**Steward Ship**

**WM Patrick Rosene**

**250W Main st**

**Babylon, NY**

December 10, 2018 at 8pm

Most Worshipful Grand Master Walter C. King, District Deputy Grand Master Mathew Perry, Past and Present Grand Lodge officers, Past and Present Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren’s Good evening.

Brothers let us be humble and pay respect to the great architect of the universe first invoking the aid of deity. DDGM Perry Please raise the lodge for Chaplin to render us a prayer.

Brothers this year was an interesting and very productive year. We were able to capitalize were we left off last year. We had set our bar higher in achieving success for our lodge.

Brothers thank you for electing me for a second term as your worshipful master. Last Year was a trying year. This year I have personal goals and visions for this lodge. There are some brothers who are not up to the task of change, sum is for minor tweaking and other are up for new directions. I can say I touch all those basis and more importantly keeping the harmony of the lodge strong. I was destined to improve the lodge financial stability. After starting my first year as Worshipful master with $198 in the bank was very unacceptable. My mission was to broaden our horizon by traveling to other districts, increasing our brand awareness, finalizing our 501 © status, finding ways to save money in our everyday business practices, and being a forward thinker.

Last year we ended in a positive note. We had ended after all expense paid with $3000 in the bank. Even though I felt it was not good enough. I needed to increase the amount. Therefore brothers can have fewer burdens from the lodge to keep up with various bills. Therefore it would lighten the load of assisting the Grand Lodge with their initiatives and getting out to the community. We were able to do Toys for Tots we had selected Vicardi Houses and Hope house. The J.W. Zahran and I with the assistance of the S.W. Hudson who got a minivan a driver to drop of the toys with us to the house was a delightful feeling. To see these kids who are dealing with everyday life personal struggles to have excitement in their eyes about their toys. I will never forget that. I pray you bothers continue to reach out to people who are less fortunate. Let’s not continue to do charity of convenience step out of your comfort zone. There are people out here who are in bad shape.

The New Year 2018 we started off very good. We attended the Midyear session and supported the Grand Master Ball purchasing one table. Thank you, brother for traveling to mid-year. We started to have a clear vision on where we are heading. The momentum started to pick up. We finally receive our approved status to operate as a 501© company Light Seeker Foundation. I want to Thank GJW Jean Appollon for helping us achieving our goal. We will now be able save a lot of money, receive free stuff for our charitable donation in the community. Thank you, brothers as well. We all felt how important this means us and improving on anything pertaining to our lodge.

We continue to work hard we needed to increase our bottom line. We decided to have a fundraiser in March called Denims and Heels with an award going to the best looking heels. The event was a success and good turnout. Our patrons were ecstatic we had a lot of fun. The award went out to Bro. McLaurin’s daughter. The event was able to go off with a handful of brothers participating. Can you imagine if we had 100% of the brother’s participation? We would of able to double the amount of success. It was such a wonderful event that they are asking when the next one is. Thank you, to RW George Jackson, SW Tyrone Hudson, JW Ibrahim Zahran and RW Robert Lee. For, putting the work towards this successful event.

As the year progress. We attended the Grand Master Testimonial in Marriott Hotel in White Plains. It was a wonderful event. The Lodge supported it in great numbers. We were able to network and meet new brothers. I always use this opportunity to talk to people and gain knowledge in every aspect of the masonry and improving myself. I started thinking of the vision of the lodge. I wanted to move the lodge to a more applicable setting. I contacted the Amityville Lodge and spoke with Bro. Ed. We had multiple meeting but we didn’t come to an agreement. But in the back of my mind I wanted to move the lodge back home were we was chartered in Babylon. We would be able to increase our brand if we are more visible in the community. My Personal thought I believe every lodge should meet in their own chartered area. But I understand every lodge situation is different. SW Bro. Hudson and I spoke he said he know someone form Babylon Lodge and he is going to contact them of the possibility of us meeting there. After the initial meeting. We were well received and felt like being one big family. Not once we felt out of place. They rolled out the blue carpet for Huntington Lodge. As Leader some decision may not be popular with sum for whatever reason. But this was the right decision that will benefit Huntington Lodge down the line. To the Brothers of Hollywood Lodge thank you for allowing us to meet in there building for years. To WM Gomez thank you for you and I speaking multiple times regarding this situation. We were able to clear out minds of the confusions. To the Brothers of Babylon Lodge. Thank you for receiving us with open arms. We are very excited to meet here. You brothers made this place feel like home.

