

St. Mark's Masonic Lodge No1001, F. & A.M.

Believing that a city the size of Binghamton should have three Masonic Lodges, a movement has been started by Miles Smith, Frank Goodnough and Edward Merrill to establish a new Lodge in Binghamton.

With this idea formulating in the minds of the three men above, and with interest shown by other Masons, Grand Lodge of New York was petitioned for the institution of St. Mark's Lodge No. 1001, F. & A.M.

The first meeting of the new Lodge was held on December 30, 1921, at 83 State Street, Binghamton, New York which resulted in an organizational meeting, and then on January 7, 1922, the first communication of St. Mark's Lodge No. 1001 was held under dispensation from Grand Lodge. Under this dispensation, St. Mark's Lodge entered into a busy schedule of degree conferrals, then ten Brother Masons were raised from January until April 15, 1922. Work in the Lodge was suspended from April 15 until May 20, 1922 when it received its Charter from Grand Lodge with Charter Members totaling 64.

These Charter Members consisted of 16 Brothers from Binghamton Lodge No. 177, 23 from Otsenigo Lodge No. 435, two from Eastern Light Lodge No. 126, Greene, New York, and one each from New Hope Lodge No. 730, Schenectady, New York, Deposit Lodge No. 369, Apollo Lodge No. 13, Troy, New York, Humanity Lodge No. 406, Lyons, New York, Mountain Lodge No. 214, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, Oneonta Lodge No.466, Oneonta, New York, Sidney Lodge No. 801, Sidney, New York, Artisan Lodge No. 80, Amsterdam, New York, Central City Lodge No. 305, Syracuse, New York, Sullivan Lodge No. 148, Chittenango, New York, Afton Lodge No. 360, Afton, New York, Phoebus Lodge No.82, New Berlin, New York, Olean Lodge no. 252, Olean, New York, Freedom Lodge No. 324, Unadilla, New York, Western Light Lodge No. 597, Lisle, New York, Hancock Lodge No.552, Hancock, New York, Jesse L. Cooley Lodge No. 996, Elmira, New York, Rochester Lodge No. 660, Rochester, New York, Nipperhan Lodge No. 736, Yonkers, New York, Mongamp Lodge No. 816, Liberty, New York, Tipton Lodge No.33, Logansport, Indiana, Northern Constellation Lodge No. 291, Malone, New York, Sincerity Lodge No. 200, Phelps, New York, Homer Lodge No. 352, Homer, New York, Painted Post Lodge No. 117, Corning, New York, Batavia Lodge No. 475, Batavia, New York, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 610, New York City and Grecian Lodge, Lawrence, Massachusetts.

After receiving the Charter, work was resumed, and 24 more candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In addition to these new Brothers, five became members by affiliation.

TRULY THIS WAS AN AUSPICIOUS START

At the beginning, the regular meeting nights were the first and third Saturdays at 7:30 PM. On October 6, 1923, at a regular and summoned communication, consideration was given to moving from 83 State Street, to the newly erected Masonic Temple, 66 Main Street. At the same time,

the meeting nights were changed to the first and third Thursdays, in order to accommodate the desires of the Brethren.

During the early years of existence, St. Mark's assumed its share of building the Masonic Temple, and was able to grow in stature in the Fraternity. Many of our Brothers surely sacrificed time and talent to assure its growth.

St. Mark's had several noteworthy events in its history before consolidation:

September 27, 1946. W.: Leonard E. Westfall, and his Officers exemplified the First Degree at the George Washington Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia

November 27, 1966, W.: Enos A. Faber, Master, sat in the East at the newly constructed Lodge Rooms at the Masonic Home, Utica, New York, and conferred the Second Degree on two Entered Apprentices. The chairs were filled by Masters from the Broome=Chenango District.

St. Mark's has received honors in the appointments by the Grand Masters:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.: W.:	Miles M. Smith	1923-1924
R.: W.:	Glenn M. Gager	1931-1832
R.: W.:	A. Taylor Lord	1949-1950
R.: W.:	Conrad H. Lasher	1959-1960
R.: W.:	Jerome W. Cornell	1969-1970

GRAND LODGE STAFF OFFICERS

R.: W.: Francis V.V. Leary Grand Sword Bearer 1934

R.: W.: John C. Bush Grand Director of Ceremonies 1942

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURER

R.: W.: Francis V. V. Leary Assistant Grand Lecturer 1932

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

R.: W.: George C. Vogt South Australia 1963

DEDICATED SERVICE AWARDEES

W.: Enos A. Faber 1975

St. Mark's should also be proud that one of its members, Brother Lynn M. Hakes, received his three degrees in one night during the war year 1918 in his former Lodge.

