

Ontario-Seneca-Yates District

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Fraternal greetings from The Most Worshipful, William J. Thomas, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York.

I trust everyone has had a nice summer. Our district has been busy preparing for the upcoming year in Masonry. We thank R.W. Thomas Abraham (G.D.C.) for hosting our annual District Trestle Board on August 8th at his home in Belona, NY.

The agenda consisted of the following:

The D.D.G.M's Official Visitation dates.

The O.S.Y. Officer's Roster and pertinent contact information.

The Grand Master's reminder of the 2002 edict requiring annual degrees be put on by each lodge.

A discussion of various dispensations and who can issue them.

A session for the Masters and Wardens for the Road to the East and Master's Chair, led by R.W. Thomas Abraham.

A session for the Secretaries on Mori instructed by R.W. Lance Ward

The final session for all the district web masters, with R.W. Jed K. Brandow.

It was a great morning of instruction, followed by a very nice lunch compliments of R.W. Abraham.

The Grand Master's Theme this year is again "TEAM", Together Everyone Achieves More. How appropriate for our fraternity and district.

Grand Master Thomas has directed all the D.D.G.M.S to cause the craft to have extensive discussions during their official visits about the potential for lowering the age to become a master mason from twenty-one to eighteen years of age. It is very likely that a vote may come up at the next Grand Lodge Communication.

Our annual O.S.Y. Charities Golf Tournament was held on August 16th at Reservoir Creek Golf Course in Naples, NY. Everyone had a good time playing golf, followed by a great meal and awards.

R.W. Abraham and I are looking forward to seeing you all this fall.