

SARATOGA COUNTY FIREMATIC OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION

Stan De Long
President

Russell DeRidder
Vice-President

William Mehan,
Treasurer

Don Baldwin
Secretary

October 21, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to Order: at 19:30 Hours. The meeting was held in the rooms of the Stillwater Fire House.

Pledge of Allegiance Led By Asst. Chief M. Dunn

Moment of Silence and Prayer by Chaplin/Chief J. Mahar

Special mention in prayer for Chief Don Baldwin and family, loss of his Mother and his father who recently had a medical event and is in the hospital. Robert Bush (Union Fire Company) and family, loss of his father, The Family of David Catallo – 70 year member at Waterford FD who passed away, Mike Booth from Quaker Springs Fire who passed away, the family of David Bargovic – 55 year member Eagle-Matt Lee who passed away and Kevin Barkley and Family – loss of his father-in-law Rudolph Salinas and Bill Mehan who is recovering from a recent procedure.

Roll Call: Departments Represented 13

Officers Present: Stan De Long, President
Russ DeRidder, Vice-President
Don Baldwin, Secretary Excused
William Mehan, Treasurer Excused

Reading of the August minutes.

Motion to accept minutes as read by Arvin Hart, 2nd by West Crescent. Discussion allowed – there was no further discussion, motion carried.

Correspondence: None

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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer excused. I prepared the report and presented it to the membership. Discussion was allowed, there was no discussion. A motion made by Vicher Ferry to accept the report as presented, 2nd by Hillcrest. Motion carried.

County Fire Advisory Board:

No representation, no report.

(FAB minutes can be viewed on the Associations web site: www.saratogacofire.org)

Fire Coordinator's Report & Training – Ed Tremblay:

Ed made mention that there was an issue with the radio tower at Frackers Mountain. There was a power surge, it has disrupted service to the VHF radio's – affects paging. 800 Mhz radios are operational, paging seems to be working for the Edinburg area via the Providence tower site.

The new VHF radio equipment project is just about complete, tentative cut over will be on or about October 28th – should be seamless and users in the field will not be affected when it happens.

The high band radio test that was held and some were listening too, that was some real equipment that was recently purchased. There will be some additional schedules for testing.

Upcoming Training Classes:

- Community Risk Reduction class – part of Fire Officer 1 – November 4th
- Planning Emergency Response – part of Fire Officer 1 – November 11th
- Fire Grounds Strategies and Tactics for First Arriving Companies – January 2020

These training notices went out.

The I-400 class that was schedule has been rescheduled for January 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th at Clifton Park & Halfmoon EMS.

A couple things with the state classes, I have dates for the BEFO and IFO after the first of the year. The question is do we need it? I am gonna again try and send out an interest, I have sent out two, on May 3rd and June 7th, results were 13 out of 33 returned. Like I said, I am doing this to get what your needs are. Our classes are very successful as far as number are coming, there are people coming. So when this goes out, please look at it and send it back.

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The pump at the training center will be out of service until next year. We got everything all set up for it – started it and turns out that the drive is bad. So that will be several weeks, several months to repair it. So we will be doing that over the winter so that it will be up and running for Spring.

Upcoming events: Hometown Hero's, I sent out, Quick Response, that will be Friday, December 6th. Any questions let me know.

Also, Toys for Tots, November 24th – which is a Sunday. There is information going around on that. Ballston Spa High School, departure is 11 am. You can contact Steve Gordon at the Sheriff's Office. (Note: Sheriff Zurlo's press release with details on the Association website – www.saratogacofire.org)

Question from Chief Ellsworth: Ed, overall through the County, is the training up from last year? There seems to be a lot of training.

Ed: Yes. The issues over the past couple years, we've had a lot of new instructors, we have been able to put on training, the problem was most of the instructors were new, the most we could do is put on Firefighter 1 and firefighter 2 classes.. The more advanced courses were left with Pete Shaw who has been instructing for a long time and has quite a few certifications. Now we are getting people through more advanced training. Another thing, I am kind of disappointed with, the Survival classes, it has been a while since we have put on a survival class. We have had about 4 or 5 Firefighter classes since the last survival class, we use to try and included the survival classes as part of the firefighter 1 class and the intermediate. In my mind, one that is an interior Firefighter should have the survival class, it is kind of important for everybody. This time around, I finally got the authorization to teach the classes after the stand still for a while. I just started putting out survival classes out there.

OFPC Report: Shawn Brimhall:

Shawn introduced Roger Scofield from OFPC. There was some realignment within OFPC, Roger will be the Official Rep for this County for the OFPC instructors.

