

# The Fifth Manhattan District Association Bulletin



## Meeting Notice Of

5<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Association  
5<sup>th</sup> District Endowment Fund  
5<sup>th</sup> District Camp Fund for Underprivileged Children  
5<sup>th</sup> District Purple Circle Relief Fund

Saturday  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 6:30pm  
Room 2 East Grand Lodge  
71 West 23<sup>rd</sup> St

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## Meeting Agenda

Call to Order 6:30pm  
Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Welcome  
Remarks of Committees  
Remarks from the Members  
Remarks from the Staff Officer & District Deputy Grand Master  
Benediction & Closing



From the President

My Brothers,

I hope this communication finds you and your family in good health and spirits. I have a lot to be grateful for as I compose this communication. First I would like to thank The Great Architect of the Universe for all the blessings and guidance he has given me. Second, I want to thank you for your support in electing me to a second term as president. Last but not least, I'm grateful for every military man and woman who has served or is serving today to defend our wonderful nation.

Our Annual Festive Board will take the place of our March meeting. The District has agreed that the Harbor Veterans Hospitals will receive the profits from our March 18 District function. We owe so much to our veterans. The Festive Board will begin at 6:30pm, in room 2 East; located at 71 W 23rd Street. There will be good food, libation and many Brothers from and around the New York area making this a memorable event. The contribution is \$55.00.

We will also be raffling off a number of items. Join us for this event and help support your district and veterans.

It is hard to believe that after our Festive Board there is only one more meeting before we go dark. Going dark doesn't mean our labor stops. We have a lot of work to do in the quarries. Together, we have enormous potential that is both strong and focused. Let's strengthen and fortify the Faithful Fifth, for our neighborhood, our family, and our craft. May The Great Architect of the Universe bless us all and help us subdue every discordant passion within us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Brother Anthony Librizzi  
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From the District Deputy Grand Master



Greetings Brothers,

The beginning of this year gave us some difficult news with a number of sad tidings. I wanted to start off by thanking all those brothers who stepped up and offered their condolences, help, and support to those suffering. As a reminder, we are all here as your brothers in the district through good times and bad, so never hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

With that, I wanted to share the attached note we received from the family of Brother Bob Altmann thanking us for the flowers sent on behalf of the District. For the brothers who weren't able to attend, also sharing here the following link that includes our Masonic service which starts about 8 minutes in:

<https://www.hdezwebcast.com/video/41552>

Also, the funeral is covered with wonderful words from his brother in California and from Doris. The main site is at: <https://www.hdezwebcast.com/show/robert-altmann>

As we looking towards the Spring we are reminded of rebirth and the start of warmer days and shorter nights. I am extremely happy and proud of what our lodges in the District are doing. One recent example was True Craftsman's Chinese New Year Dinner, which was again a great success. Kung Hei Fat Choi, and happy Chinese New Year!

Thank you as well to all the Masters (as well as Past Masters) and Wardens who have been helping to coordinate the upcoming District events!

A few dates to keep in mind are the District Wide Festive Board scheduled for March 18th. This year we decided to move it to a Saturday rather than our regular Monday night to encourage broader participation. Please do join us for what will be a great event!

We are also working on a District happy hour in April (more details to come), as well as finalizing details for Saint John's weekend.

Finally I would also like to share that we are kicking off a GoFundMe campaign in support of the upcoming Battle Within Gala. For each brother that raises over \$1,000 from friends, family, brothers, coworkers, etc., he will receive a free ticket to the Gala (estimated value of \$250). Here is the link to sign up for the fundraising team so that you can manage and track donations: [BATTLE WITHIN GOFUNDME LINK](#)

Here is also the link to the main fundraising page as well: <https://gofund.me/fbfc6137>

Again, the Gala is scheduled for November 11th, 2023 and a save the date flier will be coming out soon.

Let's close out our Masonic year strong and may the Great Architect of the Universe watch over us all, our families, first responders, and service members here and abroad! Until we meet again my brothers.

Thank you,  
Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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## From the Grand Sword Bearer

### The Gavel:

I am compelled to speak on the Gavel and what it means to the Brethren, the Officers, to candidates, and our Lodge. It is interesting that the first time the Gavel is known to a candidate is it being struck while perambulating. In the dark, they move (while conducted) and as they pass the strike of the gavel is heard. This is done to communicate that they are properly clothed and in due form.

