

## **SOCIETY READIES FOR MASONIC HALL TRANSFER**

Final agreements between the Warren Lodge Masons and our Society have been drafted for transfer details and will be reviewed and voted on by both parties. We are fortunate to have Clinton resident and attorney David Sall volunteer his services to handle the closing. After the deed is filed, application for property tax exemption will be made prior to the March 1 deadline.

The Masonic Hall Preservation Group has been meeting throughout the winter to plan social and preservation events. Workparties have been held and more are planned. The pledge class of Beta Theta Pi fraternity (Stevens Inst. of Tech.) had committed to scrub ceilings and walls in preparation for paint, but were turned back to Hoboken on two attempts due to bad weather and driving conditions. However, we plan to clean and paint the downstairs in preparation for the St. Valentine's Dinner. Can you volunteer a few hours? (see box below)

Other projects being tackled by the Group include replacement of the shingle roof on the addition, solving the parking problem, and improving the kitchen. Those volunteers who signed up during Open House will be contacted, and we hope to get additional response from the enclosed Interest Survey.

### **PAINT PARTY!**

**"Come All Ye Painters! (and scrubbers!)"**

As one of our first preservation projects, we are going to wash the ceilings and walls of the downstairs rooms and give them a fresh coat of paint. If you're a 'cleaner' we need you in the morning. 'Painters' are needed in the afternoon. Bring your supplies and tools or use ours. Hours are flexible...come when you can during the hours listed below. **MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS !!**

**THIS SATURDAY JAN. 30**

**9-Noon Scrub Party      Noon- 4PM Paint Party**

Masonic Hall in Schultsville

Call Bill Dickett at 266-5866 to volunteer. Thanks!

## **ST. VALENTINE'S DAY BUFFET SAT. FEB. 13 6:30PM MASONIC HALL, SCHULTZVILLE**

Join us for the first social event to be held in the Masonic Hall by the Clinton Historical Society as we plan for deed transfer. The Masonic Hall Preservation Group is planning the event as a fund-raiser and an opportunity for neighbors to meet to help kick-off the preservation program. The menu will be varied, music will be provided, and the atmosphere will be warm and cozy. Come beat the Winter Blues and Cabin Fever! And just a short ride! Shuttle parking will be provided.

"Good music, Good food, Good company"

Seating is limited, so reserve early. Call Sheila Dwyer at 266-5212. Snow date is the following day AT 4:00PM! \$25 per person....all proceeds go to the preservation of the Masonic Hall. **SEE YOU THERE!**

**1999 CALENDAR ENCLOSED, LISTING OUR MONTHLY MEETING TOPICS. THANKS, JACK CLEARY!**

## **INTEREST SURVEY**

This issue includes an Interest Survey form to help us better understand your interests and ability to volunteer time to any of the broad areas that we are involved in. The strength and future success of our Society is fully dependent on those who generously volunteer their time, financial support, or both. We are deeply appreciative, and want to insure that our programs and activities provide what you are looking for. Please take the time to "mark your interests" and return the form either at the Feb. 5 meeting, or mail it to the address on the letterhead.

The form is for members of the Society, and for those non-members who have expressed an interest in helping with the Masonic Hall preservation. The Advisory Council and Masonic Hall Preservation Group will contact you regarding opportunities to meet your interests.

--- THANK YOU !! ---

## NEXT MEETING FEB. 5 at 7:30PM:

### "DIGGING OLD BOTTLES LOCALLY"

We welcome back Mike Spross to regale us again with the very interesting stories and encounters from his hobby of digging old bottles. His presentation will focus on his digs in the Clinton locale, as close as NEXT DOOR to our Creek Meeting House (residence of member Sheila Dwyer). Mike will tell us how bottles are dated, using the different bottle-making techniques employed. He'll show us the many shapes, sizes, colors, and uses for the bottles he's uncovered, and will answer questions. A highlight will be a short video of one of his actual digs which he filmed while uncovering bottles from 1840 - 1890 from a privy on Conklin St. in Poughkeepsie!

Mike is a local resident and art instructor in the Millbrook public schools, and is a talented artist. Many of us have admired his detailed pen and ink drawings of local mansions at the annual art shows held at our Society's Historical Center by the Nine Partners Art Guild.

### NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

At the Annual Meeting to be held April 2, we will hold elections for officers and trustees. If you would like to nominate a member, please call Secretary Macy Sherow at 266-3907.

Over \$500 Donated... at our Holiday Dinner Auction!  
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NEXT MEETING:  
FRI. Feb. 5 7:30PM

## 1999 CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS

- Friday Feb. 5** "Digging for Old Bottles"  
by Mike Spross
- Friday Mar. 5** "Bannerman Castle"  
by Neil Caplan
- Friday Apr. 2** **Annual Dinner 6:30PM**  
- pot-luck or catered dinner -  
- annual elections -
- Friday May 7** "Hudson Valley Mansions"  
by Tom Daley
- Friday Jun. 4** "Canal Life of Yesteryear"  
by Dick Valinski
- Sept. 10** (topic/speaker TBD)
- Friday Oct. 1** "Farming in Clinton: History"  
by Dave Tetor
- Friday Nov. 5** "Stoutenburgh of Hyde Park"  
by James Spratt
- Friday Dec. 3** "Holiday Dinner & Auction"

— 7:30 PM at CHS Historical Center —  
— no meetings Jan., July, August —

**WANTED: Volunteer** to keep walks clear of snow.  
Historical Center & Masonic Lodge.  
Call: Dick Coller 889-4016 **Thank-you!**

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