

Union Chapel opens new season

Historic Union Chapel will celebrate the 147th anniversary of the Chapel and Shelter Island Heights at a homecoming service this Sunday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m.

The Chapel bell will toll for members of the Shelter Island Heights community and Chapel trustees who passed away during the last year:

Margaret Carroll
Jay E. Helme
James McCarthy
John Gregory Mohr
Kathleen O'Connell
Elizabeth O. Ruby
Edwin Sherman Payne
Martha Williams

Tim Purtell, chair of the Shelter Island Heights Property Owners Corporation, will read the names.

Union Chapel will welcome The Reverend Deacon Robert J.A. Zito, J.D. His sermon is titled, "Why Are You Here?"

Reverend Zito was ordained in 2001 and served at Church of the Incarnation and Trinity Church Wall Street in Manhattan. While at Trinity Wall Street, he originated an experiential discussion group titled The Broad Way, using the Eucharist Lectionary for its source material. This group continues today.

Reverend Zito currently serves at Christ the King in Stone Ridge, New York. He is the Canon (Title IV) Church Attorney for the Episcopal Diocese of New York and served on various diocesan committees over the years. He also served as chaplain for the Shelter Island Yacht Club, the 9th New York Field Artillery (VCA of 1790) and the Holland Lodge No. 8 F&AM, in which he also served as master. He was a board member of our Chapel, Brooklyn Federal Savings Bank, and president and board member of the Holland Lodge Foundation.

In 2016, Reverend Zito was invested with the rank of Knight of Justice of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, under HM Elizabeth II. He currently serves as Chapter Member of the Priory of the United States and New



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Reverend Deacon Robert J.A. Zito will deliver a sermon at Union Chapel's 147th anniversary service.

York Regional Chair. Queen Elizabeth also granted Bob armorial bearings (a coat of arms).

In his secular life, Reverend Zito practiced law for over three decades, handling a variety of business, corporate and securities matters around the world, most recently as a partner with the Wall Street law firm of Carter Ledyard & Milburn, LLP. He is a graduate of Tulane University and New York Law School.

He lives in New Paltz, New York with his wife, Dana Sabin Cole, and their two dogs, Clancy and Chowder. He loves to cook and play the guitar. He and his wife enjoy hiking, biking, birding, tennis, golf, sailing, reading and doing charitable work.

Music for the service will be performed by guest artists Joan Osborne, organist, and Sara Mundy, contralto. Ms. Mundy was born during Hurricane Bob and grew up on Shelter Island. She studied musical theater in New York City, and toured with her band "Starlight Girls." She returned to the island where she performs at local venues as a solo artist and as a duo, "Island Belles," with Isabel Alvarez.

A reception in the Grove will follow the service. All are welcome.

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SYLVESTER MANOR

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hibit and grounds will be available June 20 through 22 and July and August on Thursdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$10 per person. No reservation is necessary.

Private guided tours are available on weekdays through November 8 and reservations are required. A private tour for \$150 for up to 5 people or \$30 per person for groups of six or more are also available. The grounds and trails are open to the public seven days a week, May through October, from dawn to dusk at no cost.

Native wigwam construction

On the Manor grounds, a Native American wigwam structure will be constructed by David Bunn Martine, a Shinnecock Nation Tribal member and artist. Mr. Martine began the construction on June 1 and will continue through June 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The wigwam, a traditional domed saucer shaped dwelling, used historically by Long Island Na-

tive Americans, will be constructed out of collected reeds and wooden poles from the property. Manor House tours and programs will highlight the culture and traditions of the local native peoples.

"Ultimately, there will be an entire camp set up similar to what would have been a traditional set up for the local Shinnecock, Manhasset and Montaukett tribes," said Tracy McCarthy, the Manor's director of operations.

Archaeological dig in the garden

Archaeologist and Sylvester Manor Educational Farm Board Member, Dr. Stephen Mrozowski, returns to lead a group of graduate students from the University of Massachusetts Boston on an archaeological dig in the garden area of the Manor to continue their findings on the grounds. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to observe the dig while it is in progress and can visit the site on weekdays, from June 17 to 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information visit sylvestermanor.org or call (631) 749-0626.



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