The Gavel also stops the class at various points in our Ritual as direction is then given by the Worshipful Master. The Gavel also makes an appearance in our Working Tools of the Entered Apprentice Degree. In essence, a Common Gavel is used to shape and break off rough parts of a stone (and we spiritually must also use our spiritual Gavel to excise our temptations, our greed, our ego (any of the Seven Deadly Sins), so we can better create ourselves as God intended, making ourselves (from the inside out), a better man.

We can not speak of the Ashlar without recognizing its counterpart; the Gavel. We can not address our rough edges without first becoming adept in mastering our efforts with the Gavel. Our own journey is a constant effort of knowing thy self and striking away imperfections.

The Gavel, is also a symbol of authority (not leadership). The Gavel is a controlling device that is a tool of leadership. It allows forward movement but most of all it is an instrument of Harmony. If properly used, it keeps all as one and (as the Common Gavel) strikes down disruptions.

The Gavel for myself, has also become a symbol of Trust. The imperative trust as the Brethren elect Officers to lead them through the future (the seas of troubled waters as well as peaceful harbors). Brethren who have elected a Worshipful Master to lead them and willingly follow his direction. It is the instrument that harnesses finality in decision making. This trust is embodied in the Gavel. This trust is what each Worshipful Master of any Lodge has embraced and handed down.

### **Masonic Development Courses:**

New Masonic Development Courses

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm (ALL MDC sections will be offered!)

10-11:30am EA session

12:00pm-1:30pm Fellowcraft Session

2:00pm-4:00pm Master Mason Session

**Prepare for your Journey to the East!**

**Road to the East Course:**

Learn and develop the necessary skills to become a dynamic leader and serve your Lodge.

This course is specifically tailored to Lodge Officers to familiarize them with the operations of a Masonic Lodge.

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm (one long but engaging session)

**The Master's Chair Course:**

Senior Wardens: we will be offering the Master's Chair at the following time:

Session #1 will be Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm

Session #2 will be Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-1pm

All current and returning Masters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Both sessions are needed to complete the course.**

R.:W.: James William Gregg

Grand Sword Bearer

Grand Lodge for the State of New York

Fifth Manhattan Masonic District



From the District Advisor

My Brethren and Friends,

Several decades ago, I wrote an article for the Empire State Mason titled “The Gemach – Deeds of Loving Kindness”, which in hindsight seems apropos as we approach the Holy Season of Passover and Easter. In my message this quarter, I would like to share some excerpts from that article and hope that it will instill an urge in each of us to perform a deed of loving kindness.

The paper begins with a statement from the American Patriot, Brother Benjamin Franklin, a member of St. John’s Lodge in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who wrote, “It [Freemasonry] has peculiar to itself; but of what do those principally consist? They consist of signs and tokens, which serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after a due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a

universal language, and act as a passport to the attention and support of the initiated in all parts of the world.

They cannot be lost so long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked, or imprisoned; let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world; still these credentials remain and are available for use as circumstances require. The great effects, which they have produced, are established by the most incontestable facts of history.

They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the aspirates of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of malevolence, and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitude of the uncultivated forests, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, and most distant religions, and the most diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel social joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a brother Mason."

The emphasis placed on Freemasonry can be found in its unique ability to proliferate a level playing field. As explicated in the conferral of the Degree of Entered Apprentice, the initiate who has been divested of all metallic substances and has replaced his secular clothing with a ceremonial costume, begins a symbolic process of "leveling" or equalization. Thereby following a path to which all worthy brethren have traversed before.

The Rev. Dr. James Anderson compiled in England in 1723 the first official Constitutions of the Freemasons from the "Old Charges", committing the Craft to the concept that "Masonry being found in all nations, even of divers religions, they are now charged to adhere to that religion in which all Men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves, that is, to be good and true men, men of honor and honesty, by whatever names, religions, or persuasions they may be distinguished."