In the past couple months, we have been able to provide some regional instructor training – something the agency is pushing with now so that the instructors do not have to go to Montour Falls all the time. It is hard to get new instructors through all the newly authorizations and approval process. We were successful in running a couple Emergency Escape Systems for Company Officers. We do not call them train the trainers anymore. Basically it is for us to train your training officers within your company - how to safely conduct the bail out portion of survival training. Your training in service training to be PESH complaint for part 800

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Elevated bailout training, realign – levels of safety so we are not injuring anymore people through the training.

Porter Corners hosted a Water Supply Authorization Rural Water Supply. Moved almost 100,000 gallons of water in about four (4) hours. It went very well. We went back to show you how to maximize water flow, drafting tank the water, water relay and hose relay.

So when Ed sends out that sheet what classes you want, something you are interested, ask for it. We will get that for you. We have facilities to do it.

Fire Operations and Training Branch, the unit that was in charge of the fire instructors and outreach training program is now called the Fire Training and Education Branch. Focusing more on education that we weren't before. I do not see any difference in our job description or our job duties. It is just a name change.

Understand fire behavior is more important than jumping out windows. Having said that we have a topic speaker coming to the area next weekend (October 26th) at Decesente training facility. If you did not or can not get there, try and get someone there. Stanley has set up a way for individuals to pay (on-line go to the notice at www.saratogacofire.org) and a sheet for departments to sign people up and pay later. It has been advertised, the training notice is out there for a while. The cost is really to pay for the breakfast, the instructor is not charging us.

I can tell you just the couple hours he is going to talk and show videos of some of the experiments that they are doing, will change your mind set on how we are supposed to be fighting fires. A lot different of what we thought we knew to have proven what we now know. We need to adopt that so we are operating in a safe environment. Departments that have adopted it like FDNY, there LDD's (line of Duty Deaths) have gone way down. That is important.

We are trying to keep training current, if there is training out there you want, let Ed know, we will get the instructors schedule. We have a good group of instructors out there, they are doing more than they have to because they are very dynamic about doing it.

Ed added that we have been very lucky to have these two (Shawn & Roger), I did not realize how lucky we were until I was at a couple regional meetings for the County Coordinators – the regional authorization that you do, there are not to many that do that. They have not been getting what they ave asked for.

EMS Council / EMS Coordinator:

I read some highlights from the September and October council meeting minutes.

- MCI trailer now has a generator
- Tourniquets and quick litters to be added.

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- Chairman Pat Bornt will be taking inventory
- Mike Stanley from OES reports a table top drill will be held at Wilton Fire on November 15th – 9am to 12 noon.
- I-400 class has been postponed
- Steve Gordon from the Sheriff's Office announced the Toys for Tots convoy will be on November 24th.

October Meeting

- Guest Speakers from County Public Health – Joanne Sweet and Kesiena Olikier, RN's.
- Goal is to have a coalition to include flu vaccine's to EMT's and Firefighters.
- Providers enter the homes, in part, question is do you have the flu vaccine ?
- Last year flu went from October to May
- Signs and Symptoms come fast. You are contagious one to two days prior to experiencing symptoms. You carry the flu with you at least five (5) days afterwards.
- You are exposing others to the flu and do not realize this.
- 2017-2018 Flu season, there were 49 Million cases, 79,000 deaths reported.
- It takes about two (2) weeks for the immunity to build up, now is the time to get it.

Sheriff's Office: No representation – no report.

Special Committees:

- **December Meeting:** Chief Mahar and Tracy Pommer; Will be at Panza's (Route 9-P) this year. Friday, December 13th. Cocktail hour 6pm to 7pm. Sit down dinner at 7 PM. Meeting at 8 PM.
Choice will be Prime Rib, Chicken and Salmon.
Cost went up, \$ 38.00 per person.
Cut Off for reservations will be December 7th. Call Ed Tremblay to make reservation (518) 884-4702
- I also made mention that South Glens Falls ladies auxiliary did reply after the dead line that they would be interested. I informed them that we were going to use a local restaurant but we would like to try going back to a firehouse atmosphere and to reconsider a menu for the 2020 dinner meeting.

I also thanked Jeff and Tracy for their continued dedication and time put forth to make this annual dinner meeting possible each year.

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Do we have a guest speaker for the December meeting? No. Russ DeRidder asked that if anyone has a suggestion, please reach out to him.

October 26th Seminar: I reported so far about 30 reservations.

Nomination Committee: Paul Parker and John Cooper were present, Greg Bradtke was absent. Paul given the floor to present their report.

The information we have tonight, the information went out, the Coordinator was nice enough to send it out to everyone. The response back was below minimal. It was sad. Everyone in this room needs to decide how they want to move forward.

