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- RW Parks Memorial
- Gala Ball 2018
- Wives Appreciation
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King's Day - Soesterberg 2018

Blazing Star Lodge #26 once more celebrated King's Day with a food stand in Soesterberg. For more than forty (40) years the Lodge has been represented in the town of Soesterberg. This year was a challenge as a new association took over the organization of the function and placed us in a location that was not very good for selling food. Even though we did not sell as much food as usual, all the brothers seemed to enjoy themselves. The weather was Dutch. It was not warm, but it was mostly dry. That is always a good day. We had good participation from the brothers and some family and friends who volunteered to help us. We thank all the volunteers and all the brethren who came and worked to make this another successful affair.

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Soesterberg 2018



Old Timers and the Mayor

IT'S ELECTION TIME! - PAY YOUR DUES!

Right Worshipful Robert J. Parks, the Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts passed away on Saturday, July 14, 2018. Right Worshipful Brother Parks made it known at the last Grand Lodge Session that he had been diagnosed with cancer and was being treated. Unfortunately the treatments were not successful and he passed. The Lodge extends its condolences and support to the family.



Grand Secretary
R.W. Robert J. Parks

Memorial – Grand Secretary Robert J. Parks

PEABODY – Robert Joseph Parks, 72, beloved husband of Marigeri (Lane) Parks, died peacefully on Saturday July 14, 2018 at the North Shore Medical Center—Salem Hospital, following a brief illness.

Born in Orange, NJ, he was the son of the late Leonard R. Parks and Dorothy (Porter) Parks Street, and grew up with his parents Dorothy and Henry Preston Street in Wilmington, DE. He graduated from Wilmington High School, then attended Tri-State College now known as Trine University, graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He earned a Master Degree from Northeastern University in Boston later in his career. He lived in Peabody for the last 48 years.

Mr. Parks served a patriotic duty to our country, enlisting in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and was stationed Stateside.

He was employed with Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut before serving 33 years at General Electric in Lynn as a Manager within the Aircraft Engine Group.

Robert lived his life in leadership, a strong faith-filled spiritual devotion to his church, as well as extending kindness and compassion for all he met. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, active in the Cape Ann Sportsman’s Club as Captain of the Pistol Team, a member of the Reading Rifle & Revolver Club, the Greater Boston Pistol League, and a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA). His community service and leadership was as a member of the Masons. He served as Grand Secretary of the 32nd Degree Masons, Past Worshipful Master with the John H. Hilton Lodge of Boston, and served as Secretary of the Scottish Rite, Prince Hall of Boston.

Welcome to our newest members! Samuel Ampofo and Michael Osiegbu



Michael Osiegbu



Samuel Ampofo

Gala Ball 2018

Blazing Star Lodge #26 celebrates it's 46th Anniversary in December 2017. In honor of this event the Lodge will hold its annual Gala Ball and Dinner on Saturday, the 20th of October in Almere, the Netherlands. The Lodge combines this affair with a charity event. We hope the Gala Ball will be well attended and that everyone has a wonderful time with good food and excellent entertainment. A donation will be given to a worthy charity.



*Blazing Star Lodge No. 26
F. & A. M.
Amersfoort, The Netherlands*



*Dresscode
Elegant
Formal attire*

Price: €55,-

Cordially invites you to their annual

Gala Ball

Saturday 20 October 2018



*The function will be held on
Saturday, 20th October 2018 in:
Van Der Valk Exclusief Hotel Almere*

Address: Veluwezoom 45, 1327 AH Almere

The Netherlands

Time: 18:00 - 00:00 hrs.

Price: € 55,- per person

Proceeds in aid of Charity



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

WHY THE LODGE LOST ITS CHARTER

It's lodge meeting night "said Brother White
But I don't think I'll go tonight
They can handle the business if I am not there.
My dues are paid up, so I don't care
We have no candidates, and I've a hunch
The refreshment committee won't even serve lunch
And he stayed away from the meeting

It's lodge meeting night, said Brother Dunn
But I don't like the way the lodge is run.
We can't tell stories, or smoke or chew
While the lodge is in session, it's against the law
I think it's best if I don't go
I get more entertainment on my radio
And he stayed away from the meeting

It's lodge meeting night said Brother Brown
But I **don't think I'll** go down
I attended the meeting last election night
And the way things went, it was a fright
They elected to office only men
On whom they said they could depend To be on hand when
there's work to do I don't **think that's** right. Do you?
And he stayed away from the meeting

Thus one and another, each made an excuse
And said as long as they paid their dues
And assessments promptly they couldn't see
What the difference was, if they should be
Away from the lodge on meeting night.
And argued to prove that they were right
In staying away from the meeting

WHY THE LODGE LOST ITS CHARTER

So the lodge was opened, the minutes spread,
The bills were paid, communication read,
And the faithful few who stood the test
Kept right on trying to do their best
To keep the lodge from closing down
Because many Brothers were not around

And the earnest officers of the lodge
And the faithful who didn't dodge
But did their own and other's work
Performing the tasks that others shirked
Finally grew discouraged and stayed away
And the Grand Master took the charter away.

ASK YOURSELF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- 1) Do I feel like these Brothers in the poem????
- 2) Does my Lodge and the craft meet my expectation???
- 3) Am I fulfilling my commitment to my lodge and the craft
- 4) Do I feel like I am growing in Masonry

In the closing charge of a Master Mason Lodge, there is a passage that says "Let it not be supposed that you have here labored in vain and Your Strength spent for nought"

You should leave your Lodge feeling enlightened, and spiritually up-lifted. Because it was a good meeting, you have taken care of your Masonic business, socialized with your brothers and are ready to return to the outside world



DON'T FORGET! SELL YOUR TICKETS!!!!

Wives Appreciation 2018

The Annual Wives Appreciation Dinner for Blazing Star Lodge #26 was held for the fifth successive time at the De Faam restaurant in Hoogland (Amersfoort) on June 16, 2018. . As usual it was a very nice affair, but we should have had much better participation from some of our brethren. There were nine (9) ladies and nine (9) men. A good time was had by all. . The meal and the service were once more of excellent quality. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Niclaas Soellaart, presented all the ladies with a flowers.



Bank Info USA has changed!

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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"

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:

E-mail: blazstar26@gmail.com
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We Love You!



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