



# THE BEACON—HOLIDAY ISSUE!!!

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## From The East... W. Ron Bond

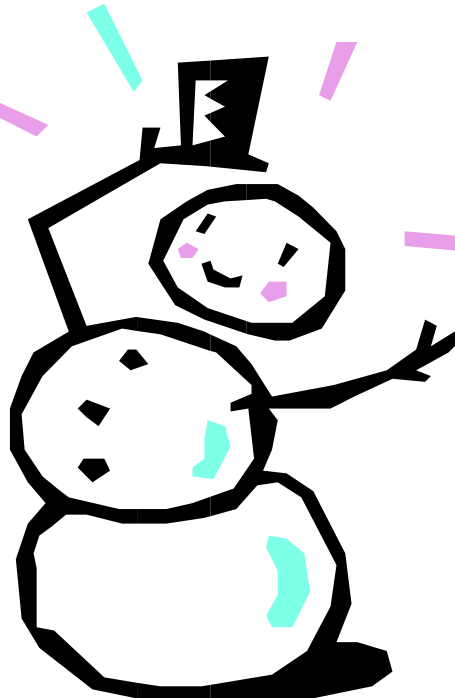
Greetings Brothers. Hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the fall weather! On September 19<sup>th</sup> eighteen brothers from Lake City Lodge attended the District Deputy Grand Master official visit at Pulaski Lodge no. 415. September 25<sup>th</sup> there was a first degree held with one new brother, Michael Fasulo Jr., being initiated in Freemasonry. The degree went very well with many new brothers participating in the ritual. On October 4<sup>th</sup> eight brothers from Lake City attended the District Deputy Grand Master official visit at Central Square no. 622. October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> was Pumpkin-fest in Oswego and went very well with 300 chickens sold out. There was no Lodge meeting held on October

9<sup>th</sup> as thirteen brothers from Lake City traveled to Sandy Creek Lodge for the District Deputy Grand Master official visit. Brothers also traveled

to Mexico on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, Amboy Republican on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Callimachus on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> for their Official Visits. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> was the Grand Lecturer's Convention with 65+ Brothers present and we learned a lot and also had some good laughs. We had a regular meeting Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, There was a well done Third Degree Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, with one new Brother being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> will be a Christmas party from 12 to 3 with Santa coming at 2:30 for the youngsters and a covered dish to pass dinner at 6pm for adults with dinner at 7pm. Hope to see everyone there and seasons greetings to all.

Happy Holidays!!

- Ronald A Bond



Happy Holidays From Master Ron Bond!



### This Issue's Quote:

"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men"

- Abraham Lincoln



## LDC—8 Held at Lake City Lodge

By Bro. Ed Salm

Saturday Dec 1st  
R.W. Garry Visconti, Oswego District's Grand Director of Ceremonies, held the new Leadership Development Course (LDC-8) at Lake City Lodge. Seven brothers and members of Lake City #127 participated in the 8 hours of

instruction. Newly raised brothers as well as past Masters were represented in the pool of attendees. Given the wide range of Masonic knowledge present and subject matter of the course, communication was open and discussion lively!

The course covered both Masonic and Leadership topics. Organization, Planning, Communication and the Roles of a Lodge Master were stressed. The Brothers enjoyed the course and agreed they would recommend it to any Mason looking for further light.

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# M.W. Calvin G. Bond Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Masonic Anniversary

By Right Worthy Natalie J. Woodall

New York City Street.

his mentor since he had succeeded him as grand lecturer and now was on the way to becoming grand master.

Calvin G. Bond, past grand master of New York State Free and Accepted Masons, recently celebrated his sixtieth Masonic anniversary at a party hosted by the brothers of Lake City Lodge 127.

Several of the visiting dignitaries offered laudatory comments. Frazier pointed out that Bond was always available to answer questions about Masonic ritual. He said he wished him “many more years of dedicated service.”

Neal Bidnick, grand master, said it was a great opportunity to be in a lodge where the brothers, not contractors, were active in the planning and construction of the building. He called his invitation “my honor to be here this evening.” He too alluded to Bond’s availability when issues of ritual arose.

Visiting dignitaries included Neal Bidnick, grand master; Edward Gilbert, deputy grand master; David Stoy, past grand high priest, Royal Arch Masons, Harry Frazier, district deputy grand master, Oswego District; Bruce Widger, senior past grand master, John Curtis, past president 33<sup>rd</sup> Club Valley of Syracuse, and Richard Thomas, past grand master and president of the trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home. John Fuller was toastmaster for the evening.



Bond was raised a Master Mason and April 1, 1947 in Oswego Lodge 127. He served as worshipful master of Lake City Lodge in 1954. In 1965 he was appointed district deputy grand master of Oswego District. His term as grand master extended from 1984 to 1986. He was grand lecturer from 1988 to 1999, during which time he wrote a regular column in *The Empire State Mason* dealing with questions of Masonic ritual and etiquette.

During his response, Bond complimented Garry Visconti, associate grand lecturer, and Frazier, for their commitment to their Masonic obligations. He also praised the members of Lake City Lodge for their work on the new lodge. He called it “a wonderful place for new brothers to be raised as master masons.” He added that as grand master he had consciously chosen to lead by example. He wanted to help brothers who were in line to be master of the lodge.

Bidnick, Frazier, and Ronald Bond, currently the master of Lake City Lodge, presented the evening’s honoree with his 60 year pin and certificate. Bidnick also presented Bond with a 50 year medallion, a tradition dating from 1870. Bond joked that he has celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by breaking a leg on a

Bruce Widger said he emulated Bond for his knowledge and stated he was a “true friend and brother.”

Prior to the program, 133 brothers and guests enjoyed a meal prepared and served by Lake City Victoria Chapter No. 205 Order of the Eastern Star.

