



W Robert J. Mahony
orders you to reply to this Communication summoning you to attend the
965th Communication of Publicity Lodge M in the Doric Room on the
8th floor of Grand Lodge (71 W 23rd St.) on Monday, March 7, 2016,
in time for opening Lodge at 6:09 PM in order to examine or Raise five
Fellowcrafts to the Degree of Master Mason and act on items in the agenda
herewith.

Attire for the evening will be dark business suit or black tie.

Lodge Brothers will subsequently host Brothers and gentlemen guests at a
Table Lodge commencing at approximately 9:00 PM in the
Jacobean Room adjacent to the Doric Room.

Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons attending the Table
Lodge must reply no later than noon, Saturday, March 5th through our new
website—which will accept your \$25-per-person payment for refreshments as well
as annual dues for 2015 (\$161) and 2016 (\$163).

Credit-card payment options other than PayPal are now available.
If you prefer to pay by cash, you must make that known in your
reply to this Communication.

Attendees should respond at <http://www.publicity1000.org/shoptopurchase>
meals or pay annual dues. To assure your security, do not click on this or any
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from your Lodge.

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AGENDA

6:09 Lodge Opening

6:30 Admitting the tardy

6:35 Welcome Guests

6:40 Sickness

6:45 Tidings

6:50 Peditions Read and Assign to
Investigating Committee

6:55 Reports of Investigating Com-
mittee: EA Bro. Samy

7:00 Ballot on Bro. Samy for Mem-
bership

7:15 Miscellaneous Reports

7:20 Discussion & Vote on Pro-
posed Amendment to ByLaws
IV, Section 1 (a)

7:30 3rd Degree First Section and
Raising

8:30 Master Lectures

8:32 Final Call for informing the
Lodge before Closing

8:40 Read & approve minutes (from
an annotated Master's agenda)

8:45 Lodge Closing

9:00 Final Gavel

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Our Brothers opened our 964th Communication on February 1st and passed an amendment to our By Laws immediately before passing five Brothers to Fellow Craft. I subsequently submitted the amendment to Brother William Shayne, D.S.A., who chairs the By Law Committee and manages the record of amendments to our By Laws.

We also initiated the first phase of improving communication with all Brothers by establishing a new "Membership Committee," which Brother Secretary Art Paolillo now Chairs. Our task is to assist Brother Art in his already excellent communication with Brothers who do not attend Lodge. We have Brothers now living in Iowa and Pennsylvania, Brothers in the Greater New York Area in need of a Brother to drive them to Lodge, and Brothers whose stories of Masonry should be preserved by our efforts to bring their words or memorabilia into our Lodge Room to invigorate us all. We also have widows that may not need our relief but deserve our recognition that we have not forgotten them or their beloved husbands.

I called Leslie Schwartz, widow of late Brother Howard Schwartz, to share with her Howie's memorial held in our February Lodge and to tell her that one of our Brothers is also anonymously donating thirty lodge-brother aprons (blue bordered) in honor of Howie, which will replace the relics we now wear. She needed to know that we will not forget her or our Brother. She told me that our Masonic service at Howie's funeral moved her and helped the family celebrate a part of Howie unfamiliar to them as well as the Howie they knew. Leslie shared Bro. John Heck's eulogy of Howie with Howie's doctors and nurses who all helped us help Howie as he traveled on the level of time as a Mason's Mason. Brothers Bob Kellner, John Heck, Bill Shayne and Alan Stolzer were especially close to Howie, and Howie requested that the Lodge limit his visitors over the years to this handful of Brothers who visited him regularly and reported on Howie at every Lodge. In Howie's last month with us, he told Leslie that she must pay his Lodge dues!!

Yes, our Brothers enrich the world in simple but powerful ways. Our Lodge initiative to keep in touch with Brothers is a first step in caring for all our Brothers as we have with Howie and his family.

By working with Brother Art, I selected a short list of Brothers who have leadership or years of membership in Publicity to take the first steps in working with Brother Art to form a network of active, personal communication with our distant Brothers. By bringing Brothers Sanders, DiGiantomasso, Smith, Avgerakis, Stolzer, and Heck to the East and handing each a few names to call, I showed the more than 30 Brothers present in Lodge those Brother Art and I selected to lead the effort and report back to the Lodge the information and stories that we can celebrate at Labor or Refreshment. I also subsequently gave each a brief questionnaire to guide them in their outreach.

Many of these Brothers, especially Brother Art, have been in touch with the Brothers whose names I handed them. Brother Art for example recently discovered that Brother Gutgsell, a nonagenarian, was never presented his Lambskin! Brother Art has already begun the process of finding a Lodge in Iowa that will present Brother Gutgsell with his Lambskin. And Brother Gutgsell quipped that Art should probably hurry!!

We expect to raise as many as ten Brothers to Master Mason before our elections in May. Brother Senior Deacon Orlando Velez and his teams have excelled in investigating them as gentlemen and examining their proficiency as Brothers.

—W\ Robert J. Mahony ☒

THE DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

Monday, March 7, 2016

THE FIRST SECTION OF THE THIRD DEGREE • The Ritual of Raising

In the East • Master: W\Robert J. Mahony, P.M.

Chaplain: W\ Kevin M. Murphy, P.M. Senior Deacon: Bro. Orlando L. Velez

Marshal: Bro. Kenneth E. Rhodes, Jr.

In the West • Senior Warden: Bro. Edward J. Sanders

Senior Master of Ceremony: Bro. Warren C. Hershkowitz

Junior Master of Ceremony: Bro. James Lawrence, III

Junior Deacon: Bro. Wyeth Fetterman Tiler: Bro. Ricardo Hernandez

In the South • Junior Warden: Bro. Michael S. Wishart

Senior Steward: Bro. Edward Pierre-Paul Junior Steward: Bro. Jason P. Draine

The Working Tools • Bro. Alan B. Stolzer, D.S.A.

THE SECOND SECTION OF THE THIRD DEGREE

• **Part One** - The Candidate Entrance and Raising •



On February 1, we Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree the five Brothers pictured above (from the left): Diego Nieto, Gabriel Calderon, Driton Shala, Randy Davison, and Gordon LaForge.

TRESTLEBOARD

**Awaiting a Report from
The Investigating Committee**

(none)

**Awaiting the Degree of
Entered Apprentice**

(none)

**Awaiting the Degree of
Fellowcraft**

Bro. Hubert D. Delany
Bro. Jaime Betancur
Bro. James Short
Bro. Jeffrey Samy

**Awaiting the Degree of
Master Mason**

Bro. Gabriel M. Calderon
Bro. William Randall Davison
Bro. Gordon LaForge
Bro. Diego Nieto
Bro. Driton Shala
Bro. Christopher R. Quimby
Bro. Mark J. Schlossberg
Bro. Peter Secada
Bro. Robert A. Esqueda
Bro. Richard S. Murphy