By precluding all religious and political polemic, controversy and speculation, Freemasonry eludes Sectarian divisiveness and discord and opens the way for the admission of men of goodwill and good character, regardless of their race, creed or nationality. One only needs to delve into the history books to clearly observe and find where the philosophical and moral teachings of Freemasonry have taken a foothold. Basic individual freedoms and human rights coupled with religious and political tolerance usually prevail in nations whose leaders were or are Masons and have embraced the fraternity's tenets.

To quote from the ancient Charges of Freemasonry, "...by whatever Denomination or Persuasions they may be distinguished, whereby Masonry becomes the centre of Union, and the means of conciliating true Friendship among Persons that must else have remained at a perpetual distance... ...a Mason is a peaceable Subject to the Civil Powers, wherever he

resides or works, and is never concerned in Plots and Conspiracies against Peace and Welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself un-dutifully to inferior Magistrates; for as Masonry hath been always injured by War, Bloodshed, and Confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been much disposed to encourage Craftsmen, because of their Peacefulness and Loyalty, whereby they practically answered the cavils of their Adversaries, and promoted the Honor of the Fraternity, whoever flourish in Times of Peace...”

In his commentary on “Symbols & Instruments”, Dr. Norman Pearson, Ph.D., D.B.A., a Fellow of the College of Freemasonry, published in the Autumn 1999 issue of Ariadne’s Web, he safely rationalizes that in “many places such as India, or in South Africa under the dreaded Apartheid, the Masonic Lodge was the only place in society where men of good will could meet in peace and harmony, beyond the divisions of class, creed, caste, pigmentation or religious intolerance...” Dr. Pearson focuses our attention to life’s lessons as espoused by the German philosopher Immanuel Kant, who alleged that “each life is of value and an end in itself; the chance for human freedom and tolerance; the idea of democracy and equality before the Law; the concept of constitutional governance and self-determination at the ‘local level’, the respect for all attempts to understand the infinite; and the dominance of human brotherhood, trying to remove all divisive and cruelly discriminatory barriers based on such things as ethnicity, pigmentation, age, origins, creed, culture and all evils which have produced human suffering.”

During the derivation of the Craft in the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, John Hamill and Robert Gilbert in Freemasonry: A Celebration of the Craft, report that there was “a tendency among some Masons to view the Craft as a purely Christian institution... The non-sectarian nature of the Craft should have been obvious by its admission of Jews from at least 1721, when practicing Jews are known to have been initiated at London in the Goose and Gridiron Lodge, one of the four Lodges that constituted the first Grand Lodge.” Further, the previous historians note that “Jews [were] regularly elected as Grand Lodge officers from 1760 onwards.” Albert C. Stevens identifies several Lodges in London that admitted Jewish members as early as 1732. During the course of his research, Stevens discovered a Masonic Handbook printed in London in 1756 containing “prayers for the use of Jewish Freemasons”, which suggests that Jews were present in significant numbers.

In support of the nonpartisan nature of the Craft, it is interesting to note that Beaconsfield Lodge No. 1662 of London, England was named in honor of a distinguished public servant of Jewish descent. Specifically, I refer to Sir Benjamin Disraeli, the Prime Minister of England who served under HRM Queen Victoria. The Monarch bestowed upon Benjamin Disraeli the noble title of the first Earl of Beaconsfield. Even though, Benjamin Disraeli was not himself a Mason, the said Masonic Lodge requested his permission to use his official title and armorial bearings at the consecration of Beaconsfield Lodge No. 1662 on February 24, 1877.



Within the journal published by the National Masonic Research Society titled “The Builder”, Volume II, Page 221, the position is affirmed that although “many Masons are Christians, Masonry is not distinctively Christian either in its teaching or in its basis of fellowship...” The noted physician, Masonic historian, and jurist, Ill. Brother Albert G. Mackey, 33<sup>o</sup>, described the ecumenicity of Freemasonry in the “Masonic Ritualist” as being “...to every Mason, whatever may be his particular religious creed, that revelation of the Deity, which is recognized by his religion becomes his trestle board. Thus the trestle board of the Jewish Mason is the Old Testament; of the Christian, the Old and New Testament; of the Mohammedan, the Koran, to the Brahman, the Vedas, and to the Parsee, the Zendavesta... ..Masonically, the book of the Law is that sacred book, which is believed by the Mason of any particular religion to contain the revealed word of God.”