Another distinction worthy of note is that St. Mark's received Dispensation from Grand Lodge to confer the three degrees on Carl D. Vicks, who is deaf, and was therefore not blindfolded. W.: Edgar C. Steinbaugh, Master in 1953, was in the East for the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree, with the chairs filled by Past Masters of St. Mark's Lodge.

The inspiration of W.: Enos A. Faber, our Lodge began a joint fellowship dinner with the Johnson City Council No. 2953, Knights of Columbus in October of 1967. The tradition, known as the Mason-Knight Dinner, has continued to the present day, and is hosted alternating each year.

In 1972, the Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary by having a three -day program. On May 18, 1972, the Past Masters conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on a class of candidates. On May 19th, a ladies night Dinner was held with the IBM Glee Club as entertainment, and R.: W.: Edwin C. Schumacher, Grand Chaplain, as guest speaker. On May 20th, the anniversary banquet was held in the Temple Ballroom with R.: W.: Emmanuel Dick, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 6th Manhattan District, as our guest speaker.

Dual Member, Roy A. Mosteller, was Master of Upper Lisle Lodge No. 388 in 1977, and was also presented the Dedicated Service Award by that Lodge.

In 1977, negotiations and required procedures began to merge Philetus Lodge No. 1023 with St. Mark's Lodge No. 1001, culminating on July 1, 1978 with a new charter for St. Mark's-Philetus Lodge No. 1001.

**PAST MASTERS OF ST. MARK'S LODGE NO. 1001
1922 - 1977**

1922	Miles Smith *	1950	Donald P. Roehm *
1923	Samuel J. Bailey*	1951	Lee H. Moffitt *
1924	Joseph F. Roe *	1952	W. Gould Taylor *
1925	John C. Bush *	1953	Edgar C. Steinbaugh *
1926	Merton E. Lewis *	1954	Charles V. Beam *
1927	Glenn M. Gager *	1955	Donald N. Reed
1928	Mack W. Terry *	1956	Lewis L. Walter *
1929	Francis V.V. Leary *	1957	Conrad H. Lasher *
1930	Edgar W. Cooper *	1958	Donald A. Tiffany*
1931	George Denholm *	1959	Fred V. Barber*
1932	Clarence L. Chamberlain *	1960	Jerome W. Cornell*

1933	A. Taylor Lord *	1961	Harold Griswold *
1934	Fred E. West *	1962	Sidney A. Greene *
1935	Fred J. Hollenbeck *	1963	Merrill Jones *
1936	George R. Beers *	1964	Charles B. McNair *
1937	Harvey J. Adams *	1965	Roger K. Donnelly *
1938	Charles E. Goss *	1966	Enos A. Faber *
1939	John D. Pratt *	1967	Frank M. Chupp*
1940	Edward W. Withers *	1968	Wilfred Perkins *
1941	Henry R. Graham *	1969	F. Hughes Neely *
1942	Elmer E. Davis *	1970	Charles J. Mackey
1943	John D. Bensley *	1971	Harry Shoop *
1944	Albert B. Pierson *	1972	Homer Bolender *
1945	William H. Cargill *	1973	Clifford L. Utter*
1946	Leonard E. Westfall *	1974	William B. Crawford *
1947	Harold E. Root *	1975	Robert H. Wheaton*
1948	Kenneth T. Winsor *	1976	G. Bernard Freer*
1949	Harry I. Knickerbocker *	1977	Walter F. Thompson *

HISTORY OF PHILETUS LODGE NO. 1023, F. & A.M.

The history of Philetus Lodge No. 1023, F. & A. M. began early in 1922, when a petition was submitted to Grand Lodge with the aid of its Mother Lodge, Philo Lodge No. 968 of Syracuse, New York, to establish a fourth Masonic Lodge in the City of Binghamton.

On Wednesday, July 11, 1923, in the Masonic Temple at 83 State Street, Miles M. Smith, District Deputy Grand Master of the Broome-Chenango District, formally instituted the Lodge as Philetus Lodge U.D., F. & A. M. The Lodge remained Under Dispensation until 1924 when formal recognition of the name Philetus Lodge No. 1023, F. & A. M. was granted by Grand Lodge.

The first officers installed were those men who were instrumental in establishing the Lodge, and were the Charter Members of the Lodge.

These men were: Henry M.Kline, Master, David Cohen, Leon C. Blumberg, Herman Friedman, Louis L. Burros, Abe Abrams, Albert R. Sherman, Leo Rubin, Sidney L Blumberg, Bernard Chernin and James Stone.