Currently all of the directors have offered to stay and the vice president, thank you Russell. Other than that, we will open the floor up for nominations this evening.

If anyone has nominations for President. I heard Stanley. Motion by Bob Wood for Stanley De Long as President. Motion was seconded by Jay Ellsworth. Mr. Parker called for nominations two additional times, no response.

For Vice President we have Russ DeRidder. Any other nominations for Vice President? Called two additional times. No response. Russell DeRidder for Vice President.

What are we doing with Treasurer? I had no response so I am not sure what the situation is. I spoke with Bill last week, he told me he would continue to hold the office as so long as his health allows, he will hold the office.

Chief Mahar stated he too had heard that, as he is the Treasurer for the company, with some assistance.

Paul: So are we going to put Bill down on the ballot?

I responded that I currently have the checkbook until he returns, we do not have that much financial business, so ...

Paul: The chief just asked, do we have a deputy treasurer? Do we have a second ...

"No we do not"

Paul polled the body two additional times for a nomination for Treasurer. No nominations from the floor.

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Paul: Secretary. I have heard nothing on secretary.

I had heard that Don Baldwin's intentions were not to continue as Secretary as he may be appointed to the Fire Advisory Board. I do not know if that holds true or not.

Chief Parker polled the membership for the office of secretary. No response.

Chief Parker: What happens when we do not get anybody, can we open this back up in December ? How does that work. Phil ?

Phil: You can appoint a pro term secretary.

Thank You Phil.

I can appoint a board member as secretary.

I also informed the body that this is your association.

There were no other nominations from the floor for Secretary.

Board of Directors spot: Chief Parker read the current interested persons for the Board, body was polled, no other nominations.

Ed Tremblay: Now that the nominations for Board Members are now closed, I think now would be a time that the board members act amongst themselves to appoint one of them as a deputy Treasurer. Let them make that decision.

Jay Ellsworth, you will need to change your by-laws.

Phil Brousseau will work on a by-laws change.

Motion to close by Greenfield, 2nd by Stillwater. Floor opened for discussion, there was no further discussion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

I inquired if there was any additional information regarding the Fire Training Center sign. There is not.

I thanked the agencies that offered to host next year. I announce the following meeting dates and locations, these are also posted on the Association web site.

February 17, 2020 – Middle Grove; April 20, 2020 – Union Fire Company (BSFD); June 15, 2020 – Arvin Hart; August 17, 2020 – Rexford Fire Department; October 19, 2020 – Burnt Hills Fire Department and December 11, 2020 to be determined at a later date in 2020.

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I will ask the Fire Coordinator to send out the meeting dates at a later time.

No other old business brought to the floor.

New Business:

There was no new business brought to the floor.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Agency dues. I am in the process of helping Bill out with the annual dues. Currently going through the agency list. I hope to have the dues sent out within the next couple weeks to allow agencies to pay at the December meeting or mail them in.
- Congratulations to PJ Champagne, he was selected as First Responder of the month for September with PYX-106 in Albany. CJ Brownell with Arvin Hart was selected as the First Responder of the Month for October. I also made mention that Matt Dunn was also selected earlier in summer months. If you know of anyone deserving to be nominated, simply go to PYX-106 web site, look for First Responder of the Month on the tool bar, there is an area where you can fill out a nomination. It is open for EMS, Fire and Police personnel.
- Les Bonesteel asked that I share a training opportunity for Chief Officers from the Capital Area Association of Fire Districts. Saturday, November 9th at West Crescent Fire. Registration begins at 7:30 AM, cost is \$20 per attendee, this covers your lunch. Note particular interest in this is regarding live burns in accordance with NFPA 1403.
- Gansevoort Fire has a Halloween Comedy Show "Fat Johnny" on Saturday, October 26th at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$ 10.00 per person. This is an ADULT event, not for kids to attend.
- An e-mail was sent out by both the Fire Coordinator and EMS Coordinator, Glens Falls Civic Center's Adirondack Thunder ECHL Hockey Team is hosting their first annual First Responders night, Friday November 8th. If you are interested, contact Molly Coventry – Director of group sales at 518-480-3355 Extension 315

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- I made mention of the e-mail the Fire Coordinator had sent out regarding the battery recall for the Unication G4 and G5 pagers. This information can be found on the Association web site (www.saratogacofire.org)
- FASNY college tuition assistance is available up to \$1,500.00 Check FASNY's web page or this Associations web page for the flier information.
- Phil Brousseau made mention that Andy from the Cause and Origin team submitted a photo from a call and won an award. He will be recognized on November 6th.
- Shawn Brimhall made mention that Regional Fire Officer 2 will be offered at West Crescent Fire house December 9th – 13th.