In the essay, “The Masonic Order and Religion”, the R.:W.:Brother and Rev. H. R. Allen, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ireland maintains that “Freemasonry is for men who already have their personal and individual allegiance to religion, be it the Christian faith, or one of the other Great Religions of the world. It has no systematic theology. It does not go from faith to speculation, which is theology; but from faith to demonstration, which is life... A man becoming a Mason is expected to come with the Faith he already has, and will continue to have, both inside and outside the orbit of his Masonry.” Cogitating upon this thought brings to mind the question posed before every candidate of Freemasonry, “In whom do you put your trust?” The answer must be forthright and it must be true. Masonry provides a unique pathway for self-improvement, however, without God and without a proper foundation and belief system, Masonry cannot hope to teach the candidate this most basic precept of life and faith. The atheist or godless cannot enter the Craft, as their heart-of-hearts is barren and desolate – leaving no acceptable place to be made a Mason. Why, because the candidate is first made a Mason in his heart and it is in his heart where God dwells.

R.:W.:Allen elaborates further upon the universality or wholeness of Freemasonry and the embrace of God through many faiths by predicating that “there is no separate Masonic God; a Mason’s God is the God of the religion he professes. When the Supreme Being is described in Masonry as the Great Architect, any Mason will think, as he prays in his Lodge, just as he thinks when he prays at home or in Church [Temple, Mosque or Synagogue.] Similarly, our Jewish Brethren will think of Him as the God he knows – Adonai, or as we learn the sacred name symbolized by the sacred Tetragramaton. So the Moslem or those of other religions will have their own understanding of the Supreme Being. It is no part of Freemasonry to attempt to join religions together. There is no composite Masonic God. We each enter the Lodge room with the God we know and worship – we do not leave God outside.”

The poet laureate and Freemason, Brother Rudyard Kipling, expressed this concept of universality in his poem titled “The Mother Lodge”, as he calls to mind the essence and his introduction into Hope and Esperance Lodge No. 782, in Lahore, India. According to Kipling’s verse, his Mother Lodge consisted of every conceivable occupation from the Rail Road Station

Master and the Accountant to the Military Sergeant and the Draftsman. Further, Kipling captures the religious diversification of the Lodge by accrediting the membership of Amir Singh the Sikh, Castro the Roman Catholic, and Saul the Jew.

In the spring of 1976, His Eminence the late Terrence Cardinal Cooke, of the See of the Roman Catholic Church of New York, addressed some 3,000 Masons at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Masons and Sons Dedication Breakfast, where he shared his observations about our noble vocation. Excerpted from this historic homily that underscores the all inclusiveness of the Masonic Fraternity, Cardinal Cooke gave recognition to the fact “that George Washington was a vigorous Mason, and that at his Inaugural he invited a Minister, a Rabbi, and a Catholic Priest...”

Clearly becoming a bellwether of modern thought and still rings true some 47 years later, our prestigious keynote speaker, Cardinal Cooke, mends many bridges with the observation that “I know of your firm belief in a Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe, and of your great reverence for the Bible, and other Holy Writings appropriate to the religion of your members. I salute you for your loyalty to these ancient values... Here in America, a principal bulwark of our freedom has been our voluntary organizations, like the Freemasons, dedicated in a religious spirit to order in the soul and order in society. These free associations are well-organized groups of people who believe in a community of spirit and who labor to reconcile the claims of duty and the claims of liberty, under God... I plead for unity under God for all Americans... may we be all united, Americans of every religion, of every race, of every calling. All one, under God, in the continuing quest for the fulfillment of the American Dream as we walk together into the third century of American history.”

I plan to continue this article in the June bulletin as it contains some important thoughts that each of us should embrace. Until then, may you and your family have a blessed Passover and a glorious Easter. May God watch over you and keep you under His protective care this day and forevermore.

With kindness and fraternal love,

Rick Bateman, District Advisor



## From the Purple Circle Relief Fund

Greetings Brethren of the Fifth Manhattan District:

I am sure this message finds you, your family and loved ones well and looking forward to the Spring Season. It is hard to believe that we are already at that time of year, where we embrace the new beginnings and opportunities for renewing growth in all manners.