Attending this important occasion were the following Grand Officers: Miles M. Smith, St.Mark's Lodge No. 1001, Clarence W. Eldred, Afton Lodge No. 360, William A. Johnson, Binghamton Lodge No. 177, Charles Bayer, Binghamton Lodge No. 177, and Isadore Rothchild, Philo Lodge No. 968.

The following Masters and Past Masters were also in attendance: Samuel J. Bailey, St. Mark's Lodge No. 1001, Frank Goodnough, St. Mark's Lodge No. 1001, C. Arlo Goodrich, Binghamton Lodge No. 177, Albert L. Bennett, Binghamton Lodge No. 177,

Fred C. Kelley, Binghamton Lodge No. 177, J. B. Walker, Binghamton Lodge No.177, Milton H. Steele, Otsenigo Lodge No. 435, F.H. Foote, Otsenigo Lodge No. 435, Charles A. McLean, Otsenigo Lodge No. 435 , Charles Smith, Round Hill Lodge No. 533, Harry Smith, Round Hill Lodge No. 533, Warren Winklestein, Philo Lodge No. 968, Sigmund Sugarman, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 864, H.A. Norton, Afton Lodge No. 360.

The Lodge was granted its Charter on June 4, 1924.

The period from July 1923 through 1924 was a very active period. Degrees were conferred on 42 men on the First Degree, 28 on the Second Degree, and 37 were raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. Honorary membership was given to 6 men.

There have been Honorary Memberships granted to 22 men from the time of instituting the Lodge until consolidation with St. Mark's Lodge No. 1001. Activities of the Lodge were many and varied. However, the most memorable of all the activities were the following:

Christmas Party for Children at the Susquehanna Children's Home which was held every Christmas Day. The many Brothers who participated in this important Community Activity are well commended for their service to these children.

Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner Dance. After a period of time this Dinner Dance expanded to include the other Lodges in the Binghamton Masonic Temple. This Dance became the forerunner of what is now the Mason of the Year Dinner, a yearly event held with all Lodges in the District.

Philetus Lodge No. 1023 was honored by Grand Lodge Appointments to the following Brothers:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.: W.: Louis M. Greenblott 1956-1957

ELECTED TO GRAND LINE

R.: W.: Louis M. Greenblott Junior Grand Warden 1966-1968

GRAND LODGE STAFF OFFICERS

R.: W.: Leo Rubin	Grand Director of Ceremonies	1940
R.: W.: Henry Levene	Grand Director of Ceremonies	1945
R.: W.: Abraham Abrams	Grand Director of Ceremonies	1948
R.: W.: Jacob Weber	Grand Sword Bearer	1973

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURER

R.: W.: Jacob Weber

Late in the sixties, with the loss of membership and finding it difficult to maintain the Lodge, discussions were begun with St. Mark's Lodge No. 1001 for the purpose of merging with them. The merger was completed in 1978.

PAST MASTERS OF PHILETUS LODGE NO. 1023 1923-1977

1923 (U.D.)	Henry M.Kline *	1949	Max Shapiro*
1924 (U.D.)	Henry M. Kline *	1950	Bernard Sandler*
1925	Henry M. Kline *	1951	Louis M. Greenblott*
1926	David Cohen *	1952	Irving M. Disraelly *
1927	Abe Abrams *	1953	Albert M. Stone *
1928	Leon Blumberg *	1954	Sidney A. Epstein *
1929	Leo A. Rubin *	1955	Louis Ernest *
1930	George Levy *	1956	Raymond Beck *
1931	Harry Whitelaw *	1957	Irwin E. Coen *
1932	Henry Levene *	1958	Manuel E. Hochron *
1933	Isadore Chernin *	1959	Jacob Weber*
1934	Benjamin F. Cohen *	1960	Max Henry *
1935	Charles J. Pierson *	1961	Bertram Rosenbaum *
1936	Aaron Tarsches *	1962	Harry Bangildorf *
1937	Joseph R. Levine *	1963	Walter Haas *
1938	Maurice Sall *	1964	Samuel Freeling*
1939	Martin Weiss *	1965	Jack D. Brown*
1940	Isadore Melamed *	1966	Joseph Marks**
1941	Sidney J. Phillips *	1967	Donald M. Sukloff
1942	Charles Devine *	1968	G. Paul Cohen
1943	Harry Sussman *	1969	Seymour Klionsky
1944	Harry Sussman *	1970	Alan Grass
1945	Charles R. Cohen *	1971	John O. Sternberg
1946	William Katz *	1972	Wayne A. Rozen
1947	Samuel Feldman*	1973	Richard Weiss
1948	Daniel Thaw*	1974	Sheldon Smith
		1975	Milton Rozen*
		1976	Ronald Greenblott
		1977	Ernie Gottheim

* Deceased ** Dimitted

Note: Henry M. Kline served as Master two years under dispensation.

