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UP COMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Our Entertainment Committee and Fundraising committees have been busy.

Annual Luncheon - Sunday March 22nd 1:00pm is our Valentine/spring Luncheon will be at Mary's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant in Farmingdale. 611 Main St, South Farmingdale, NY 11735.
Cost is \$60 per person **BEFORE SUBSIDY**
Contact Marty Nyear for reservations at 516-398-3417 or mnyear@gmail.com

Looking for your feedback on our proposed events.

Outdoor events proposed

- Fishing
- Miniature golf

Indoor events proposed

- Movie Night - (need movie suggestions)
- Axe Throwing - **DATE TO BE DETERMINED**
- Corn Hole
- Smash Things (yes, break things)
- Bowling

RE-POSTING FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT HAVE READ

Dear Brothers,

We hope everyone is well and healthy. However, it has become increasingly clear that Island Lodge is not doing well. As we go through this year, we began and still continue to propose events to bring members to get more involved. Whether it's attending our meetings or our social events (which most are subsidized) we need better participation.

Our lodge is not going through growing pains any longer but more like shrinkage pains. It has become more and more consistently difficult to fill the lodge meetings and collect our dues and generally there is not enough participation from our brotherhood. We are not sure if this is because you have lost interest or moved away without letting us know or if it's just because you are older and don't have a ride to get to us.

Over the last few months those of us that have been at the meetings have started to express an interest in looking to determine what direction Island Lodge is heading.

As such, is joining or merging with another Lodge worth entertaining? The benefits of doing this would see a greater participation in meeting and events. We could have more frequent events that would hopefully make you to want to participate with us more frequently.

We would keep the Island Lodge fraternal benefits the same if not better. And if you have reserved a burial plot in the past nothing will change for that either.

Now that this letter is published, we will be sending out meeting notifications in the coming weeks and months so you can come to our meetings and express (in person) any of your concerns or approvals or other ideas to sustain Island Lodge on its own.

Other possible outcomes would to sustain ourselves with more participation or a merger with another lodge. The idea of a merger (or absorption) needs to be addressed. Therefore, it is very important to just come and spend a time with your brothers to address the state of our lodge.

After we have group conversations about what we are thinking of doing, we will send out notice of a vote to decide the lodge's direction. As our bylaws state, you will need to be in attendance to place your vote for or against any motions or changes otherwise. Without attending the vote or voicing your opinion, it will be assumed that you are in favor of whatever decision is made.

Again, it cannot be expressed enough, to please join us more often to enjoy your brothers and their company. No one is that bad, we actually have laughs at meetings these days. And the benefits of this wonderful organization that you have built over the last 50+ years are you're for the taking. Our meeting is still the first and third Thursday of every month unless stated otherwise.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We welcome any and all comments and suggestions.

Fraternally,

CC Michael DiBlasio and interested Brothers who are very much involved.

Prelate's Corner.

Congratulations to Bob and Adrienne Mann for moving into their new Condo in Kings Park. Also, unfortunately, Bob fell during his move and cracked his knee cap. We all wish him a quick recovery and we are looking forward to see him back at our meetings.

Condolences to the family of Bernie Lebowitz on Bernie's passing.

Get well wishes also goes out to Sandy Smith who was last reported in the hospital dealing with foot issues related to his Diabetes.

It's been reported that both Marty Kesselman and Ted Corn are doing better after their illnesses. Looking forward to see them back at the meetings soon.

Please report any good news, illnesses, sad news to me. The lodge has no way of knowing what is going on unless it is communicated to us.

I can be reached at (516) 398-3417 or emailed to me at mnyear@gmail.com

Fraternally,

PCDGC/GTrib Sir Marty Nyear, Prelate.

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The Sarcastic Women

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Island Lodge meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, in person. Except the summer months.

If anyone needs a ride to the meetings, please contact our Chancellor Commander, Michael DiBlasio as soon as possible.

If you do not know, we are meeting at the Chai Center
501 Vanderbilt Parkway
Dix Hills, NY 11746

Also see us on facebook www.facebook.com/groups/kopislandlodge623

Directions:

Exit 51 North (Deer Park Road) to Vanderbilt Parkway. Center will be on your left. There is plenty of parking



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