With that thought in mind, please remember that the Purple Circle Relief Fund is a cornerstone to our Fifth Manhattan District - the support it provides for those Brothers who need it most when life may present a challenge when least expected is paramount. Being able to assist these Brethren and their families when warranted not only highlights one of our most cherished obligations, but equally defines what our Fraternity stands for – Love, Relief & Truth - where the high, the low, the rich and the poor may continue to meet together in the perpetuation of love and friendship.

As we look to the Spring Season, see that perhaps you are able to make a charitable gift to the Purple Circle Relief Fund, in that it may aid and assist a Brother and their family in need.

You may make your donation using the QRC and link below!

I thank all the Lodges of the District and the Brethren within for their time and continued support!

Sincerely and fraternally,  
RW Chad Benton Ploth  
President  
Purple Circle Relief Fund

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=GWYSFC56T7ZMA](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=GWYSFC56T7ZMA)



***Use the code above to make your donation or you can mail your tax-deductible donation to : Purple Circle Relief Fund 71W 23rd St Box. K4 NY, NY 10010***

## From the Underprivileged Children's Camp Fund



Brothers,

Warm summer days are right around the corner. The Camp Fund would like to help any child who wants to enjoy a summer camp get there. Here is the information on the 2023 Camp Turk term. Let us know if we can help. We are here for you.

1. Registration has open as of **January 1st** Please go to our site [www.campturk.org](http://www.campturk.org) to register.
2. The cost for camp is **\$1,300 for two weeks**. Registrations received after June 1st will be an additional \$200.00 per session.
3. There is a non-refundable deposit of **\$250.00** for each session you register for.
4. **Registration deadline is JUNE 1st. All fees and medical information are due on this date!**
5. Financial aid will be available beginning January 1st so if you need or know someone who can use a little extra help please call or email us for a Scholarship Application. Deadline to apply is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. **We are bringing back the referral program. If you have a friend you would like to bring to camp, they will include your name on their application when they apply and you will receive a \$50.00 refund at the end of camp FOR EACH NEW friend you refer.**
7. We will be offering 2-week sessions only. You can however sign up for boys/coed or coed/girls for 4-weeks (no pick up required in between sessions).
8. There is no busing provided.

**Boys – July 2nd to July 15th COED – July 16<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Girls – July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 12th**

See you in the quarries, Warmest Fraternal Regards

RW Ed Weigert



## From the Masters & Wardens Association

Greetings brethren of the Fifth District,

I hope all the brethren and families are in good health and have a great holiday and happy New year, As we move forward into 2023, The District is continuing to Build and prosper, our events and charity work are in full effect and attendance and support is raising. I would like to let everyone know that we had a very successful Toys 4 Tots drive this year, we collected almost \$600.00 and about 180 toys, thank you, to all the brethren of the district for making this a success.

The Masters and Wardens Association is working on restructuring leadership, Membership and duties of its members and have a new direction for the 2023 year, The District needs your dedication and support to make this a success. I would like to thank all the Brethren of the district for their continued efforts and dedication to growing our district into one of the best group of Masons and brethren there is.

Our District OLP and DD message websites will continue to promote all of our activities and events, and keep all the brethren informed and up to date on what the district is doing. Please continue to send us your lodge events and support our lodges and district.  
Happy Holidays

Thank You,  
W.: Rich Yates

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From the Assistant Grand Lecturers

Happy New Year Brothers,

As we reflect on the 2022 year and while most people start making new year resolutions. One must stop and think about this annual process of making for non-Masons. I say non-Masons

because as Masons we are constantly looking to improve ourselves. Daily traveling away from our rough flaws and working/moving toward making them smooth. But if we did have District Wide New Year's Resolution for 2023. I would like to suggest that we focus on lifting up newly made Masons and supporting them whenever they attempt Masonic work for the very first time or their first year. And not look an opportunity to tear them down. Yes, it is okay to instruct but be mindful of how we do it. Brotherly Love would be the best way to approach and encourage them. Remember as Masons we are "builders". "There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self." -Ernest Hemingway See you in the Quarries My Brothers! Upcoming Events and School of Instructions: \*March 9th, 2023 at 7:30pm- The Grand Lectures Convention Work of the Evening: Second Degree Ceremony (first half only) And Middle Chamber Lecture Hosting Lodge: Amity Lodge 323, on the 8th Floor \*March 15th, 2023 at 7:30pm- School Of Instruction Work of the Evening: The Middle Chamber Lecture (Study, Learning and Presentation Techniques) Hosting Lodge: True Craftsman 651 Presented by V.: W.: Tarantino Smith \*TBD- School of Instruction on Masonic Funeral Ritual\* (More information on this will be released soon)