50/50 Raffle: Number 901. Winner Ed Tremblay. Collected was \$40, payout to Ed \$20.

Next meeting at Panza's, Friday December 13th. Cocktail hour 6 PM, sit down dinner at 7 PM, meeting begins at 8 PM.

I introduced our guest speaker from the New York State Police Aviation Unit, Captain Kevin Buchal.

Motion to adjourn at 20:17 hours by Middle Grove, 2nd by Greenfield Center. No opposition, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Stan De Long, President.

Name	Department
Stan De Long	Ballston Spa Fire
Bob Wood	Arvin Hart
JEFF WATAP	STRAWNER
Russ DeRidder	Galway
Ed Getrus	Middle Grove
Jay Ellsworth	Middle Grove
Phillip Brunsseau	Vischer Ferry
Eugene Kollar	Round Lake
Keith Butler	Hillcrest
Paul Frense	Round Lake
Stephen Bonesteel	West Crescent
John Cooper Jr	WEST CRESCENT
Roger Seefield	OFFIC
Shawn Barmhall	WEST CRESCENT
Bryan Chouinard	Greenfield ctr
Ed Tremblay	Saratoga County
Matt Dunn	Mechanicville Fire

10/21/19

Roll call

10	✓	NOTHING	53	
12			54	✓ THANK YOU WET DOWN NEW - OUTSTANDING
13	✓	NOTHING	56	
16			57	
18			58	
21			59	✓ STAFFS QUS
22			61	
23	✓	ALL GOOD	62	✓ NEW OR - replace 3
24			64	
26	✓	ALL GOOD	68	
27	✓	QUIET - NEW TANKON	69	✓ LETTER FIVE - LITHIUM BATTERY
28	✓	QUIET - DENIED	71	✓ JESU CHECKS -
29				✓ TRAPING UNIT -
31				✓ BORN TO WIN
32				✓ COMING TO
33				✓ WORK
34	✓	ORDER NEW ER CONTACT		
36				
38				
39	✓	STILL SAME RADIO PROBLEMS - (SPOTS) -		
46				
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49				
51	✓	NOTHING		

MAC BOSTON 18 TALK

Saratoga County
Firematic Officer's Association
Ballston Spa, New York

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
October 21, 2019

Receipts.

Balance on hand August 5, 2019	\$ 5,184.12	
50/50 (August Meeting)	\$ 20.00	\$ 5,204.12
Total	\$ 20.00	\$ 5,024.12

Disbursements.

South Glens Fire Co. - Donation	\$ 250.00	
Stan De Long - Fruit Basket	44.58	
Balance on hand October 21, 2019	\$ 5,024.12	
Total.....	294.58	\$ 4,729.54

Stan De Long, President



Motion to Accept
Motion Seconded

VISHEN FERRY
HILLCREST

Discussion

NONE

Motion Carried: Aye [] Nay

21 October 2019

Cc: Minutes



Flu is a **serious**
contagious disease
that can lead to
hospitalization and
even **death**.

Flu symptoms
can include:

- fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle and body aches
- headaches
- fatigue (tiredness)
- sometimes diarrhea and vomiting, though this is more common in children than adults

*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

For more information, visit
www.cdc.gov/flu
or call **800-CDC-INFO**.

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and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

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FIGHT FLU

CDC Says
"Take 3"
Actions
To Fight Flu



CDC

U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

#1

Take time to get a flu vaccine.

- CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu and it's potentially serious complications.
- While there are many different flu viruses, flu vaccines protect against the viruses that research suggests will be most common.
- Flu vaccination has been shown to:
 - » Reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu.
 - » Reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization for children, working age adults, and older adults.
 - » Prevent serious medical events associated with some chronic conditions.
 - » Protect women during and after pregnancy and protect their babies from flu after birth for several months.
 - » Be lifesaving in children.
- Flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.
- Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine annually by the end of October.



#2

Take everyday preventive actions to help reduce the spread of germs.