HISTORY OF ST. MARK'S - PHILETUS LODGE NO. 1001 F. & A. M. 1978 - PRESENT

The history of St. Mark's - Philetus Lodge No. 1001 began in the early 1970's. At that time talks were started concerning possible consolidation. After several months of discussions concerning this consolidation, a committee of representatives from each Lodge was appointed, with the responsibility to negotiate and formulate plans to achieve this consolidation.

On October 12, 1977, an agreement was achieved to consolidate and on November 17, 1977, by two-thirds vote of each Lodge's membership, consolidation was achieved.

On May 3, 1978, M.·. W.·.: Albert Schneider, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, approved the consolidation, and henceforth the Lodge was designated to become known as St. Mark's - Philetus No. 1001.

The consolidation was accomplished in a smooth manner. The cooperation of all members has contributed to the maintenance of our Lodge as friendly and industrious.

Although this consolidation achieved its goal, problems arose in the maintenance of the Masonic Temple. Throughout the 1980's, these problems manifested into a tumultuous situation, and all Lodges and Bodies were moved to the Elgin Building, across the street from the Temple. Our problems continued with uncertainty and difficulty.

In 1992, under the diligent efforts of W.·.: G. Bernard Freer, Master, negotiations began with the Johnson City Masonic Lodge to establish a suitable location for St. Mark's-Philetus Lodge to meet. A unanimous decision was made by each Lodge's membership for us to relocate to the Johnson City Temple. This relocation gave us new life and spark to continue and to grow.

The friendly atmosphere of St. Mark's-Philetus Lodge continues to flourish and we are able to maintain our strong status among the Lodges of the Broome - Chenango District.

Since consolidation, we have been honored by the following :

On September 21, 1978, R.·.: W.·.: Howard W. Potts was made our first Honorary Member.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.·.: W.·.: Frank M. Chupp 1977-1978

R.·.:W.·.: Edward R. Wells 2010-2011

GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENT

R.·.: W.·.: Frank M. Chupp Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge 1982-1983

R.: W.: Thomas M. McMullin Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge 2008-2010
 R.: W.: Thomas M. McMullin Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge 2010-2012

GRAND LODGE STAFF OFFICERS

R.: W.: F. Hughes Neely Grand Steward 1989-1990
 R.: W.: Charles J. Mackey Grand Sword Bearer 1998-2000
 R.: W.: Thomas A. Barbour Grand Sword Bearer 2006-2008

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

R.: W.: Enos A. Faber Nebraska 1984
 R.: W.: Thomas M. McMullin North Dakota 2007

DEDICATED SERVICE AWARDEE

1979 W.: Charles B. McNair
 1980 W.: Wilfred Perkins
 1982 W.: William B. Crawford
 1986 W.: F. Hughes Neely
 1993 W.: G. Bernard Freer
 1997 W.: Robert H. Wheaton
 2000 Bro. Ralph F. Williams
 2001 W.: Earl S. Gregory
 2004 W.: Thomas M. McMullin
 2006 W.: William R. Hartman, IV

MASON OF THE YEAR AWARDEES

1970	W.: Charles B. McNair	1985	W.: Roger K. Donnelly
1971	W.: Enos Faber	1986	W.: Arthur S. Zoref
1972	R.: W.: Frank M. Chupp	1987	W.: Stanley Salisbury
1973	R.: W.: Conrad Lasher	1988	R.: W.: Jerome W. Cornell
1974	W.: Walter Haas	1989	W.: Donald Hickok
1974	W.: Wilfred Perkins	1990	Bro. William Timson
1975	R.: W.: Jerome W. Cornell	1991	W.: Robert H. Wheaton
1975	W.: Samuel Freeling	1992	Bro. Thomas M. McMullin
1976	Bro. Harry Heller	1993	W.: Roger K. Donnelly
1976	W.: Bernard Sandler	1994	W.: Charles J. Mackey
1977	W.: William B. Crawford	1995	Bro. Carl H. Johnson
1977	W.: Milton A. Rozen	1996	W.: William R. Hartman
1978	Bro. Monroe Glassman	1997	Bro. Ralph F. Williams
1979	W.: Robert Hantsch	1998	Bro. Earl S. Gregory
1980	R.: W.: F. Hughes Neely	1998	Bro. Lyman L. Williams

