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APPOINTED OFFICERS

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Committee on Furniture, Chairman Carl R. Sherman, P.M.
Committee on Masonic History, Chairman Raul Salcedo

STEWARDS

William C. Kalinich, Jr., JW, (Chair) ~ Frank S. Mellert, PM (Chef) ~ Paris D. Alunni, PM (Assistant Chef)
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LIVING PAST MASTERS

2011 Rafael B. Acosta-Miranda 1999 Darwin L. Shoener, DDGM 1985 Warren S. Lewis 1966 Michael J. Pacyna
2010 Stephen M. Armstrong 1998 Darwin L. Shoener, DDGM 1984 James E. James 1989 * Robert S. Price
2009 Eric S. Smith 1997 Richard J. Belardi 1983 James R. Stewart 1984 * William F. Schneider
2008 Christopher M. James 1996 Louis M. Priorielli 1981 Richard B. Rozell 1957 * Edger H. Edwards, Jr.
2007 David M. Rozell 1995 Patrick J. Connor 1978 Warren W. Maxson 1954 * William F. Schneider
2006 Richard B. Rozell 1994 LeRoy C. Cook 1977 Evan "Jim" Jones * Hiram Lodge No. 261
2005 Russell L. Fenton, Jr. 1993 Fred T. James 1976 Algrid A. Aukscunas 1988 Gordon M. Coniff #339
2004 Lance J. Stange, Jr. 1992 Frank S. Mellert 1975 Robert C. Jones 1980 Clinton E. Shrive, PDDGM.#64
2003 Jon M. Stewart 1991 William G. Beattie 1973 Carl R. Sherman 1981 Paris D. Alunni, #584
2002 Charles J. Parry 1988 James D. Nagle 1968 Harry W. Sexton II 2001 Michael E. Cucura, #466
2000 Frank S. Mellert 1987 William R. Quinn 1967 William W. Jones 2002 John A. DePrimo #466



Constituted November 29th, 1854

Union Lodge No. 291 F. & A. M.

A Stated Meeting of UNION LODGE No. 291 Free and Accepted Masons will be held in Sherrill G. Snyder Hall, Masonic Temple and Scottish-Rite Cathedral
420.N. Washington Avenue Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503
Constituted November 29th 1854 ~ 2012 158 Years

First Thursday, January 5, 2012

at Seven-Thirty (7:30) O'clock, pm, EST

Home Made ~ Beef Stew Dinner

Prepared by Brother: Frank S. Mellert, P.M. and wife Ann Mellert
Will be served **BEFORE** the meeting at 6:30 pm

PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING

By: Brother Kyle Kemp

Officer of the Scranton Police Force, K-9 Division
And his German Shepherd

ECKO

Together will demonstrate varies techniques, in control!

EXTRA MEETING FOR CONFERRING DEGREES:

Thursday Evening, January 12th, 2012 at 7:00 O'clock pm

The Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree will be conferred upon:

Javier Emilio Acosta-Gomez and Lawrence Nelson Sykes

The (3rd) Master Mason's Degree will be conferred upon:

Bro. Joshua Paul Yetter and Bro. Mark Joseph Cannon

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

Happy New Year

James R. Stewart, P.M., Worshipful Master

By: Order of the Worshipful Master: James R. Stewart, P.M.

Attest: Warren W. Maxson, P.M./Secretary

FRIEND TO FRIEND PROGRAM

Membership 12/31/2011	Petitions 2	Entered 0	Died 0	Resigned/Suspended 0	Membership 1/5/2012 268
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JANUARY MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

FREDERICK J. SHORTEN, Jr., 66 yr. Member _____ JAMES R. MESSINA
CARL TAYLOR, 53 yr. Member _____ JAVIER DIAZ
GEOEGE T. LLOYD, 53 yr. Member _____ FRANK D. TYSON
JOHN P. RASPEN, 53 yr. Member _____ NORMAN G. WARDELL
LOUIS CONNOR, 53 yr. Member _____ RONALD W. SEIFERT
FREDERICK T. JAMES, 23 yr. Member, P.M. ~ 1993 _____ HOWARD E. DECKER
PAUL T. BECK, 40 yr. Member _____ COLBY PARRY
J. JEFF STEWART, 40 yr. Member _____ ERIC PARRY
WILLIAM WINDER _____ HOWARD M. SPIZER

A Message from the Secretary's Desk.

Brethren: I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every-one who had the confidence in me to be Elected as Secretary of your Lodge for the 26th year. From this desk I can look back over the past quarter century and recall how a group of us young members (then) took over the responsibility of saving our Lodge from drifting into compliancy and falling into the doldrums, it began with the following events.

- Carl R. Sherman, P.M. ~1973 and Eyan "Jim" Jones, P.M. ~ 1977; began by teaching members Degree work, and the results of that effort, today we have 10 members who can confer all three degrees, and new young members in the process of learning, and are waiting in the wings to go thru the Chairs. This has lifted our Lodge to one of the best in the region.
- Frank S. Mellert, P.M. ~ 1992, 2000 and his wife Ann; who took over the kitchen responsible and began providing us with quality meals, which results in our attendance doubling from 8% to 16%, at our Stated Meetings.
- Warren W. Maxson, P.M. ~ 1978; Designed an accounting system, established a flow chart illustrating varies reserved funds, of which we no longer had to run to the Bank at the end of each year to borrow thousand of dollars to paid our Grand Lodge Dues and Fees.
- Darwin L. Shoener, Jr., P.M. ~ 1998, 1999; updated our complete By-Laws, of which included these various reserve funds, also the History of Union Lodge and the Charges.
- Christopher M. James, P.M. ~ 2008; updated the financial segments (fees, and dues) of our By-Laws in order to become compatible with our Lodge 21st century economic demands.
- Our Lodge is 158 years old, and over the past few years we have taken in many young quality members, and now it is their turn, to pick up the responsibly and continue for the next 158 years.



Joint Installation Banquet- Union Lodge #291 and Schiller Lodge #345
January 14th 2012 (Saturday) Social Hour 6:00 to 7:00 ~ Masonic Temple Ball-Room

Rafael B. Acosta-Rosario *Past M. W. R. W. Grand Master, 2011 of Puerto-Rico*

(Father of our out going Worshipful Master, who will present his son)

Rafael B. Acosta-Miranda, P.M. 2011

With his Past Masters Jewel and Apron

DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

Brethren: As a friendly reminder: there are many members who still owe their 2012 Dues, which are required to be paid no later than our January 5th Stated Meeting. We have enclosed for those members (ONLY) a "Final Dues Statement"

Thank You: James R. Stewart, P.M., Worshipful Master