

Dear Brethren,



You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the **534th & 535th Stated Communications** of Aurora Grata-Day Star Lodge No. 647 F.& A.M. to be held on

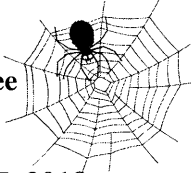
**Thursday Evening, Oct. 11, 2018
at 7:30 p.m.**

for the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge and then we will have

Master Mason Degree

and on

**Thursday Evening, Oct. 25, 2018
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Historical Lecture - Questions & Answers

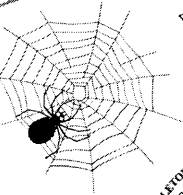
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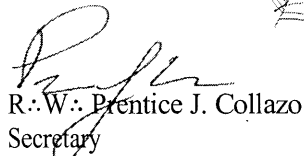
- Oct 11**.....Black Tie
- Oct 25**.....Dark Business Suit

By order of:



W.: Americo Paez
Master




R.: W.: Prentice J. Collazo
Secretary



From the East



Greeting from the East,

First I'd like to thank R.: W.: Prentice Collazo, District Deputy Grand Master of the 3rd Kings Masonic District representing the Most Worshipful William Sardone, Grand Master of Masons in New York for coming to or lodge and delivering the Grand Master's message. I re-iterate the lodges support in intent and action to meet the lofty goals set forth. Certainly, the most unique, yet worthwhile goal is for the building of a Greenhouse for the benefit of the residents of the Masonic Care Community of New York. It will allow the residents to remain active in a fun and fruitful way (pun entirely intended). If you are interested in donating, and no amount is too small, please reach out directly to R. W. Collazo, and he will see your gift gets to where it needs to go.

I'd like to also thank Worshipful James Gregg of George Washington lodge No. 285 for presenting his lecture before the brethren of Aurora Grata. The Lecture was given while the lodge was on the First Degree of Masonry. For those who may not be aware, since the last Grand Lodge session, lodges may now Open, and Conduct business on any of the 3 degrees. We have already experienced increased participation from our Fellowcrafts, and now Entered Apprentices. This is an unprecedented time in New York Masonry, and we well on our way to helping create future Craftsman. And I'm certain that though the lecture was on material of the Entered Apprentice, there were few Masons in that room that didn't learn something valuable. It goes to show, that we are forever Apprentices to the Gentle Craft.

The month of October brings about special event, the most special event in Masonry; the raising of worthy brothers to the Sublime

degree of Master Mason. The Raising and Drama will be on October 11th, while the Lecture, presentations and remaining portions will be on October 25th. I urge you brothers; If you are able to attend, please do, and show your support for the future of Freemasonry, and our Lodge.

May the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon us all.

Fraternally,
W.: Americo Paez
Master

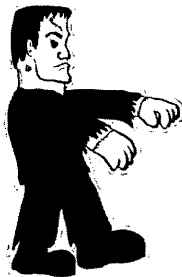
From the West

Greetings from the West,

At our first meeting in September we had the official visit of R.:W.: Prentice Collazo the District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Kings District. The message of the M.: W.: William M. Sardone the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York was read. Also, R.: W.: Prentice Collazo reviewed many of the programs & activities the Grand Master has planned for the coming year.

We received some sad news during the month of September. Brother Herbert W. Richter passed away on September 8th. A Masonic Funeral Service was not requested by the family. There was a Funeral Mass at Redeemer St. John's Lutheran Church in Brooklyn on September 15th which both W.: Americo Paez & I attended. My Brothers please keep the family of Brother Richter in our thoughts & prayers.

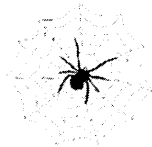
During the second meeting in September we had a lecture by W.: James Gregg of George Washington Lodge No. 285 on the First Degree of Masonry. This was a very interesting presentation and I am sure everyone that attended learned something. Thank you to W.: James Gregg for doing an



excellent job.

In October we will be conferring the Sublime Degree of Master Mason upon our Fellowcrafts. My Brothers please attend this degree and welcome our new Brothers.

Fraternally,
Bro. Walter R. Leong
Senior Warden



From the South

Greetings from the South,

Brethren, I hope you and your families are all well. Also, at our last lodge meeting we had W.: James Gregg give an excellent educational summarization of the major aspects of the entire first degree, and I am sure we all agree that it was enlightening lecture. As autumn already started, most of us prepare for the upcoming holiday gatherings with family, friends, and the brothers at lodge events for festive activities, so we look forward to seeing you there.

In our two October lodge meetings, we will confer the Master Mason Degree in two parts, the Drama/Address, and the Historical Lecture/Q&As on our proficient Follow Craft brothers. It should be a top priority for every brother to attend both parts, not just for the Follow Crafts, but for us to reinforce the principles inculcated in the Master Mason Degree. Furthermore, it was great to see the Entered Apprentice and Follow Craft brothers attending and participating in the lodge events and activities, we can rest a sure that the future of the lodge looks bright! Finally, we hope to see you at the lodge meetings, and if you have any questions, concerns or just want to get any other updates, please feel free to contact any of the officers.

Fraternally,
Bro. Joseph Pagan
Junior Warden



The White Aproned Brothers

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Come, cease from your labors, Ye white-aproned neighbors, And answer my words- Tell us who are ye? "We are friends of humanity, Hating profanity, Spurning all vanity, Children of Peace- Men who can feel All our own need of kindness, And bless the Great God, Who hath lightened our blindness."



Tell us, what do ye? "By precept, example, We're building a temple, Fair, lofty and ample, For Him whom we serve- Following the plans That our Master doth give us, And amply repaid When His servants receive us."

And what do you work with? "The Gauge and the Gavel, The Plumb, Square, and Level, And then as we travel, The Trowel we hold- Skillfully these, As first we're Inducted- Obediently these, In the way we're Instructed."

Your timbers, what are they? "The blocks that we quarry, The timbers so heavy, Our hands shape and carry, Those ashlars are MEN; Rough ashlars they are- But hewed, marked and garnished, By precepts divine, Our task will be finished."

Your resting, when is it? "We look for no leisure, We sigh for no pleasure, We covet no treasure, Till Saturday night Wages and joys, And a rest without breaking, Wait for us then, In the home that we're seeking."

Happy
Halloween



From the Secretary's Desk

Awaiting the Master Mason Degree

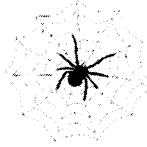
Javier Alcantarilla

Derrick Bowers

Andres Cherrington

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Dan Leavy



Please send in your 2018 membership dues if you have not already done so. If you are having financial difficulties please contact me.

May the Great Architect of the Universe Protect and keep us all, Amen...