1981	W.: Hugh Heckman	1999	W.: Eugene E. Thomas
1982	W.: Walter Thompson	2000	Bro. Burton C. Zurner
1983	W.: Thomas Bonear	2001	W.: Thomas A. Barbour
1984	W.: G. Bernard Freer	2002	W.: Harry Shoop
2003	Bro. W. Garry Flagg	2004	Bro. Martin K. Rorapaugh
2005	Bro. Ralph Williams	2006	Bro. Al Luis Aguero
2007	W.: David R. Main	2008	Bro. Stephen E. Mahon
2009	Bro. David Warne	2010	Bro. Scott Kinne
2011	V.:W.: David R. Main		

St. Mark's-Philetus, under strong leadership of its Masters, has continued in its past practices of:

Honoring its 65, 50, 40 and 25 Year Members with Certificates and Pins

Honoring the Widows of our Departed Brothers with a planned Widows Night, Dinner and Program. Widows Cards and Pins are presented to each.

Strongly supporting the Camp Turk Summer Camp for Boys and Girls, by sponsoring an eligible boy or girl for three weeks.

New programs that have recently been adopted are:

DRUG FREE SCHOOL ZONE signs erected at each school in the City of Binghamton. This was completed under the guidance of W.: Carl H. Johnson

Participated on the Adopt -A- Highway Program

We have presented DeWitt Clinton Awards for Community Service to:

Johnson City Council No. 2953 Knight of Columbus

Mr. Peter Picciano, Boy Scouts of America

Ms. Billie Briggs, Director of CHOW

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We have also received the following Awards:

Grand Lodge "Hearts and Hands" Award for Community Service - 1996

Grand Lodge "Hearts and Hands" Award for Community Service-2003

(W.: Thomas M. McMullin)

The "Howard W. Potts" Award for Lodge Officers' perfect attendance at the Grand Lecturer's Convention - 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001 and 2002.

We have a considerable number of members who are located in all States, both East of the

Mississippi, and as far West as California and Texas. In 1998 we initiated, passed and raised Brother Gustavo deMello, a student at Binghamton SUNY. Brother DeMello is a native of Uruguay.

The loss of members, through the passing of many of our Brothers, has reduced our numbers to below 100. However, this number is strong, industrious and will continue to maintain the presence of our Lodge as a viable member of our District.

**MASTERS OF ST. MARK'S - PHILETUS LODGE NO. 1001
AFTER CONSOLIDATION 1978 TO PRESENT**

1978	George L. Arnold *
1979	James W. Gollogly, Sr. *
1980	Hugh D. Heckman *
1981	Thomas L. Bonear *
1982	Robert E. Hantsch *
1983	Thomas A. Barbour
1984	Harry Sayer
1985	Donald L. Hickok *
1986	Stanley W. Salisbury *
1987	David L. Hantsch
1988	Arthur S. Zoref
1989	Arthur S. Zoref
1990	Stanley W. Salisbury *
1991	Eugene E. Thomas *
1992	G. Bernard Freer *
1993 - May 1994	G. Bernard Freer *

In May, 1994 the Masonic Year was changed to reflect the Grand Lodge Masonic Year with election of Officers held on the first Communication following Grand Lodge's Annual Communication in May of each year.

1994 - 1995	William R. Hartman
1995 - 1996	Carl H. Johnson
1996 - 1997	William R. Hartman
1997 - 1998	William Timson *
1998 - 1999	Carl H. Johnson
1999 - 2000	Earl S. Gregory *
2000 - 2001	Thomas M. McMullin
2001 - 2002	Thomas M. McMullin
2002 - 2003	G. Bernard Freer *
2003 - 2004	Thomas A. Barbour *
2004 - 2005	William R. Hartman
2005 - 2006	William R. Hartman

2006 -2007	Martin K. Rorapaugh
2007 -2008	W. Garry Flagg
2008 -2009	W.: William R. Hartman
2009 – 2010	W.: W. Garry Flagg
2010-2011	W.: Scott G. Kinne

* Deceased

Note: Dual Member of the Lodge, Harry Zoref, was Master of St. John's Lodge No.1, New York City, in 1993. He is also a Custodian of the St. John's "George Washington Bible."

September 11, 2001 the Terrorist Attack on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C caused over 5,900 deaths. The country immediately united in a common cause of fighting Terrorism throughout the world with the assistance of all countries. The Red Cross responded immediately to aid the workers in New York City. Our Present Master, W.: Thomas McMullin, a Red Cross Volunteer, spent nearly three weeks working in NYC.