Stoy said it was an honor to speak on behalf of Royal Arch Masons. He referred to Bond as “senior grand high priest” and alluded to the fact that Bond did not “disappear” once his tenure ended. On the contrary, he served on many committees and stayed active in the order.

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Gilbert said he considered Bond



## 2007-2008 Lake City Officers

### Elected

Worshipful Master: W. Ronald Bond  
 Senior Warden: Bro. Edward Wilson  
 Junior Warden: Bro. David Johnson Jr.  
 Secretary: W. Alan Wood  
 Treasurer: W. John Krauss  
 Trustee: Bro. Edwin Miller, DSA  
 Trustee: W. Kevin Dice  
 Trustee: R.W. Sam Eason

### Appointed

Sr. Deacon: Bro. Edward Salm  
 Jr. Deacon: Bro. Vernon Reynolds  
 Steward: Bro. Robert Taylor  
 Steward: Bro. Patrick Fasulo  
 Sr. Master of Ceremony: Bro. James Rizzo  
 Jr. Master of Ceremony: Bro. Klaus Chamberlian  
 Marshal: Bro. Michael Regan  
 Chaplain: Bro. George Reed  
 Musician: Bro. Ed Goodness  
 Tyler: Bro. Ed Dennis



Join us for Coffee every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 9AM.  
 \$1 donation for coffee and doughnut



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### Help us send Holiday Cards to our Lodge Widows and Orphans this season!

Who: You !!!!

What: Donate Bottles and Cans

When: Now, and through Dec 10th, 2007

Where: Camelot Returns, E 7th and Bridge in Oswego.

How: Tell them to add your cans to the 'Oswego Masonic Lodge' account!!!



### 2007 Lodge Regular Season Results:

The Short Stewards - Bro. Pat Fasulo  
 DeMolay Maulers - Bro. Bob Taylor  
 Engineers - W. John Krauss  
 The Big Marshall - Bro. Mike Regan  
 Hiram's Heroes - Bro. Ed Salm  
 Coaches Replacements - W. Al Wood  
 Oneida Wardens - Bro. Dave Johnson

Good luck to all in the playoffs!!!!

# **The Lodge Room over Simpkins' Store**

**By Lawrence N. Greenleaf, PGM Masons in Colorado, November 19th, 1898**

The plainest Lodge room in the land was over Simpkins' store,  
Where Friendship Lodge had met each month for fifty' years or more.  
When o'er the earth the moon full-orbed, had cast her brightest beams,  
The Brethren came from miles around on horseback and in teams,  
And O! what heavy grasp of hand, what welcome met them there,  
As mingling with the waiting groups they slowly mount the stair,  
Exchanging fragmentary news or prophecies of crop,  
Until they reach the Tyler's room and current topics drop,  
To turn their thoughts to nobler themes they cherish and adore,  
And which were heard on meeting night up over Simpkins' Store.

To city eyes, a cheerless room, long usage had defaced,  
The tell-tale lines of lath and beam on wall and ceiling traced.  
The light from oil-fed lamps was dim and yellow in its hue,  
The carpet once could pattern boast though now 'twas lost to view  
The altar and the pedestals that marked the stations three,  
The gate-post pillars topped with balls, the rude-carved Letter G,  
Were village joiner's clumsy work, with many things beside,  
Where beauty's lines were all effaced and ornament denied.  
There could be left no lingering doubt if doubt there was before,  
The plainest Lodge room in the land was over Simpkins' Store.

## **ON The Level**

**By Bro. Pat Fasulo**

As a newly raised Master Mason, I have been rewarded with the opportunity to meet so many Brothers from so many different walks of life, in a very short time. The true meaning of equality is handed to me at every meeting and function I attend, stirring within me a feeling of belonging and Brotherly Love. In an era where so many people focus on themselves and judge others on their socioeconomic status, skin color, or religious belief, Freemasons are truly unique. It does not matter whether we come from royalty or poverty, are a member of the minority or majority, or believe in Jesus or Allah, we are all equal when we meet.... *on the Level*.

While musing thus on outward form the meeting time drew near  
And we had glimpse of inner life through watchful eye and ear.  
When Lodge convened at gavel's sound with officers in place,  
We looked for strange, conglomerate work, but could no errors trace.  
The more we saw the more we heard, the greater our amaze,  
To find those country Brethren there so skilled in Masons' ways.  
But greater marvels were to come before the night was through,  
Where unity was not mere name, but fell on hearts like dew  
Where tenets had the mind imbued, and truths rich fruitage bore,  
In plainest Lodge room in the land, up over Simpkins' Store.

To hear the record of their acts was music to the ear  
We sing of deeds unwritten which on angel's scroll appear;  
A widow's case for our helpless ones Lodge funds were running low  
A dozen Brethren sprang to feet and offers were not slow  
Food, raiment things of needful sort while one gave load of wood,  
Another shoes for little ones, for each gave what he could.  
Then spoke the last 'I haven't things like these to give out then,  
Some ready money may help out'; - and he laid down a ten.  
Were Brother cast on darkest square upon life's checkered floor  
A beacon light to reach the white was over Simpkins' Store.

Like scoffer who remained to pray, impressed by sight and sound,  
The faded carpet 'neath our feet was now like holy ground.  
The walls that had such a dingy look turned celestial blue,  
The ceiling changed to canopy where stars were shining through.  
Bright tongues of flame from altar leaped, the G was vivid blaze,  
All common things seemed glorified by heaven's reflected rays.

O! wondrous transformation wrought through ministry of love-  
Behold the **Lodge Room Beautiful!** fair type of that above,  
The vision fades-the lesson lives! and taught as ne'er before,  
In plainest Lodge room in the land-up over Simpkins' Store.

