

# Plinth

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## Denston Lyte elected Worshipful Master



SW Rene Meeuwessen



JW Niclass Soellaart

Blazing Star Lodge 26 held its annual election on the 20th of September 2014 in Amersfoort, the Netherlands

The results of the Election are as follows:

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

The Lodge once more elected a totally new team in the top three positions. District Deputy Grand Master Charles Beane presided over the elections and charged the newly elected officers to continue the good path that the Lodge has been on and to make the Lodge the best Lodge that they can..

Worshipful Master Lyte has a busy trestle-board and has two able assistants in Senior Warden Rene Meeuwessen and Junior Warden Niclaas Soellaart. There are plans to improve the website, hold the Annual Gala Ball and make a profit, as well as trying to increase the membership of the Lodge as much as possible. We wish them great success in their efforts.

**GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!!!!**



Deputy Grand Master  
R.W. Yves R. Maignan



Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Hon. Reuben H. Meade



Senior Grand Warden  
R.W. Jeffery M. Coaston



Junior Grand Warden  
R.W. Timothy R. Downes



Grand Treasurer  
R.W. Joseph H. Catan



Grand Secretary  
R.W. Gerald R. Thaxton III

## 223rd Annual Grand Lodge Session

The 223rd Annual Grand Lodge Session of the MWPH Grand Lodge was held in Boston, MA on 12-13-14-December 2014. Blazing Star Lodge #26 and the 7th Masonic District were represented by RW Bro. Charles Beane and Worshipful Bro. Denston Lyte. The Grand Lodge officers elected for this Masonic Year are presented above. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Lodge and the Worshipful Master to the Craft will be sent as attachments to this Plinth.

The Grand Lodge session was dominated by the discussion of the edict by Grand Master Compton Jones to finance the retirement of the mortgage to the Grand Lodge Temple and the financial situation of the Grand Lodge in general. The situation with the building has been resolved, but the situation of the Grand Lodge's finances were not made clear to the Lodge representatives present. In order to make this situation clearer, the body decided that the Grand Lodge should have make up a budget and that a full audit should be taken in the year 2015. We have not heard anything about either the budget or the audit, but it has not been forgotten.

## TWO OLD FELLOWS



*PM Ernest (The Judge) Allen and PM Charles Wright have been the best of friends for over 45yrs.*

And both were around at the time of Blazing Star's conception 45 years ago. Past Master Allen is one of the original members of Blazing Star Lodge's first class of candidates. Though Past Master Wright was not a traveling man at the time, he remembers the beginning of Blazing Star Lodge Nr. 26. Between these two men they have around 154 years of life's experiences and 75 years of Masonic experiences. The week of the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> of April was a memorable week for both of these gendarme's. Judge celebrated his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday and Charles celebrated his 76<sup>th</sup>. Charles Wright came into Blazing Star Lodge in 1991 from CP Houston Military Lodge under the Jurisdiction of Delaware, while Judge spent all his time under the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts. The Judge has been instrumental in many a brother's beginnings in Masonry here in the Netherlands. At the present he is serving as the Deputy Grand Lecturer for the 7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District and is very active within Blazing Star Lodge, insuring that the Lodge is kept up to date and on track with its ritualistic work and understanding of Masonry, while Past Master Wright is busy with passing on his Masonic knowledge and information on Masonry through the Lodge study sessions. They are both busy with planning and participating in various Lodge activities and events. After many years of continuous Masonic studies, they are happy to be able to give back to the order and the upcoming young Brothers. Brother Allen has obtained the highest degree of Masonry as we know it, that of Grand Inspector General, while Brother Wright has obtained the second highest degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. They are both happy to be and having been a part of Blazing Star Lodge over the past years and are looking forward to the future of Blazing Star Lodge #26.

*\* This article was submitted by PM Charles Wright*

## NEW MEMBERS — 2014

The Lodge raised two new Master Masons in the Masonic Year 2013 - 2014. They have become fruitful and productive additions to our Craft and have added to the growing multi-cultural / international nature of our Lodge. Bro. Brizendine hails from California and Bro. Akintunde is originally from Nigeria.



