



Massena Lodge 513 F&AM
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December 6, 2011

Brethren of Massena Lodge 513,

The Officers and Members of Massena Lodge 513 wish to extend the very best Holiday wishes to you and your family!
 Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

Welcome New Members!

We want to welcome the new members of our Lodge, Master Masons Allen Fukes, Scott Lanning, and Mario Colon, who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 27th 2011. Please join us in welcoming them! Brother Colon has asked for an office, so I have appointed him Tiler for the remainder of the Masonic Year. Congratulations!

Sad Tidings

Barbara Joan Avila Baldwin, wife of Brother Leonard Baldwin, passed away on December 1. Please keep Leonard and his family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Brotherhood Fund

It's that giving time of year again for digging deep in your pockets to help our Brothers in Masonry. Our Brotherhood Fund is the biggest, most important fundraiser of the year, and this year it's as important now as any other time in history. With the national unemployment at its lowest for the longest time in US history, our Brotherhood Fund needs your help NOW more than ever.

We're shooting for a larger percentage of participation. If you haven't donated for a while, please choose to give something, even if it's \$5, \$10, or \$20. Please give as much as you can. Every donation helps, and you can be sure it will be going toward good Masonic use.

This year, our District lodges are challenging each other in a friendly competition for increase of participation. We're challenging Amber Lodge to try to beat our participation level. Please, donate something and help defend the dignity of Massena Lodge an put us at the top of the heap (where we belong!)

From the Lodge BHF Chairman:

"Good day my Brothers and what an awesome day it is. I, Dewitt G. Forbes, your lodge chairman, would like to start by saying "KUDOS" to my Brothers for a job well done while lending a big hand in support of our Brotherhood Fund. We doubled the prior years percentage rate of Brothers' selfless act of giving to the Brotherhood fund. Please accept my humble thanks and gratitude from our Lodge for your generosity .

Well, it's time for our mission to kick off again for another season of great giving to help others. Our lodge has been challenged by Amber Lodge in the raising of funds for the Brotherhood Fund and know I can count on each and everyone of my Brothers to help out, by giving, as you can to this most important mission. Again thank you so much for your support and may you and your family have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

*Dewitt G. Forbes
 Brotherhood Chairman"*

Next Meeting: December 13, 2011
Special Recognition of our Lodge

The New York State Legislature has passed a resolution (No. 963), to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Massena Lodge 513. We will be presented a certificate at our meeting on December 13th by Dick Ashlaw, Constituent Representative for Senator Joseph Griffo. We hope to have as many Brothers here as possible to receive such an honor, so please mark you calendar and plan on representing our Lodge!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year to you and your loved ones!

Fraternally,

**W.: John Schneider
 Master, Massena Lodge 513**