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HONOR OUR MILITARY VETERANS AT THE  
5<sup>TH</sup> MANHATTAN DISTRICT ANNUAL FESTIVE BOARD.


SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH  
GRAND LODGE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR EAST  
6:30PM COCKTAILS/ 7:00PM DINNER BEGINS

GUEST SPEAKER: R.W. DAVID MENEGON



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# TRUE CRAFTSMAN'S LODGE NO. 651

Presents

## AN EVENING OF MASONIC MUSICAL MAGIC OPEN TO ALL



Alessandro Minci Brother Master of the Numa Pompilio Lodge No.1334  
Frosinone, Italy.

Fills the evening of Masonic Musical Magic with his Classical Guitar

Wine and Cheese Reception to follow  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Grand Lodge  
Concert begins at 7pm

Donation \$30 per person  
R.S.V.P.

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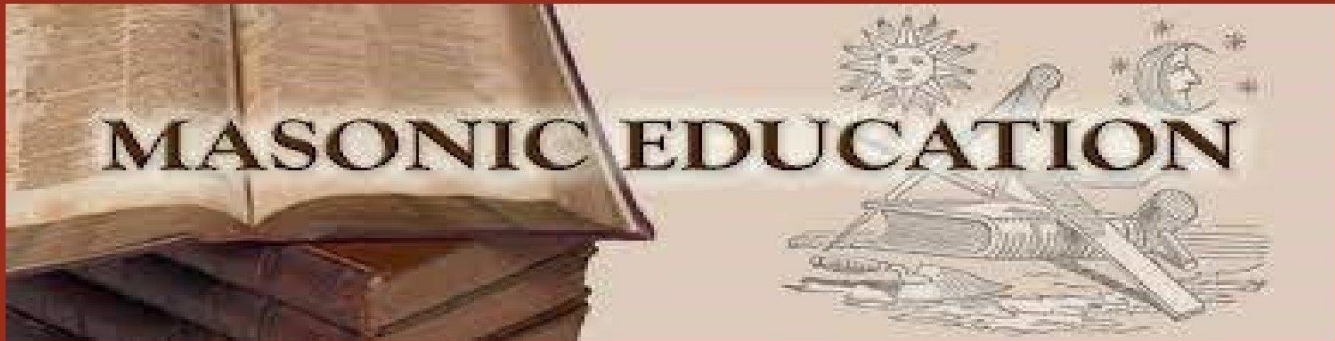
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Grand Lodge Staff Officer Education Program

## Fifth Manhattan Masonic District



*What is our District Doing for YOU?*

### MASONIC DEVELOPMENT COURSES

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH

10AM-11:30AM MDC 1

12:00PM-1:30PM MDC 2

2:00PM-4:00PM MDC 3

Registration **REQUIRED**:

<https://form.jotform.com/213426204278149>

**Cost: \$10.00 (but you receive a certificate and pin)**

Any questions, please reach out to your Grand Lodge Staff Officer, R.:W.: James William Gregg

