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MASONIC HALL REPORT

The stabilization and restoration work has progressed with the recent refurbishing of the original metal roof by our contractor. This was our highest priority to insure that further degradation (read 'rust') of the tin was stopped and roof leaks prevented. It was good news to hear that the metal was sound and need not be replaced. Unfortunately, our contractor did not get to the siding as planned, and will not be able to do so until Spring. At that point, loose paint will be removed, bare wood primed, and a top coat applied to the current 'green trim on white' color scheme. We will then be able to replace the shingle roof on the building extension with 'standing seam' metal roof which will match the original building. This will be done with volunteer effort. Landscaping is planned for the outside after the contractor and roofing is completed.

Inside, painting of the second floor temple room walls is high on the agenda, as is refurbishing of the men's room. A new water pressure tank has been purchased and will be installed by volunteers shortly. We would like to replace one or both of the old refrigerators if anyone has one they'd like to donate.

Significant study is still underway to solve our parking problem. Though the Town Board has been gracious to allow us to use the Town Hall parking lot for our Coffee House and other events, we are anxious to find an affordable permanent solution. Options include purchase of neighboring property or maximizing the space we have on our current lot. For any option, additional funds will be needed.

The Masonic Hall Preservation Group continues to meet regularly to plan how the facility will be used, what work will be done, and the fund-raising needed.

RECENT SUCCESSES:

BENHAM PHOTO EXHIBIT.....lots of great photos, lots of visitors, and great feedback from everyone. And, we helped preserve a truly fine local collection. Cheers for **George Greenwood, Bill McDermott, Ginny Augerson, Stan Benham, and Scott Lovell.**

ART SHOW...many positive comments were received about the content and presentation of the Nine Partners Art Guild show. Congratulations to **Jack Wemp** who garnered the most votes for 'People's Choice' for his watercolor ocean scene. Special thanks to **Barbara Dickett** and **Dave Fouts** for chairing this great event for the first time!

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL...over \$400 in donations was received as antiques dealers **Dolores Murphy** and **Ralph Leed** appraised 80+ heirlooms and collectibles for many local residents who were pleasantly surprised at the market value of their treasures. We hope to make this an annual event. Thanks Dolores & Ralph!

COMING EVENTS:

Coffee House Sat. Oct. 23 8:00PM

- come in costume!

- LAST ONE until February! ←

Progressive Dinner Sat. Oct. 30

- "at your neighbor's home"

Program Meeting Fri. Nov. 5 7:30PM

- at the Historical Center

Holiday Dinner & Auction Fri. Dec. 3

- at the Historical Center

"OPEN MIKE" FOLK MUSIC

-- **Come in Costume !!** --



SAT. Oct. 23

8:00 PM

MASONIC HALL

Schultsville \$5.00

Musicians: "Open Mike" format

7:30 sign-up at the door.

Info: 266-3899

--- Shuttle Parking at the Town Hall --- **Last session until February** ---

YOUNG MUSICIANS (under 21)...we encourage you to sign up for the Oct. 23 "Open Mike" performance of our monthly Coffee House sessions. All types of music are welcome...classical, country, folk, pops. Here's a chance to perform in a friendly, informal atmosphere and learn some techniques from more experienced musicians. For information, call Vince Sauter at 266-3899.

NEXT MEETING: NOV.5 at 7:30PM

"Stoutenburg of Hyde Park"

by James Spratt

The early history of an area is frequently related to the history of prominent families who are influential over several generations as the area develops. Dutchess County has many old family names whose members have helped form our way of life in education, farming, industry, politics, and other areas over the last 200+ years. "Stoutenburg" is one of these familiar names, and James Spratt will bring their story to us in the form of tales, facts, and folklore.

BRING A FRIEND! NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!

NEW ADDRESS FOR 911?

Please use the enclosed change-of-address card to let us know. We are constantly working to keep our roster, addresses, and dues payment records up to date.

PLEASE HELP...MAIL THE CARD TODAY

.....Thank you

(No card enclosed if you have a post office box or distant address, since you are not affected)

*****WANTED (DONATION OR PURCHASE)*****

**A sound system (with or without speakers)
and a console piano for Society music events.
Call Vince Sauter at 266-3899**

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CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS

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 --

DUES

Still owe dues for 1999?

\$5.00 Individual

\$8.00 Family

Please send yours in now if not paid.
Checks are made payable to **Clinton
Historical Society** and mailed to:

Jim Carberry, Treas

RR1 Box 348

Staatsburg, N.Y. 12580

Your label shows last year paid.

JANUARY STARTS NEW DUES YEAR!

**NEXT MEETING:
Fri. Nov. 5, 7:30 PM**

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