

## Welcome lodge 158

### Fall/Winter Newsletter 2015-2016

Greetings Brothers,

It has been too long since the last Newsletter, but with the upcoming Holidays, and another successful Golf Tournament, it was time to recap, and to update all on the happenings in Welcome Lodge.

Our next meeting will be a Visitation by the Grand Chancellor and his suite, on November 19th, at the Castle hall. Please watch your emails for further communications from the CC on this visit.

On that night of the Visitation, we will be challenge to the 2015 Cribbage tournament. If you do know the game, and want to help Welcome Lodge win \$500.00 to go for your favorite charity, then please notify CC Bruce Sarnowitz.

**Last Meeting:** September 30<sup>th</sup>, was a business meeting, held at the “The Farm” in Chestnut Hill.

In attendance were Brothers, Marc Neustadt, Jerry Fleishman, Alan Goldberg, Tom Glaser, Paul Deletetsky, Mark Zuroff, & Steve Weber.

One major topic was the upcoming Christmas Eve party at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.

Brothers Weber and Deletetsky had a conference call with Shari Holstein from MDMH and below is what we have concluded to:

**It's the time of year when the days grow shorter and colder.**

**That means that the annual Welcome Lodge Christmas Party at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital is around the corner.**

Each year we try to make this holiday event a more enjoyable and memorable occasion for the Shattuck clients and for those who help put the party together. To that end, we have met with management at the Shattuck and they have agreed to be less hands on and allow us to conduct the party as we see fit, (i.e. going back to a buffet feeding methodology, developing our own menu, [doing our own prep work/cooking](#) and providing our own entertainment.)

However, there are two areas of concern raised by Shattuck management that we must address.

**The first is an easy one. All of those participating in the event in the Shattuck facility must by law be 18 years or older.**

**The second area of concern is a bit more complex and we need your full cooperation to implement it.** Over the years, the number of people who come to the Christmas Party to help has increased greatly. It is to a point where the old proverb of too many cooks spoiling the soup is applicable. Too many people come without specific job functions and as a result, there is an unacceptable level of inter-personal socializing amongst the attendees with no interaction with the clients.

This distraction takes away from the primary purpose of this party which is to provide a warm, giving and enjoyable evening for the Shattuck clients.

Keep in mind that we are not here for ourselves, we are here for them. While we are not necessarily looking to reduce the number of people who come to work at the Shattuck party, we

are asking that unless you or someone you are bringing has an assigned job function for the party that you not attend.

Alternatively, the event would better served by simply making a donation of some kind and then getting together for Chinese food afterwards.

Please keep in mind that this is **not a punitive measure**, but a way to create a more festive and meaningful evening for the Shattuck clients.

One variation is filling the **bags of joy** for the clients. We feel this will be better served at an off sight location prior to the party. By participating in this very important job, the Golf committee will be sponsoring a collation at that time.

Chairperson Michael Silverman will be sending out a work sheet with names and selected jobs.

Thank you for your cooperation in this year's party. A Goldberg, recording Secretary

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament:**

Once again, Welcome Lodge has completed another year with a very successful Golf Tournament.

Even though the numbers of players were down, the Corporate Sponsors were significantly up, and we donated along with matching funds from the Grand Lodge, and money raised by Celebrity guest, Mikey Adams was \$8600.00.

The committee has made a recommendation to change the date to sometime in September, 2016 when summer vacations are over. We also have added a new committee member for next year's tourney, PC Stevie (GOOD TIME) Sarnowitz, who is already going out and making connections for next years' tournament. In appreciation to Steve and other brothers who assisted in their own way to help this year's outing, the committee will be sponsoring an Appreciation Party to the following: Alan Goldberg, Tom Glaser, Steve Sarnowitz, Marty Cohen, & Tony Nasch. Thank you all for your support!

### **Membership Breakfast:**

We are just 3 weeks away from the Grand Lodge's annual membership breakfast, and the numbers of Brothers is way down. If you are going, please let the committee know of it, and please state whether or not you will be bringing a potential member. What you might think that would be no interest in a person of attending, you will never know without asking. The deadline for signing up is Monday, November 2, 2015:

## **GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST**

### **Featured Speaker WEEI Sports Radio Host Mike Adams**

Sunday, November 15, 2015

#### **Leonard Rudofsky Center**

The Bridge Center, 470 Pine Street, Bridgewater, MA

Time: 9:00 AM Cost: \$5.00 per Pythian

#### **No Charge to All Prospective Members**

Bring a prospective member and your breakfast will be free

Breakfast followed by: a **Free Raffle and Trivia Contest**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_;

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**Reservations must be made no later than Sunday, November 2, 2015**

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Randolph, MA 02368

I am sorry if I have left out any news from you and your family, but I cannot print something that is not sent in.

If you have any news that you want to share with the lodge, just email:  
[beanpar@verizon.net](mailto:beanpar@verizon.net)

**“One last Thing”** Next year, I will become the Grand Chancellor of Massachusetts, and with that responsibility, I will need the support from my mother Lodge, “Welcome 158” I will be having my second advisory committee before Thanksgiving and I will be calling on some of you for help. As you all know, the Order is not doing well. This is the result in a stagnant membership, starting with the Grand lodge, and working down to the subordinate lodges. This can change with your help, and involvement. This year has been a very tough year for me, taking on a new job at a new company. This has shown in a significant drop of involvement with my current office. As time passes, and I become more familiar with my new job, I do plan on being more active. I do need your help, and once again, I will be reaching out to you for help, planning my upcoming term. I am not asking for a lot of your time, but I will be expecting some help.

Thank you,  
Paul Deletetsky

