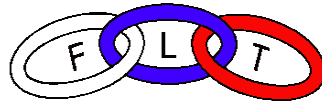


THREE LINK REMINDER



Mineola-Pacific Lodge #125

226 East Meadow Ave., East Meadow, New York

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 636, East Meadow, New York 11554 - www.ioof125.com

Our Next Open Meeting is Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021 at 7:00 pm

ALL PRESENT ARE BROTHERS

Greetings Odd Fellows,

It's Your Noblest of Noble Grands and I'm writing to you again from my dining room and once again sitting on the white chair that I'm not supposed to be sitting on. Before I get into my writing, I would like to wish all the Odd Fellow Brothers and Sisters a very **Happy and Safe Thanksgiving**. I hope you all enjoy spending time with your loved ones. A bunch has happened since my last novel and I will try and be brief. The Integrity Encampment and Canton had a degree rally for 6 brothers to get their 4th, 5th & 6th degrees. In order for that to happen, several Patriarchs and Chevaliers volunteered their time to practice the rally and rituals so that it ran smoothly. Thank you all for giving up your time for the other brothers. On November 9th at the Rockville Centre Lodge 279, **Brothers Tom Goetz, Al Brill, Billy Choi, Tom McNally, Ryan Kelly and Scott Bisogni** all participated in the degree rally and received their degrees and became Patriarchs and Chevaliers. For me, it was an honor to be part of the rally itself and the other brothers did a great job playing their roll which took a lot of time and a lot of reading. Thank you brothers Bill Bender, Vin Viscuse, Dominic Oreste, Lee Faklis, Mike Accurso, Aaron Kupferburg, Angelo Correa and Jeff Nogid, for making it great. **With our Santa's Breakfast for the Military children coming up on December 5th**, my lovely wife Lisa along with my beautiful daughter Jillian and my adorable granddaughter Gracyn, went shopping for the children, so they can each get age-appropriate gifts that morning. Thank you ladies for doing an amazing job. On Saturday the 13th, my wife Lisa along with Carol Marano and Roslyn Faklis went to the MPL 125 and did an amazing job wrapping all the gifts. Thanks for the help ladies!!

A meeting was held 7pm November 11th, at the Mineola Pacific Lodge 125 in East Meadow. There were 22 brothers in attendance when I banged my gavel at 7:29 pm. Chaplain Frank Celetano lead us with an opening prayer and after we addressed the American Flag, Right Supporter Jeff Nogid opened the lodge. Under "Sick or in Distress", Brother Dominic "PITA" Oreste notified us that he is still not doing well with the Bells Palsey and that he has to get another MRI, this time on the other side of his brain to see if the damage traveled. We all wished him well. Brother Mike Accurso stood and thanked all the veterans on this Veteran's Day. I called up the lodge for a moment of silence to remember those who are no longer with us. Under "Reports of Committees", **Brother Lee Faklis reminded us about the food drive for Harry Chapin's Long Island Cares on November 14th**. It went very well and thank you to all the

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE & TRUTH

Brothers who attended and help for a great cause. Brother Mark Keegan told us that 12 brothers showed up to help clean out the basement and they did a terrific job. Thank you all that helped. I reminded the brothers about Santa's breakfast December 5th and ask for food donations. Under "Unfinished Business", Brother Mark Valencia requested that we set up an ongoing monthly donation of \$40 to the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation** and also told us that 45 new homes were given away to the families of those fallen heroes. Brother Mark Keegan requested that we give turkeys to the Westbury house for the families in need. Mark actually delivered 10 today. Thanks brother. Under "New Business", I asked Right Supporter Jeff Nogid to Stand at the Noble Grand's station. At that time, **I called Brother Dominic "PITA" Oreste to the middle of the floor to present him with his 30 year jewel** for the work and dedication to the Odd Fellow Fraternity. Congratulations brother Dom. Brother Lee Faklis told the brothers of the Lewiston Lodge building being sold and that there were several pieces of furniture, regalia etc... we need to work out the logistics and get this beautiful furniture. Under "Good of The Order", Brother Angelo Correa spoke about the Testimonial in Buffalo for Margret Gardner and said a great time was had by all 4 MPL 125 Brothers. **Thank you Brothers Aaron Kupferberg, Jeff Nogid, Angelo Correa and Grand Master Mike Zurell for representing all of us.** Brother Mike Viscuse stood and made a motion to change our next meeting to Tuesday November 23rd due to Thanksgiving on the 25th which was seconded by Brother Mike Accurso and carried. It was decided that it will also be an opened meeting. With no other business to discuss, Chaplain Frank Celetano read us a closing prayer so Right Supporter Jeff Nogid could perform his last duty and close the lodge. Vice Grand Mike Accurso and I in sync banged our gavel at 8:39pm.

