

HARMONIE LODGE



June 13th 2012
Worshipful Daniel J. Di Natale
Installation Address

“We take good men and make them better, one man at a time. We teach using a timeless system of moral instruction, based in individual experience and built in the universal pursuit of wisdom and brotherhood.”

Presented by W.: Daniel J. Di Natale

Dear Brothers,

It is a privilege to stand here before you as Master of Harmonie Lodge. I am truly humbled to have been selected by your vote. This is one of the greatest honors that has ever been bestowed upon me. Past the pomp and circumstance of Installation and the awarding of "higher ranks." The title of "Brother" is still the highest a man can ever be given and his plane white apron more glorious than the most gilded of aprons and shimmer of jewel. Though it is tasked with some of us to lead, let us never forget that at Harmonie, "We meet upon the Level and part upon the Square."

When I joined the fraternity I was the only man in my class. Masonic education, outside of the memorization of the Work, was limited and if more light was what you wanted you had to search for it. Men were hungry for the Craft but found limited outlets. As many good men I saw enter the Craft I saw leave. Instead of giving up on the Craft, I with others of like mind, started to search for what we thought was missing in our Masonic lives and we found it at Harmonie Lodge.

The Masonic world has change since then and it is because of Lodges like Harmonie. We have changed the dialogue in our Masonic community and Lodges like ours are changing it nationally. The Craft that men are entering here at Harmonie is the Craft that I and others dreamed of when we entered. What we have built here at Harmonie is what men are searching for and what good men will continue to build upon. Fellowship, education, personal development and men we can look up to as mentors are the foundation of our Lodge. I have no fear that when the neophyte passes through the West Gate he will find a true path to Masonic light and the men to show him the way.

This Lodge is something special. Something drew me here, as I am sure it did for all of you. One of the most precious things I have in my life is the Brotherhood I share with each of you. I was once told by a Past Master that the "Master is the Lodge." When he first told me, I agreed with him. Experience has taught me a very different lesson. My Brothers, you are the Lodge, the Master only organizes the labor and though the leader of the Lodge is still a Brother. Without the workmen in the quarry, no grand edifice designed by any Master Craftsmen would ever be built. We make this Lodge what it is. No one man, no matter what, can claim ownership over a Lodge nor say it was his sole effort that made it what it is. Without good men, we are nothing and no effort would be feasible.

My Brothers, it is with all of my sincerity when I say the men here today are my best friends, closest confidants and true Brothers. We have planned a very aggressive Trestle Board and are expecting one of our best Masonic Classes to date. I know with the men of this Lodge supporting me this will be a fantastic and harmonious year.

My the Great Architect Bless our Institution and every Brother both near and far.

Speech given on June the 13th 2012 before Harmoie Lodge and its guests
by. Worshipful Daniel J. Di Natale