



## UPSTATE NEW YORK MCAA CHAPTER

# MASONRY MESSENGER

*“KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE WITH UPSTATE”*


*FACT #113 - Masonry construction requires less insulation than other building systems.*

September 1, 2016

### ▪ **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – OCTOBER 26, 2016**

- **At:** Marriott Syracuse Downtown formally Hotel Syracuse – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Directors Room
- **Breakfast Buffet:** Scrambled Eggs, Crispy Bacon, Sausage, Buttermilk Pancakes or French Toast, Maple Syrup, Breakfast Potatoes, Steel Cut Oatmeal, Fresh Baked Muffins, Quick Breads, Bagels, Fruit Preserves, Butter, Cream Cheese, Seasonal Sliced Fruit, Seasonal Berries Fruit Yogurts, Fresh Squeezed Orange Juice Chilled Apple, Cranberry Juice, Fresh Brewed Coffee and Tazo Tea Selection.
- **Time:** Coffee at 7:00 am - Buffet at 7:30 - Program 8:00 – 9:30 - Done by 10:00
- **Technical Talk:** BIM-M - Fred Kinateder
- **Cost:** \$24.00 per person – *Bring someone from your office or invite a colleague!*
- **Safety:** OSHA - Ron Williams – 15 minutes Masonry Related Topics
- **Promotion, Education and Administration Updates**
- **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING RSVP MIKE PALMER AT:**  
<mailto:mpalmer@remlapconstruction.com> OR CALL (315)662-7035 BY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2016.

### ▪ **MEMBERSHIP**

-  **CHECK OUT THIS LINK!** <http://www.masoncontractors.org/join/>
- To date we have 20 **PAID** members with 13 in need of renewal comprising of Masons and Suppliers. We are always looking for more, so if you have any suggestions let us know at <mailto:mpalmer@remlapconstruction.com>



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### **▪ HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

The Upstate NY MCAA Chapter is continuing its collaboration with the Syracuse School of Architecture and Syracuse Habitat for Humanity to construct two new homes on Hixson Ave. in Syracuse, NY. Final drawings have been completed and a construction permit for both homes is expected soon.

The design created by Julie Larsen and Roger Hubeli from the Syracuse School of Architecture uses load bearing masonry walls and an exterior stucco finish. Habitat for Humanity is extremely excited to be using durable, cost effective and energy efficient masonry products for what is considered to be the first of its kind design for Habitat.

The houses will be built using volunteers from MCAA contractors to complete the footings, foundations and masonry bearing walls.

Please contact Brett Sherman at [bsherman@alliancemasonrycorp.com](mailto:bsherman@alliancemasonrycorp.com) if you would like to be a volunteer or donate any services.

### **▪ NCMA GRANT TO STUDY CERTIFICATION**

- On July 19 leaders from the Masonry Industry from across the country traveled to Syracuse for a workshop hosted by our MCAA Chapter on Mason Training and Certification.

Those in attendance were:

- Jeff Buczkiewicz: Executive Director Mason Contractors Association of America
- Danks Burton: North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association
- Bob Gates: Pres., North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association
- Chris Letreille PE: Ryan Biggs/Clark Davis Engineering and Surveying
- Jerry Painter: Pres. The Masonry Society
- Nate Podkaminer: Hueber Breuer Construction Company, Construction Robotics Inc.
- Phil Samblanet: Executive Director of The Masonry Society
- Bill Taylor, AIA: William Taylor Architects
- Bob Thomas: Pres. National Concrete Masonry Association



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- Upstate NY MCAA Chapter attendees:
- Mike Palmer, Pres.: Upstate MCAA, Remlap Construction Inc.
- Jim Polakiewicz, Sec.: Upstate MCAA, Doyner Inc.
- David Biggs PE: Upstate MCAA Board Member, Biggs Consulting Engineering
- Dean Neu: Upstate MCAA Training Task Group, Alliance Masonry Inc.
- Rick Roach: Upstate MCAA Board Member, Barnes and Cone Inc.
- Kevin Agostini: Upstate MCAA Training Task Group, Barnes and Cone Inc.

Upstate MCAA's training module "Mortar for Masonry" was previewed and there was much discussion on creative ways to use the training such as tailgate sessions.

"Mortar for Masonry" was approved by Upstate New York's Board of Directors during our August Board of Directors meeting and will be distributed to the membership shortly. Plans for online testing and certification are underway now. The training module and workshop were made possible by a grant from the National Concrete Masonry Association. This is the first of several training videos we plan to produce working toward our certification program. The next module will be on "flashing and moisture control in masonry. We are working on the best means of delivery to our current members....stay tuned.

Special recognition goes to Rick Roach, Kevin Agostini and David Biggs, they have volunteered countless hours to launch this program for ALL of us to benefit from. Let them know our appreciation the next time you see them.

### **▪ WEBSITE**

- We are developing a website that should be operational in the next couple of months. If any of our PAID members have pictures to submit for consideration, please forward them to our President, Mike Palmer (President) - Remlap Construction, Inc. at <mailto:mpalmer@remlapconstruction.com>

### **▪ UPCOMING MEETING/ SEMINARS**

- King & King Architects - TBD
- David Biggs will be presenting a Quality Masonry Seminar to SUCF.



## **UPSTATE NEW YORK MCAA CHAPTER**

- ACI Central NY - Date: October 19, 2016 - Location: Construction Robotics, Victor, NY
  - <http://www.acicny.org/>
- NYS Concrete Masonry Association Fall Member Development Conference (MDC)  
Date: November 2 & 3, 2016 - Location: Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel
  - <http://www.nyscma.org/members.asp>

### **▪ NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

- On August 29/2016 Brett Sherman, Rick Roach, Pat Palmer and myself participated in filming a short MCAA BIM for Masonry video at a jobsite in Syracuse. Basically a “field” and contractor view of what BIM is and its importance to the masonry industry. It will be shown at the MCAA meeting this September in Coeur-d ‘Alene Idaho. It speaks well of our relationship with MCAA, who sponsored our “Mortar for Masonry” training video, and we’ll be asking to sponsor our ‘Flashing and Moisture Control” video.
- The 2016 MCAA Midyear Meeting will be held October 2-4, 2016 in Scottsdale, Ariz. All current members can attend!! Visit [www.masoncontractors.org/midyear](http://www.masoncontractors.org/midyear) for more information about the MCAA Midyear Meeting.