The Grand Lodge of the State of New York established a Fund of \$1,000,000 to aid the volunteers and the families of the Police and Firemen that were killed in the Line of Duty. The Grand Lodge also gave 1000 sweatshirts and pants to the workers.

Grand Lodge, after many years of discussion, recognized several, but not all, Prince Hall Masonic Bodies in New York State.

On, Monday Evening , January 28, 2002, a group of R.: W.: 's from Vestal-Otsinengo No.435, Johnson City Unity No. 970, Eastern Light Lodge No. 126, St. Mark's-Philetus No. 1001, and Maine No.399 had the opportunity to be the first group to meet with Prince Hall Lodge In Binghamton, New York The Lodge's name is Chenango Lodge No. 39. The following attended: R.: W.: Holst and Nixon (435), R.: W.: Calisi, Smith, and Williamson (970), R.: W.: 's Whitbeck and Joslyn (126), R.: W.: Lindloff Maine (399) and R.: W.: Mackey (1001)

We were well received and had a very worthwhile experience.

March 29, 2003 **Grand Master's Day at the Kalurah Shrine Center:**

In the hopes of increasing membership in the Masonry in New York State, M.: W.: Carl J. Fitze, Grand Master of Masons in New York State, planned this date as a date that 5000 men will become Masons. There were many questions among the brothers as to whether or not this Day would succeed. The planning, cooperation of the Lodges and all the Degree Teams, put into this Day were well rewarded. There were 74 men that became Masons on that day. The following Masonic Districts represented at this event: Broome-Chenango, Cortland -Madison, and Chemung-Schuyler- Tioga.

Brothers who lived out of State, that were desirous of becoming Masons needed Dispensation from Grand Lodge for permission to attend this event. Many hours of planning and securing all

the necessary forms were given by the Secretaries of the lodges in the Districts involved.

Each degree was conferred in full by the Brothers of this District.

St. Mark's-Philetus Initiated Passed and Raised 5 candidates in the Grand Master's One Day Class. They were Bros. Christopher R. Flagg and Stephen J Flagg. Stephen received his 2nd and 3rd degrees at the Grand Master's Day. They are the sons of W. Garry Flagg.

Brother Thomas McMullin, father of W.: Thomas M. McMullin. A waiver of Jurisdiction from Bro. Richard E. Greenblott- son of W.: Ronald Greenblott A waiver of Jurisdiction was received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for Bro. Greenblott. Bro. James E. Howland,Jr. Nephew of Bro. Burton Zurner received his 2nd and 3rd degrees.

A special event took place on July 9, July 23, and August 6, 2003. St Mark's-Philetus Lodge No. 1001 conferred the three degrees of Masonry upon Douglas Duane Tarbox.

A special dispensation was requested and granted by M.:W.:, Carl J. Fritze, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. The reason for this dispensation was due to the fact that Bro. Tarbox suffers from severe breathing and heart problems and could not attend the degrees at our Lodge Rooms. The degrees were conferred in his home with the Officers of the Lodge. Also in attendance and taking an active part in the Degrees was R.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. His quality of work and his full participation was noted in a letter to the Grand Master. R.: W.: Sullivan joined us as one of us and it made our difficult task much easier.

Brother Tarbox was thrilled that he was now a Mason and that it had fulfilled a life long dream. He, at a later date, became a member of the Shrine. Brother Tarbox passed to the Celestial Lodge on January 11, 2004.

St.Mark's-Philetus Lodge, desiring to move to a different location requested a dispensation from Grand Lodge for permission to move to Vestal-Otseningo Lodge 108 Lincoln Drive, Vestal, New York. On December 23, 2003, word was received from Grand Lodge that our request for a dispensation had been granted. This move gives us handicap accessible ramps and a lift chair. Our regala will be easier to maintain, access and keep stored in a clean environment. It also provides a larger Lodge Room for Degree presentations.

On Thursday Evening, September 7, 2006 the Lodge, following MW Neil Bidnick's plan for celebrating the 225th Anniversary of Masonry in New York State, as well as recognizing the disaster of 9-11 bombing of the World Trade Buildings in New York City, 14 Brothers rededicated themselves in the 3 Degrees of Masonry as well as the Third Degree Charge. The brothers who participated in this program were: Thomas A. Barbour, Lawrence N. Curtiss of Vestal-Otseningo Lodge No.435, Garry Flagg, Earl S. Gregory, Charles J. Mackey, Stephen E. Mahon, David Main, Matthew J. Massie, Thomas M. McMullin, Martin K. Rorapough, John J. Sejan of Binghamton Lodge No. 177, Lester B. Stockwell,III, Edward R. Wells, AGL of the Broome Section of the Broome-Chenango District and Member of Johnson City-Unity Lodge No. 970, and Burton Zurner. This program was well done by the Participants. On Sunday Morning, September 10th An Interfaith Service was held at the Kalurah Shrine Center in

Endicott, NY followed by a Breakfast. Only 4 members of the Lodge attend the service. They were: Thomas A. Barbour, Martin K. Rorapough, Garry Flagg and Earl S. Gregory.

