H Kortjohn .....	06-30-49
Robert L Anderson .....	06-30-58

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Maurice M. Dalton**	1982	B. David Harris Jr.	1993	Eric B. West**	2000	Joseph F. Stella	2007
George DeNeen	1984	Stephen H. Clark**	1994	B. John Ross	2001	G. "Rocky" Kearney	2008
C. Bruce Jones	1985	Malcolm B. Ryder	1995	John F. Wermann	2002	John C. Hobeika	2009
William W. Brooks	1986	Louie Kelly	1996	Hampton Crimi	2003		
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