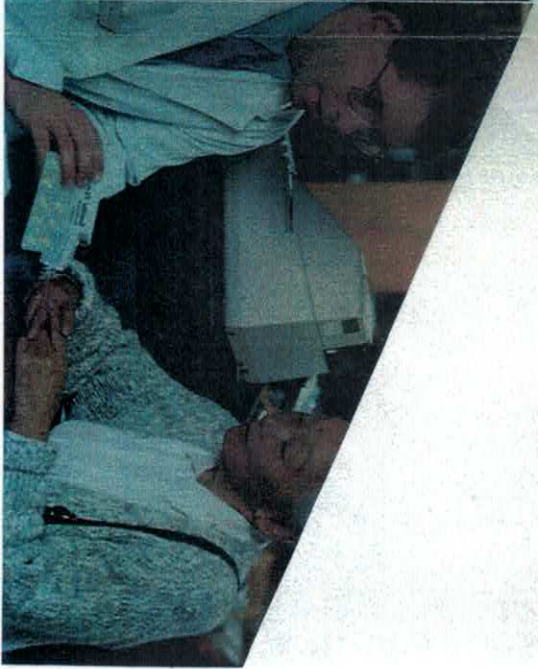
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu symptoms, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit your contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like flu.



#3

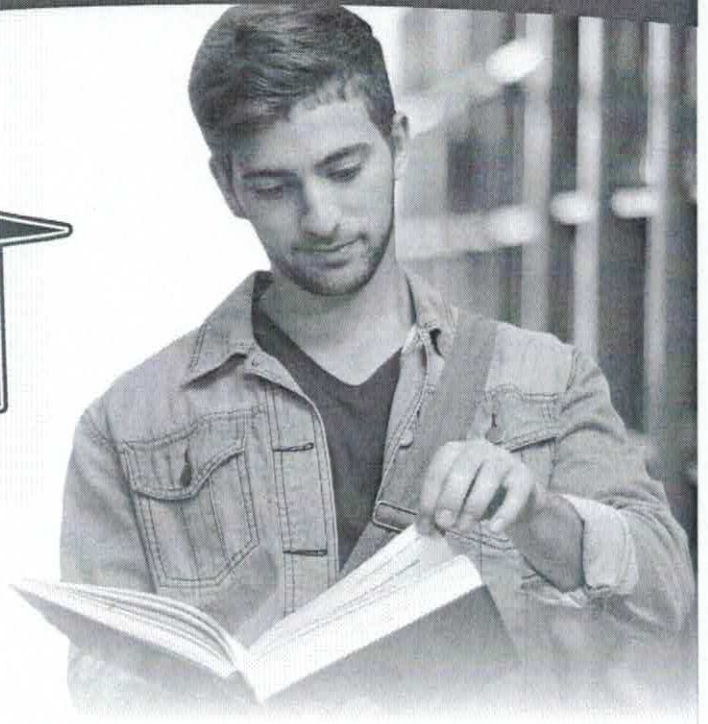
Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

- If you get sick with flu, antiviral drugs can be used to treat your illness.
- Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics. They are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) and are not available over-the-counter.
- Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications. For people with high risk factors, treatment with an antiviral drug can mean the difference between having a milder illness versus a very serious illness that could result in a hospital stay.
- CDC recommends prompt treatment for people who have influenza infection or suspected influenza infection and who are at high risk of serious flu complications.
- Studies show that flu antiviral drugs work best for treatment when they are started within 2 days of getting sick, but starting them later can still be helpful, especially if the sick person has a high risk factor or is very sick from the flu. Follow your doctor's instructions for taking this drug.





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the program handbook and application**

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2020 Meeting Dates and Locations

February 17th - Middle Grove Fire Company

April 20th - Union Fire Company, No. 2 (Ballston Spa)

June 15th - Arvin Hart Fire Department

August 17th - Rexford Fire Department

October 19th - Burnt Hills Fire Department

December 11th - To Be Announced (Dinner Meeting/Elections)

All meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

Board of Directors meet at 6:45 PM



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Modern Fire Behavior

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 8am-12 noon

\$10 per person covers registration and refreshments

Preregistration due by 10/22

Name	Name

_____ x \$10 each = Total \$_____

Email number attending to SCFOA.NY@gmail.com
Payment can be made at the door or
mail form and payment to
SCFOA PO Box 671 Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**Saratoga County Fire Chiefs and Officers
Annual Elections/Dinner
Friday December 13, 2019
Starts at 6pm
Panza's on Saratoga Lk.**

Hors de' Oeuvres:

Chicken Kabobs Teriyaki
Stuffed Mushrooms w/ Sausage
Coconut Shrimp w/ Hoisin Sauce
Scallops wrapped in Bacon

Dinner @ 7pm

Plated Mixed Field Greens Salad w/ Dressing
Dinner Rolls w/ Creamery Butter
Entrée's:

Roast Prime Ribs au jus
Salmon Filet
Chicken Boursin

All served w/ Roasted Red Potatoes & Carrots Gran Marnier

Coffee Service

Warm Apple Dumpling Ala Mode

\$38.00 per person (this is including gratuity)

RSVP BY Friday December 6, 2019