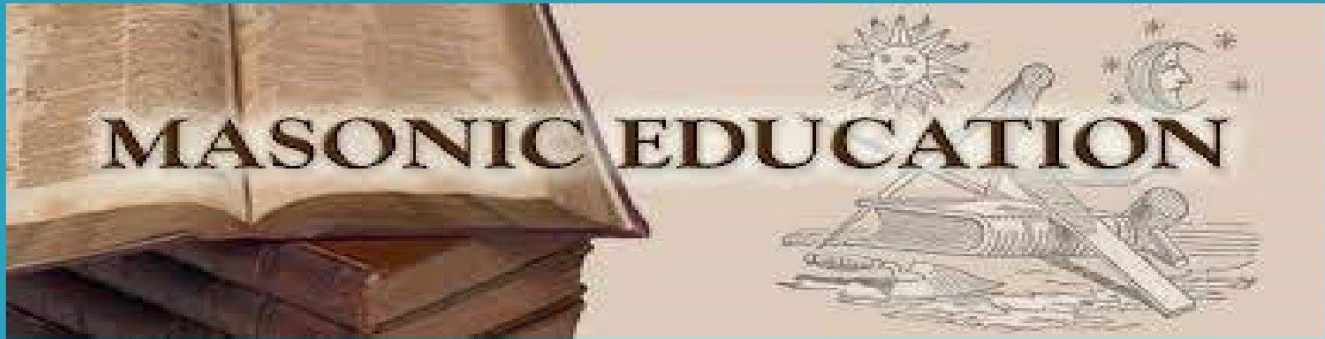
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Grand Lodge Staff Officer Education Program

## Fifth Manhattan Masonic District



*What is our District Doing for YOU?*

ROAD TO THE EAST

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

10:00AM-3:00PM

ROAD TO THE EAST SESSION 1 (REQUIRED)

ONE LONG BUT ENGAGING COURSE!

COST: \$10.00

(YOU WILL RECEIVE CREDIT, A CERTIFICATE, AND PIN)

Registration **REQUIRED**:

<https://form.jotform.com/221990911144151>

Any questions, please reach out to your Grand Lodge Staff Officer, R.:W.: James William Gregg

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# FESTIVE BOARD

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023**

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# AMITY LODGE 323 NIGHT

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## NETS VS MAGIC

BARCLAYS CENTER | BROOKLYN, NY

**FRI 4.7 | 7:30PM**

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Join us for a night with the Brooklyn Nets at Barclays Center on April 7. Amity Lodge 323 will be watching the Brooklyn Nets take on the Orlando Magic at 7:30PM.

Please use [this link](#) to order tickets for this game on Amity Lodge website. Tickets must be ordered no later than Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available in Section 214 at \$50 per ticket.

For further information contact David Rothstein at [ldavidrothstein@gmail.com](mailto:ldavidrothstein@gmail.com)

or by phone or text at 917.322-9136.

We look forward to seeing you at Barclays Center on April 7<sup>th</sup>!



For more information or to secure tickets to future games or Barclays Center events, contact Ricky Hauser at [rhauser@bseglobal.net](mailto:rhauser@bseglobal.net) or 718.942.9567.





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**Saturday, April 1, 2023 - Cost: \$25.00 (Pay at the Door)**

*Continental Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Hot Lunch at 12:15 p.m.*

*Seminar Starts: 9:00 a.m. Sharp (Dress Code: Business Casual)*

*Location: Scottish Rite Masonic Hall, 28 Lincoln Avenue, Rockville Centre NY 11570*

**QUEST AGENDA**

- 8:00 – 8:50.....Check-In / Breakfast - Collation Hall - All
- 8:50 – 9:00.....Go upstairs to Lodge Room – All
- 9:00 – 9:05.....Grand Master escorted into Lodge room
- 9:05 – 9:10.....Invocation / Present Colors / Pledge Allegiance
- 9:10 – 9:20.....Introductions/Program/Handouts
- 9:20 – 9:40.....Keynote Address:  
  - “Mentoring, Success Coaching and Sponsorship”
  - R.: W.: Peter C. Stein, Junior Grand Warden
  - of F&A Masons of the State of New York
- 9:40 - 11:00.....Breakout Session  
  - “What and How to Communicate Masonic Ideals to Brothers and Community”
- 11:00 - 11:20.....Morning Break
- 11:20– 11:30.....Wrap Up – Attendance Recognition
- 11:30– 11:50 .....Remarks  
  - R.: W.: Steven A. Rubin, Deputy Grand Master
  - of F&A Masons of the State of New York
- 1:50– 12:10.....Address  
  - M.: W.: Richard J. Kessler, Grand Master
  - of Masons in the State of New York
- 12:10 – 12:15.....Benediction
- 12:15.....Retire to Collation Hall for Lunch

*Brothers from all Masonic Districts are welcome and encouraged to attend  
Candidates voted on and awaiting EA degree are welcome to attend*