Coming out of darkness brothers were excited meeting in our new building. We were back to working hard. We started planning out the 10th year anniversary Ball being held at our new building. We wanted this event to be a success all hands were on deck. We marketed this thru out the districts. We had Worshipful Masters, Worthy Matrons, brothers and various districts supporting our Anniversary dance. Huntington Lodge gave out three awards. The first award Community service award went out to Carl lanziere of American Legal Reform. Second Community service award to Gary Jacob of Long Island Back Story. Not only they were recognize buy us CNN Lisa Ling did a story on them on Corrupt Judicial system in Long Island. The Third award went out to RW George Jackson for his dedicated service to Huntington Lodge No.124. Thank you to the Grand Lodge officers for Attending DGM Greg Smith Jr., GJW Jean Appollon and G.T. Norman Gipson. To the brothers of Doric Lodge Thank you for the major support you brothers came in great numbers. To Bro. Lloyd Eason of Doric Lodge and RW Charles Jenkins of Trinity Lodge who could not make the dance but they donated $90 each for support. Thank you so much. I really appreciate this gesture.

Brothers I prayed that you are happy with the work I did. I traveled near and far for this lodge I supported the Grand Lodge attending the midyear session, Grand Master’s Testimonial, Grand Lodge Devine Service, District Devine Service, Grand Lodge Session in Rochester, Hollywood Lodge, Trinity Lodge, Doric Lodge, George Washington Carver, David W. Parker Lodge, Adelphic Union Lodge-Manhattan, Cornerstone Lodge-Manhattan, Hiram Lodge-Brooklyn NY, Babylon Lodge, Tappan Zee Lodge- Spring Valley NY, African 459 Lodge-Brooklyn NY and the African Day Parade. This parade of Master Mason was a beautiful sight and one of the largest parade.

To the Brothers of Huntington Lodge thank you for allowing me to serve you. Each brother touch me in a positive way. You were able to help me grow as a better brother and in improving myself to be a better Mason. To Bro. Ameen Murry the newly raised brother. Thank you for staying the course and I told you many times I don’t believe in microwave mason. Thank you WM Nabar Colbert, RW Aubrey Moore and Doric Lodge Study Class team for having wonderful and strict study class. The brothers came out of the class very sharp. Thank you to RW Jackson, DDGM Sheppard, DDGM Perry and RW Henderson. For always whispering wise counsel to me. To the Brothers I’m glad we are one mind and that brotherly love prevail for the betterment of the lodge.

To my Worshipful Master class. Words can’t describe how much I appreciate you brothers. Like DDGM Sheppard said this is the best class he has seen since he been in masonry. We have a special vibe we support one another, joking around, we travel together and we take our leadership role serious and supporting the Grand lodge initiatives. The 4th District is strong thank you to President Richard Providence for keeping the district informative.

To the New incoming Worshipful Master. You and I have spoken multiple times. I will always be there to support you. I told you anybody can call themselves a leader. A leader is judge by his own action. A leader does not lead by emotion. A leader listens to wise counsel and comes to his own conclusion that is right for the lodge. Sometimes the right decision is not always popular. I am going to assist you all the way. After all expense has paid we have a profit of $7590. I took it as far as I can; my goal is for you to do better than me in every aspect.

**Recommendations**

Making these brothers honoree of Huntington Lodge No. 124. WM Darrell Wilkerson, WM Dave Barron, WM Nabar Colbert, WM Rob Gomez, WM Lentz Lefevre, WM Rick Reyes, WM Les Moore, RW Aubrey Moore, GJW Jean Appollon, RW Jason Robinson and RW Luther McCoy.

In Conclusion, Brothers thank you again for giving me this opportunity. Thank you for enhancing my life. I hope you are satisfied with work and the state of the lodge as today. I pray next year would be a better year and a fruitful year for the new incoming administration.

**“Transitions are not always easy, most of the time they are painful. But transitions are also necessary they are vital and inevitable. God works and moves in seasons so don’t allow comfort, fear and the familiar hold you back. While in transition, accept it, embrace the risk and move forward in spite of it all. Don’t become content living in yesterday victory rather than having to fight for one today.” Author unknown.**

Fraternally Yours,

WM Patrick Rosene

Huntington Lodge No. 124