

Masonic Membership Card:

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual Kin- with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry, and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect and defend theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though

they be but few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.

It tells me that and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud, yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends and brothers that are numbered in the millions.

Knickerbocker Lodge

2005-2006 Officers

Master: W.: Mike Karipidis

Senior Warden: Bro. Cris Reyes

Junior Warden: Bro. Ricardo Leiva

Senior Deacon: Bro. Mario Labot

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Knickerbocker Lodge # 182 F. & A. M.



**NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 8TH,
7:30 P.M.**

**NY GRAND LODGE
FRENCH DORIC RM
71 WEST 23RD ST.
NEW YORK, NY**

KNICKERBOCKER LODGE 182

F. & A. M. NEW YORK, NY

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 8th,
7:30 P.M.

NY Grand Lodge
French Doric Room
71 West 23rd St. NYC



From the East: Brethren, Thank you and your families for attending the November meeting where our DDGM R.'W.'.Roy Puckhaber and GSB R.'W.'. Mike Moriarty presented Years of Service certificates to W.'. Marvin Feldman , W.'. Ira Krandle, W.'. Robert Paston and Bro. Lee Robbins. Afterward we had the largest celebration at El Quixote we can remember. Have a wonderful Holiday Season. W.'. Mike Karipidis

Secretary's Note: My Brothers, look in your wallet. Do you see a 2006 Knickerbocker Dues Card? You are now able to remedy this situation. Dues notices will be in the mail shortly, and your attention is appreciated. We are changing over to MORI, the new Masonic On-Line Registry Program run by NY Grand Lodge for both dues and registry records. This is a centralized database for all Masons in New York State. It will be much easier to make updates and corrections. Happy Holidays! W.'. Jonathan Blausten

A Masonic Christmas Story

By Wor. Bro. C.S.L. (Laurie) Lund & V.W.Bro. R.G. (Ron) Dixon

(With Apologies to Clement C. Moore)

'Twas nigh afore **Christmas** at the Freemason's Hall
(Civil Services' regular), the order was tall;
Reams from Grand Lodge, a notice of motion,
A ballot or two and a pause for devotion
To brethren departed of the year '94,
Plus a candidate who would soon walk the floor.

Our own Junior Warden, when faced with the crunch
Said, "Let's all call off and go upstairs for lunch."
The Master replied, as Masters all do,
Intoned in a voice reserved for the few,
"Before we partake of the fellowship there
Is the summons to read and a ballot to clear.
Not to mention the candidate, he's quaking with dread
At the stories of whether the goat has been fed."

The Master, exhorting the brethren to work,
A firm grip on the gavel, he turned with a jerk
To the Secretary, putting a shine to each lens,
Polished both to a lustre and reached for his pens.

"It's half past the hour," the Master then winced
At the stuff left to do and remained unconvinced
That the evening would go as smooth as he'd hoped
Since he'd gone to the trouble of feeding the goat.
"Though the ballot's behind us, the notice is gone,
Grand Lodge is finished, the work still goes on."

The Inner Guard knew as the Tyler did too
That knock, knock and knock was the right thing to do.
Sidebenchers slept soundly and were only stirred
When the crack of the candidate's knuckles was heard
The slight groan that penetrated lips that were pursed
Appeared to the Deacon as just a light curse.

Onward they travel, the guide and the man
Seeking truth and enlightenment wherever they can
The secrets were given, the grip and the token,
Obligation was offered, the words then were spoken.
Though never, not once, was one heard to gloat
As the Entered Apprentice never did meet the goat.

The evening now ended, the candidate clear
Junior Warden entreats from the South us to hear
The oath we look forward to right from the start,
"Happy to meet and sorry to part."

Christmas had come to Civil Service that night
As men came together under the light
Giving freely of time as a labour of love
As we bent to the task of the Most High above.

To Stewards, to Deacons, the Tyler, the 'Guard
The Wardens, the Master, who all work so hard,
To Past Masters steady, Sidebenchers too
To Treasurer, Chaplain, the D. of C. who
Help carry the Lodge, year in and year out
To your family extended, a warm **Christmas** time.
Thank the G.A.O.T.U. we've run out of rhyme!

V.W.Bro. Ronald G. Dixon, Grand Steward Secretary,
Civil Service Lodge No. 148, The Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario