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Niclaas Soellaart re-elected Worshipful Master



Blazing Star Lodge 26 held its annual election on the 21st of September 2019 in Amersfoort, the Netherlands. Niclaas Soellaart was re-elected Worshipful Master and will be serving a third term in that office. The newly elected Senior Warden is a Past Master and Junior Warden has previously served in that position. The prospects for this administration are high. District Deputy Grand Master Charles Beane presided over the elections and charged the newly elected officers to work hard to make the Lodge better and to strive for growth, more knowledge, and prosperity.

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The results of the Election were as follows:

- Worshipful Master ... Niclaas Soellaart
- Senior WardenRandall Scott
- Junior Warden Wilson Holman Jr
- Treasurer Charles Beane
- Secretary Dennis Griffin



Senior Warden
Randall Scott



Junior Warden
Wilson Holman Jr

Kings Day 2019 - Soesterberg

Blazing Star Lodge #26 celebrated King's Day once more with a food stand in Soesterberg. We prepared well and had good participation from the brethren. Due to low attendance at the street market and rainy weather we had disappointing sales for the second year in a row. We would like to thank all brethren and volunteers who helped us in this endeavor. We have been doing this for over 40 years, but we are at the point of evaluating this event to see if it is worth all the energy that the brethren put into it. If so, we will see you next year somewhere in the Netherlands on the 27th of April.



Wives Appreciation 2019

The Annual Wives Appreciation Dinner for Blazing Star Lodge #26 was held once again at the De Faam restaurant in Hoogland (Amersfoort) on June 15, 2019. The participation from the brethren was disappointing as attendance was lower than past years. Those who attended, however, were treated to an outstanding meal and grandiose company from the ladies and the other brothers.



Subject: Is Freemasonry difficult to get Into?

It can be! This story gives one version:

A man was checking in at a hotel and, while at the registration desk, he noticed a group of men heading toward a function room. He said to the clerk, "Who are those men?"

She replied, "Oh, they are Masons. They are meeting in one of our rooms until their new Lodge room is finished."

He replied, "Oh yeah, the Masons! Isn't that the group that is so hard to get into?"

She replied, "You don't know the half of it! See that man with the sword? He's been banging on that door for eight months and they haven't let him in yet!"

(taken from the book of Masonic Trivia and Facts by Allen E. Roberts)

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Blazing Star #26 meets Saints John #35 in Rota, Spain

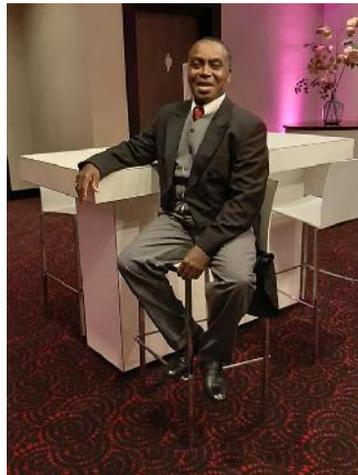
Three Brothers from Blazing Star Lodge No. 26 (Dennis Griffin, Charles Beane, John Horne) made the journey to Rota Spain in April to attend the Annual Black & White Ball given by Saints John Lodge No. 35. They met Bro. Lee Featherstone (PM of Blazing Star Lodge #26) there and enjoyed talking with him and the other Brothers including the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro Gerald Thaxton III. This is a true example of European Unity.



Front Row: PM Dennis Griffin, RW Warren Macon, RW Charles Beane, PM Lee Featherstone
Back Row: RW Jorge Torres, PM John Horne, Bro Wilson Holman Jr, PM John Gorsuch, RW Wesley Thrower

Gala Ball 2019

Blazing Star Lodge #26 celebrates it's 47th Anniversary in December 2019. In honor of this occasion, the Lodge held its annual Gala Ball and Dinner on Saturday, the 19th of October in Almere, the Netherlands. This affair is a combination of Fund Raiser and Charity event. The Gala Ball was once more well attended and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time with good food and excellent entertainment. A donation will be given to the Wilhelmina Kinderziekenhuis in Utrecht. We look forward to continuing this tradition in 2020.



Company Policy

- A. Start with a cage containing five monkeys
- B. Inside the cage, hang a banana on a string and place a set of stairs under it. Before long, a monkey will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the banana. As soon as he touches the stairs, spray all of the other monkeys with cold water. After a while, another monkey makes an attempt with the same result - all the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water. Pretty soon, when another monkey tries to climb the stairs, the other monkeys will try to prevent it
- C. Now, put away the cold water. Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with the new one. The new monkey sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs. To his surprise and horror, all of the other monkeys attack him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs, he will be assaulted.
- D. Next, remove another of the original five monkeys and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm!
- E. Likewise, replace a third original monkey with a new one, then a fourth, then the fifth. Every time the newest monkey takes to the stairs, he is attacked. Most of the monkeys that are beating him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs or why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey.
- F. After replacing all the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, no monkey ever again approaches the stairs to try for the banana. Why not? Because as far as they know that's the way it's always been done around here.

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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.

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