Bro. Abidemi Akintunde



Bro. Tom Brizendine

### **Amendment to By-Laws approved Unanimously**

The following recommendations were made by the Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence at the February 2015 meeting:

1. The committee recommends that Lodge dues be increased from USD 142.00 to USD 170.00 per year for each member. Associate membership dues should be raised from

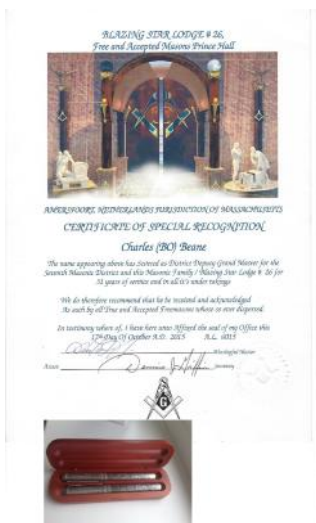
EUR 50,00 to EUR 60,00 per year per Associate member

2. The committee recommends that the initiation fee be raised to an amount of \$300.00.

At the June 13, 2015 regular meeting of Blazing Star Lodge No. 26 these recommendations were unanimously approved by the members present and will go into effect beginning 1 November 2015. The dues next year will be \$ 170.00 per year and the initiation fee will be \$ 300.00. The last increase in dues was in the year 2000, fifteen (15) years ago.

# Wive's Appreciation 2015

The Annual Wives Appreciation Dinner for Blazing Star Lodge #26 was held for the second successive time at the De Faam restaurant in Hoogland (Amersfoort) on June 20, 2015. The participation from the brethren was disappointing as attendance was significantly lower than past years. Those who attended, however, were treated to an outstanding meal and grandiose company from the ladies and the other brothers. DDGM Beane was presented with a certificate and symbolic pen set from the Lodge in recognition of his thirty-one (31) years of service as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District.



# King's Day / 5 May 2015

Blazing Star Lodge #26 celebrated King's Day once more with food stands in Soesterberg and Zeist. We also participated in the 5 May celebrations to mark the 70th anniversary of the Dutch liberation from the Nazis in World War II. Due to sickness, prior commitments, etc. we did not get the participation that we desired in the preparation for these events. On the days of the events the brothers stepped up and with the help of a large number of family and friends we once more had a successful and profitable fund raiser. We would like to thank all brethren and volunteers who helped us in this endeavor.

## Kings Day - Soesterberg



## 5 May



Rush before the storm—literally a lot of rain!



Our best customers this day!

## *Upcoming Gala Ball in October*



*Blazing Star  
Lodge No. 26  
F. & A.M.*



*Armersfoort, The Netherlands  
cordially invites you to their*

*Gala Ball*

*Saturday, 17th October 2015*

*The Van der Valk Hotel  
Veluwezoom 45, 1327 AK Almere,  
The Netherlands*

*Time: 18:00 – 00:30*

*Price: € 60,- per person*

*Dinner & Dance*

*Reservering per email via:  
blazstar26@gmail.com*

*Dresscode:*

*Elegantly Casual Dinner attire*

*Blazing Star Lodge #26 will be celebrating it's 43rd Anniversary in December 2015. In honor of this event we will be holding a Gala ball and dinner on Saturday, the 17th of October in Almere, the Netherlands. The Lodge will be combining this affair with a charity event. We encourage all brethren to sell as many tickets as possible to make this a memorable and profitable occasion. Last year we had a great time but once again had too few attendees. This year we hope that the Saturday date will help us to improve the attractiveness of this event. Please do your to get family and friends out on this day!*

**PLEASE SELL TICKETS NOW!**

# Check out your website!

## NOTICE!

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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:

*E-mail: [blazstar26@gmail.com](mailto:blazstar26@gmail.com)*

*Web site: [www.blazingstar26.org](http://www.blazingstar26.org)*

We hope that you know that the Lodge has a website: [blazingstar26.org](http://blazingstar26.org). It is maintained by PM Jerry Sewberath-Misser and contains useful information for all the brothers and visitors to the site. It is possible to pay your dues via the site and contact the secretary or the Worshipful Master. We hope that all the brethren will utilize the site as much as possible. We would also like to have as much input as to more information or suggestions about how you would like the site to develop.



**We Love You!**



**Blazing Star Lodge #26**

**2014 - 2015**