

# Blue Lodge Happenings



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was the best and he would help cook. Of course, everyone there knew their sauce was better, thus was born the Red Sauce competition. We put out a call for competitors, and six responded. I don't know what I would have done if more wanted to compete.

There are dozens of people that I need to thank for helping make this event happen. I'll save most of them for another news update, but some need to be mentioned here. Bro. Mike Hudon, for getting many donations and doing most of the cooking and cleaning. AYL Fellowcraft Kevin Waterhouse for doing it all. AYL Bro. **Ron Urnetta** and The Golf Club at Turner Hills of Ipswich for the food donations, **Gail** and **Jeanne Reed** for setting up and everything else. Huge thanks to **Deb Webster** for her ticket selling. She sold close to 100 tickets at \$10 each. Thank you **Wor Doug**, **Wor, George** and **Wor. Wayne**, all of Pentucket Lodge for their help. Many thanks to everyone that helped, I'll try to talk to each of you personally and thank you.

Remember way back in grade school, at the dance? All the boys on one side, and all the girls on the other? This Italian night was similar. Most of the people with Masonic connections were on one side of the hall and the other side were people that know Nicky or are connected to Nicky through the school system.

Masonry is universal and there were a lot of Masons on the school side also. We're everywhere.

The DJ, **Nick Diamond** played lots of good music. Soft during dinner and loud music to dance afterwards.

Our silent auction brought in a bunch of money.

We'll have to do that again. Our soda bar made us some money. We weren't charging but had a bowl and note saying donations. Everyone took that hint. I'll remember to load up on diet soda next time. Thanks to Market Basket for the soda donations. One of the more entertaining way to collect funds was to go around with a bucket and ask for all your pocket change. I had one woman thank me as she dumped out her purse of what seemed to be a zillion pennies.

Our DeMolay crew is a true godsend. They set-up tables and chairs, bussed tables, loaded the food tables and helped clean up. **Kevin, Nathan** and **Dakota** plus the others and the Senior DeMolays, you guys rock. Thanks.

With everyone's help and all the donations, we collected enough to pay off the ramp debt and I think we have a surplus of \$60 to put into our charity fund.

Last week, we went to Irish Night at St Mathew's Lodge in Andover. The food was excellent, the Step Dancers were outstanding, the company superb. To make it a true Irish night, we brought our friend **Sarah** and her husband **Jeff**. She has an outstanding Irish brogue and wicked sense of humor. I'm glad Masonry brought us together. Jeff is a member of St. John's Lodge in Boston.

You need to go to other lodge functions. Go to a table lodge in another district, go to a breakfast in a different lodge. My wife and I went to Pulpit Rock Lodge in New Hampshire. The brothers at Pulpit Rock made us feel welcome and invited us to their regular meeting and promised us invitations to their upcoming table lodge.

I'm looking forward to Mt Carmel's Table Lodge on April 30th. It's in downtown Lynn. Passed the building a hundred times, and always wanted to go in. Can hardly wait to go, I'm not even sure what district Lynn is in. I'll let you know how that goes.

I'm also looking forward to OPENING DAY. The Anchor Club is a lake house in New Hampshire that is open to all Master Masons and their families. YOU could be part owner of a summer lake house that is yours to use whenever you want. Boating, fishing, swimming, hiking, and other fun things are yours in the New Hampshire Lakes Region. There is none better than the Anchor Club. Contact me if you want more information. We're also looking forward to the Lowell Spinners opening day. We've bought 100 tickets all together. It's a blast going to a single A ball game with 100 of our friends. Contact me quick and I'll see if there are any tickets left. Every game has been a sell out. This year looks to be no different.

Did I tell you that I'm the LOI chaplain? It's amazing how many new brothers are in the 12th district. Thomas Talbot always has a huge turnout at LOI. I think they are cloning new candidates.

Wor. **Jim Burke** is a member of every lodge in the district. We use him like a Bingo free space during attendance.

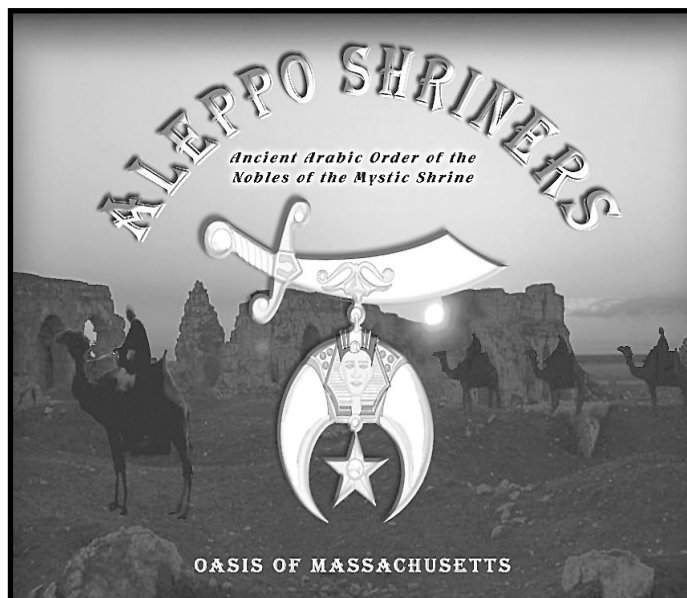
Thanks for reading this far. Hi, Brother **Chris** in Iraq, come home safe. Hi, Uncle **Phil**. Thanks **RW Dana** for your kind instructions and guidance.

Please brothers and sisters, keep our friends in your prayers. Those in harms way, those who have lost their jobs, and those whose health is not the best, keep them in your thoughts.

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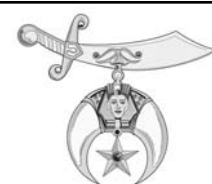
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