On Sunday, March 30, 2008, R.:W.: Charles J. Mackey was presented the Wendell K. Walker, Builder of Men Medal and Certificate, by Grand Master M.:W.: Neil I. Bidnick. At this Ceremony, The Reverend and R.: W.: Jose' L. Valencia, Jr. was presented his Grand Chaplain's Apron. Mrs. Schumaker, wife of the late Reverend and R.:W.: Edwin Schumaker, also a Past Grand Chaplain, presented Brother Valencia with Ed's Grand Chaplains Apron with a wish that it be worn on occasions. This Ceremony was held at Round Hill Masonic Lodge No. 533.

On Tuesday, May 6,2008 R.:W.: Thomas "Tim ' M. McMullin was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for a 2 year period.

On Wednesday, September 17, 2008, R.:W.:s Thomas McMullin, Charles Mackey, Jose' Valencia, V.:W.: Edward Wells and W.: David Main traveled to Ilion to take part in a First Degree for Herkimer Lodge. R.:W.,: McMullin was the Chaplain, R.:W.: Mackey was the Jr. Master of Ceremonies and did the Whys and Wherefores with W.: David Main, R.:W... Valencia gave the Bible presentation and V.:W.: Wells presented the Apron. What a fine evening it was!!!

The 24th of September 2008 was an important event that was presented by and attended by several members of the Masonic Bodies of the Broome-Chenango District—**THAT OF REDEDICATING OF THE ,"CASTLE ON THE HILL." (THE OLD NEW YORK STATE INEBRIATE ASYLUM IN BINGHAMTON.)**

The corner-stone of the original building was laid by M/W/ John L. Lewis, Jr., Grand Master of Masons at that time.

The rededication of the "Castle" was to be presented by Grand Master M/W/ Edward G. Gilbert, but due to pressing duties he was unable to attend. The duties were delegated to R/W/ Thomas M. McMullin, Junior Grand Warden in the State of New York. The following Right Worshipfuls participated in the Rededication: R/W/ Thomas M. McMullin portrayed the Grand Master's part, R/W/ Gerald Putman, District Deputy Grand Master of the Broome-Chenango District. R/W/ E. Donald Lounsberry, Staff Officer of the State of New York, R/W/ John Henry Hill, Grand Chaplain, gave the Invocation, R/W/ Jose' L. Valencia, Grand Chaplain, gave the Benediction and R/W/ Charles J. Mackey, Secretary of the District's past AND Present Grand Lodge Officers was the Junior Warden.

Members of this Lodge that were present are: W/ Thomas A Barbour, Bro. Martin K. Rorapough, R/W/Charles J. Mackey, R/W/ Edward R. Wells and R/W/Thomas M. McMullin.

On Sunday, September 28, 2008, R.:W.: Thomas M. McMullin, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in the State of New York was presented his Junior Grand Warden's Apron. The apron was presented by the Most Worshipful Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the

State of New York. R. .W. . McMullin spoke on his feelings concerning being a Mason from the time he was raised until this evening. He commended the Lodges within the District as well as the Brothers within the District.

The Brothers in the Broome-Chenango District feel that Tim will put the District in the spotlight.

Members of the Present and Past Grand Lodges were there, as well a fine representation of the Past Grand Lodge Officers of the Broome-Chenango District. There was a strong representation from the Lodges in the District along with their Ladies.

There were 146 in attendance for this presentation.

On Saturday, November 5, 2008, R. . W. . 's Lester B. Stockwell,III and Charles Mackey drove to Bear Mountain, NY and was present at the awarding of the New York States DeMolay's Hall Of Fame Induction to R. .W. . E. Donald Lounsberry. Brother Lounsberry is the Staff Officer for the Broome- Chenango District and has been a DAD for DeMolay for a long period of time. It was an Award well deserved.

The year 2009 was a very slow year. The lodge raised only one candidate.

The year 2010 was far more beneficial in that three brothers were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and one that will receive the Fellowcraft Degree by the second meeting in December. The lodge was honored by the Appointment of R . .W. . Edward R. Wells as District Deputy Grand Master of the Broome-Chenango District and R. .W. . Thomas M. McMullin elected as Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in the State of New York.

