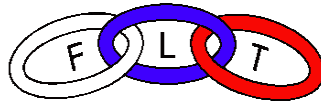


THREE LINK REMINDER



Mineola-Pacific Lodge #125

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Our NexRegular Meeting is Thursday, January 13th, 2022 at 7:00 pm

ALL PRESENT ARE BROTHERS

Greetings Odd Fellows,

You can all relax, because your Noblest of Noble Grands has returned to write this incredible newsletter. Being able to provide you with important information and offer some type of entertainment is something that I enjoy.. I hope all of you had a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New year.** Before I begin, I'd just like to thank Brother Dominic "PITA" Oreste for helping out writing the last newsletter. I also want to thank him for the kind words that he had for me. I had a lot going on personally with work and family, so I asked Dom if he would help me out and of course he said sure. Several other brothers also stepped up and I am so grateful for all of you. The saying is **"You are only as good as the people that work with you" and that is so true.** I couldn't do what I do without all of you, Odd Fellow 101!! I would also like to say that the positive news that brother Dom gave us regarding his mom, made us all smile a little bit. Over the holidays, Mrs. Oreste was admitted into the hospital where she had to have fluid removed from her chest cavity. She got through it just fine and is hoping to go home within a day or two. **We are all so happy for her.** I changed some things around and almost forgot to tell you where I am writing from, (sorry Doug). I am at the Mineola Pacific Lodge sitting at "Uncle" Vinnie Viscuse's Treasurer's desk and sitting on Chaplain Frank Celentano's nice comfortable chair. I am very parched so I pour myself an adult beverage to keep my mind active, lol. We did some Odd Fellow acts of kindness over the holidays, the main one was **treating the kids from Mercy First to a nice holiday breakfast at Dave and Buster's in Westbury.** We provided them with game cards so they could play the games and win prizes. We also gave them gift cards and bags of candy, (made up by Peggy Keegan) which they all loved. **Thanks Peggy.** It was very nice to see the smiles on their faces.

We had some extra gift cards and gifts so I brought them to the Westbury House. I met with Ray and he was very thankful and would give the gifts out and use the gift cards on needed supplies. He said how wonderful it is what we continue to do and actually asked if we could send him one of our newsletters. I told him what he does is incredible too and also thanked him.

2020 was just a year that we all want to forget and we all hoped 2021 would be better. I guess it was a little better for most of us, but as the end of the year was approaching, the Omicron variant of Covid-19 had taken off and put a damper on the beginning of 2022. The MPL 125 lodge always has a nice New Years Eve gathering but forced us to make it much smaller. My daughter had a **big 1st birthday bash planned January 8th for my granddaughter Gracyn,** but was forced to postpone it by the Country Club itself. I'm sure many of you had things planned that had to be postponed. Hopefully this will come and go so we can start to get back to some type of normal again. Stay well and be safe.

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

A meeting was held December 23rd 7pm at the Mineola Pacific Lodge 125 in East Meadow. I was a little tardy getting there so my gavel went down at 7:35pm. Acting Chaplain Jack Toledano lead us with an opening prayer and after we addressed the flag, Acting Right Supporter Jimmy Walsh opened the lodge for business. Roll call of officers showed that we had a total of 15 brothers. Being it was so close to Christmas I was happy to have that many in attendance. After the minutes were read, brother Vinnie Viscuse made a motion to accept them and it was quickly seconded by brother Mark Valencia and was carried. Under Sick or In Distress, brother Tom Goetz told us that he admitted himself into the hospital with chest pains that turned out to be stress which was a relief for all of us. Brother Dominic's sister Angela was in an auto accident and broke her elbow bone, brother Jack's son Jason contracted Covid, brother Mike Accurso said his wife and kids were under the weather and I mentioned that my son-in law John's grandmother was rushed to the hospital with pulmonary issues. We all gave well wishes and prayers to all. Under Communications, brother Dominic read a thank you from the **John Thiessen Foundation for our donation** and a Christmas card from **Camp Oh Ne Tah.** Brother Mark Keegan was not in attendance, so I notified the lodge of the leak coming from upstairs damaging the ceiling. Brother Mark was reaching out to the landlords to get it taken care of. Under New Business, brother Dominic brought up the upcoming New Years Eve gathering at the lodge and the food needs to be discussed. Brother Chris Price told us about the devastating typhoon that hit the Philippines and asked if we could help. I told him it was a nice idea and it would be discussed at the next executive meeting. Under Good of the order, Brother Jack Toledano told us that he is starting his own You Tube podcast and we all wished him luck and Vice Grand Mike Accurso told us that his band has put out a CD and has them if anyone was interested. **We have such talented brothers!!** With no more business to discuss, acting Chaplain read a closing prayer followed by acting Right Supporter Jimmy Walsh performing his last duty of closing the lodge. Vice Grand Mike Accurso and I in sync banged our gavel at 8:03pm be the fastest meeting of my 2 terms lol.

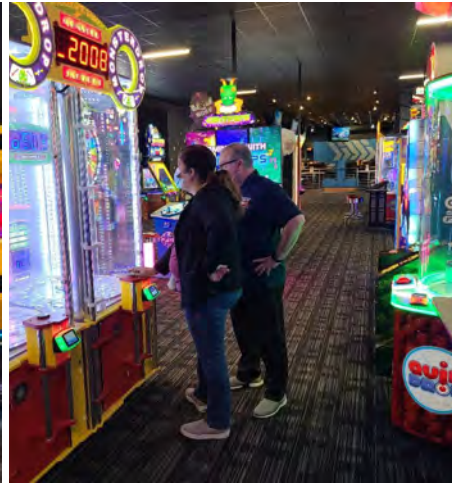
The next meeting will be held on January 13th 2022 at the Mineola Pacific Lodge 125 and I am looking forward to seeing all of you because you are missed when you are not.

In Friendship, Love & Truth,
Your Noble Grand
Vinny Cafiso PG



ANNUAL MERCY FIRST - DAVE & BUSTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY





MINEOLA-PACIFIC LODGE ANNUAL NEW YARS EVE PARTY



UPCOMING EVENTS

Integrity Encampment — ANNUAL BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 29th from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Levittown Lanes - 81 Bowling Lane, Levittown

**Rockville Centre Lodge #279 - AFC / NFC Conference Championship Games
Sunday, January 30th - AFC Championship 3:50pm / NFC Championship 6:40pm**

235 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY



**Odd Fellow & Rebekah Float
Tournament of Roses Parade
*DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE***

**Noble Grand Vinny Cafiso
donating the extra gift cards
to Ray at Westbury House.**

 ***Happy & Healthy January Birthday to Brothers*** 

Frank Celentano 1/4 - Bill Andrle 1/11

Aaron Kupferberg 1/11 - Sal Torre 1/31 - Keith Viscuse 1/31

Bill (Jim) McManus - 1-24 (again)

⇒ Remember to help someone in need – it's part of our creed ⇐

Stay Healthy & Safe!!