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Niclaas Soellaart re-elected Worshipful Master!



Blazing Star Lodge 26 held its annual election on the 15th of September 2018 in Amersfoort, the Netherlands. The Lodge reelected Worshipful Master Niclaas Soellaart to lead a new team in the 2018-2019 Masonic Year.. PM Denston Lyte will be the new addition to the team as he replaces PM Charles Wright as Senior Warden. The expectations for this administration are high. District Deputy Grand Master Charles Beane presided over the elections and charged the newly elected officers to continue working to make the Lodge the best Lodge it can be and to lead by example.

The results of the Election were as follows:

- Worshipful Master ... Niclaas Soellaart
- Senior Warden Denston Lyte
- Junior Warden Kenneth Grant
- Treasurer Charles Beane
- Secretary Dennis Griffin



Senior Warden
Denston Lyte



Junior Warden
Kenneth Grant



Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Timothy R. Downes



Most Worshipful Grand Master
Hon. Jeffery M. Coaston



Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Gerald R. Thaxton III

227th Annual Grand Lodge Session

The 227th Annual Grand Lodge Session of the MWPH Grand Lodge was held in Boston , MA on 07-08-09-December 2018. Blazing Star Lodge #26 and the Seventh Masonic District were represented by RW Bro. Charles Beane, Worshipful Bro. Niclaas Soellaart, and Past Master Randall Scott. The Grand Lodge officers above were elected for this Masonic Year.

Grand Lecturer Emeritus Thomas C. Allen has gone to his Celestial Home

ALLEN, Thomas C. Of Cambridge, died peacefully on Sat., Dec. 15, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved companion and soulmate of Barbara Vass. Devoted father of Jacqueline Allen Lestage (Leon), Sandra Vass Walker and Cheryl Vass. Cherished grandfather of Lydia Lestage, Robert (Rachelle), Lamar and Karee. He also leaves a host of other relatives, friends and Masonic Brothers. Past Master Thomas C. Allen was a 33rd Degree Mason. Visiting hours at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 24 Washington St., Grove Hall, Boston, Sun., Dec. 23rd, 3-5 p.m. Masonic Services at 5 p.m. Funeral services immediately following. Burial at the Cambridge Cemetery, Wed., Dec. 26th, 11 a.m.

A.J. Spears Funeral Home

Cambridge 617-876-4047

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The members of Blazing Star Lodge No. 26 were welcomed into the home of Bro. Allen from 1982 through 2016. As Grand Lecturer he befriended and mentored all the Grand Lodge officers and Worshipful Masters of Blazing Star Lodge. We spent many an hour at the kitchen table discussing Free Masonry in all of its aspects (ritualistically and administratively). We will be forever grateful for the contributions that Brother Allen made to Blazing Star Lodge No. 26. His legacy will live on in the memories and deeds of the brothers that he mentored. Brother Allen and his family have been an essential part of the lives of many brothers in Blazing Star Lodge No. 26 for the past 36 years and we are greatly saddened that he is no longer with us.

Tommy, We Miss You!



Everyone Can't Be in Your Front Row

..... Life is a theater – invite your audience carefully. Not everyone is healthy enough to have a front row seat in our lives. There are some people in your life that need to be loved or dealt with from a distance. It's amazing what you can accomplish when you let go, or at least minimize your time with draining, negative, incompatible , not-going-anywhere relationships / friendships / fellowships!

..... Observe the relationships around you. Pay attention to: Which ones lift and which ones lean? Which ones encourage and which ones discourage? Which ones are on a path of growth uphill and which ones are going downhill? When you leave certain people, do you feel better or feel worse? Which ones always have drama or don't really understand, know and appreciate you and the gift that lies within you?

..... The more you seek God and the things of God – the more you seek quality; the more you seek not just the hand of God but the face of God – the more you seek things honorable; the more you seek growth, peace of mind, love and truth around you, the easier it will become for you to decide who gets to sit in the **FRONT ROW** and who should be moved to the balcony of your life.

..... You cannot change the people around you...but you can change the people you are around! Ask God for wisdom and discernment and choose wisely the people who sit in the front row of your life.

Gala Ball 2018

Blazing Star Lodge #26 celebrated it's 46th Anniversary in December 2018. In honor of this event the Lodge held its annual Gala ball and dinner on Saturday, the 20th of October 2018 in Almere, the Netherlands. The Lodge combined this affair with a charity event. The Gala Ball was well attended and everyone had a wonderful time with good food and excellent entertainment. A donation will be given to a worthy charity in the community. We look forward to continuing this tradition in 2019. Look for more information on this coming event in the next Plinth.



Bank Info USA has changed!

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We are looking for articles and or pictures for our next issue. Please send them to the secretary or e-mail them to the following e-mail address:

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For our brethren who pay their dues and fees in US\$ we would like to inform you that we have a new bank account. You can also pay by way of PayPal. PayPal is the preferred manner of payment for the Lodge.

Electronic Payment Info:

Blazing Star Lodge nr. 26
Santander Bank
Account number: 3291092651
Swift Code: SVRN US 33
Routing Number: 231372691

PayPal method:

Use email account:
blazstar26@yahoo.com

Use option "Send money to friends and family"


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