Our next meeting will be an open meeting 7pm on November 23rd at the Mineola Pacific Lodge 125 in East Meadow. Looking forward to seeing you all there as you are missed when you are not!!

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

Mineola-Pacific Lodge Annual Harry Chapin Long Island Cares

** Thanks For Giving Food Drive **



Harry Chapin Long Island Cares Annual Food Collection Donations





**Noblest of
Noble Grands
Vinny Cafiso
giving Brother
Dominic his
30 year jewel.
PG, PDDGM
Past Chief
Patriarch
Past Captain
Past Grand Herald**



Integrity Encampment # 158 Degree Rally



**Congratulation to Patriarchs:
Ryan Kelly, Al Brill, Tom McNally,
Scott Bisogni, Billy Choi & Tom Goetz**

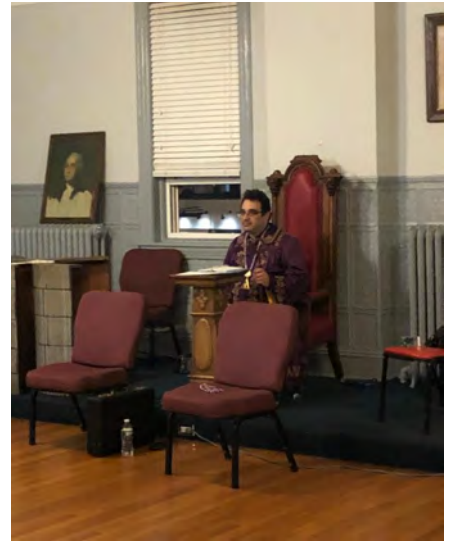


**Degree Team: Dom Oreste, Aaron Kupferberg,
Bill Bender, Vinny Cafiso, Lee Faklis, Jeff Nogid,
Mike Accurso & Vinnie Viscuse**

Chevaliers being Mustered into the Canton Clifford G.W. Shepherd # 1 by Brigadier General Angelo Correa with Captain Jeff Nogid and Lieutenant Mike Accurso



More Pictures from our Encampment Degree Rally at Rockville Centre Lodge



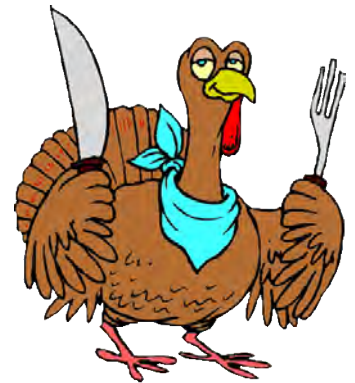
UPCOMING EVENTS

Mineola-Pacific Lodge Breakfast with Santa
December 5th at Borrelli's Restaurant for the military children

Mineola-Pacific Lodge #125 Christmas Party
Saturday, December 11th at Borrelli's Restaurant 7:00pm

Rockville Centre Lodge Annual Christmas Party
Saturday, December 18th at the Lodge

Annual Mercy First Christmas Party
Sunday, December 19th at Dave & Busters in Westbury 9am-11am



Happy & Healthy November Birthday to Brothers



Vinnie Viscuse 11/1 - Lenny Marano 11/10 - Scott Ballard 11/11

Ray Castellano 11/13 - Jim Skinner 11/21

Bill (Jim) McManus - 11/24 (again)

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

Stay Healthy & Safe!!