The year 2011 was the beginning of another successful and satisfying year. WE have three applications for membership ready to be balloted upon as well as a Brother ready to be Raised to the Master Mason Degree.

Another very important event for the Lodge was the successful double lung transplant for R. .W. . Thomas A. Barbour. This surgery was performed at the Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. This has been a trying time for Tom and his family, but he has shown good progress in his recovery.

The leadership and determination of our Master, W. . Scott Kinne, the Lodge has made a strong step forward in its ability to confer the three degrees of Masonry with our own Line of Officers and members of the Lodge playing key roles and taking an active part in every phase of the degree work.

On April 21, 2011 an Open Lodge meeting was held beginning with a dinner for 48 members and Guests for the purpose of special recognitions and honors.

Among our special guests were three special ladies whose husbands are deceased. There were also the following Grand Lodge Officers present for this Special Occasion, RW James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in the State of New York, RW John Krupp,

Deputy Grand Marshall and RW John Dwyer, Deputy Grand Sword Bearer of Grand Lodge. Or District Deputy Grand Master RW Edward R. Wells was also present.

After the formalities for the Grand Officers was completed and the Pledge of Allegiance was made, the evening activities began:

W.. Brother Richard Friend was escorted to the East and presented a Plaque in recognition of his service. Brother Friend was also made an Honorary member of St. Mark's-Philetus Lodge No. 1001/. He was the first to receive this award in our Lodge's history.

RW Charles Mackey, DGM James Sullivan and W Scott Kinne awarded Widows Pins to the three Special Ladies . DGM Sullivan spoke of Mrs. Tarbox opening her home so that her disabled husband could receive his three degrees of Masonry.

Brother David Warne was escorted to the East and presented a Five year certificate by DGM Sullivan and W/ Kinne.

Brother William Meredith was escorted to the East and presented a Ten year certificate by DGM Sullivan and W.. Kinne

W.. Brother David Hantsch was escorted to the East and presented a Twenty-five year certificate by DGM Sullivan and W Kinne.

W.. Brother Harry Zoref was escorted to the East and presented with a Twenty-five year certificate by DGM Sullivan and W/ Kinne.

Bro. Leland Mitchell was escorted to the East and presented with a Twenty-five year certificate by DGM Sullivan and W/ Kinne.

R..W.. Charles Mackey was escorted to the East and presented with a Fifty year certificate and Pin by DGM Sullivan and W /Kinne. R..W..Edward R. Wells, DDGM addressed the Lodge on the accomplishment of Bro. Mackey.

R..W.. Edward R. Wells was escorted to the East and presented a Fifty year Certificate and Pin by DGM Sullivan and W Kinne. R.. W.. Mackey addressed the Lodge on the accomplishments of Bro. Wells.

Bro. Leslie Wilmarth was escorted to the East and presented with a Sixty year certificate by DGM Sullivan and W Kinne.

All award winners were escorted West of the Altar and accorded Grand Honors.

W.. Bro. Kinne presented a shadowbox to the Lodge which contained the original
Gavels
from the first meeting of St. Mark's on December 30, 1921.

W.. Brother Kinne then turned the Gavel of authority over to DGM Sullivan.

DGM Sullivan and R..W..s Mackey and Wells were escorted to the foot of the Dias.
DGM presented and read a letter, from GM M..W.. Vincent Libone congratulating Bro.
Mackey and Bro. Wells on their Fifty Years of Masonry for the Fraternity.
Bro. Mackey and Bro. Wells were awarded 50 Year Aprons.

W.. Kinne was escorted to the foot of the Dias. DGM Sullivan read a letter, from the
Body of the Grand Officers of the Blue Lodge, congratulating W.. Kinne on his service
to the fraternity. W.. Kinne was awarded a Blue Lodge Medallion and Pin.

Deputy Grand Deacon and Deputy Grand Standard Sword Bearer were escorted to the
foot of the Dias. DGM Sullivan recognized Bro. William Meredith for good Masonic
conduct in recognition for this plowing the parking lot of the motel where the Grand
Lodge Officers were stranded during a recent heavy snowstorm. Bro. Meredith was
presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

DGM Sullivan addressed the Lodge and thanked all Brothers and their guests for
attending.

After the Grand Lodge Officers retired from the Lodge, R..W.. Brother Charles
McDonald, Grand Chaplain, gave the benediction.

On October 7, 2011 St Mark's-Philetus No. 1001 and Vestal -Otseningo No.435
consolidated into the new lodge St. Mark's -Vestal No. 435