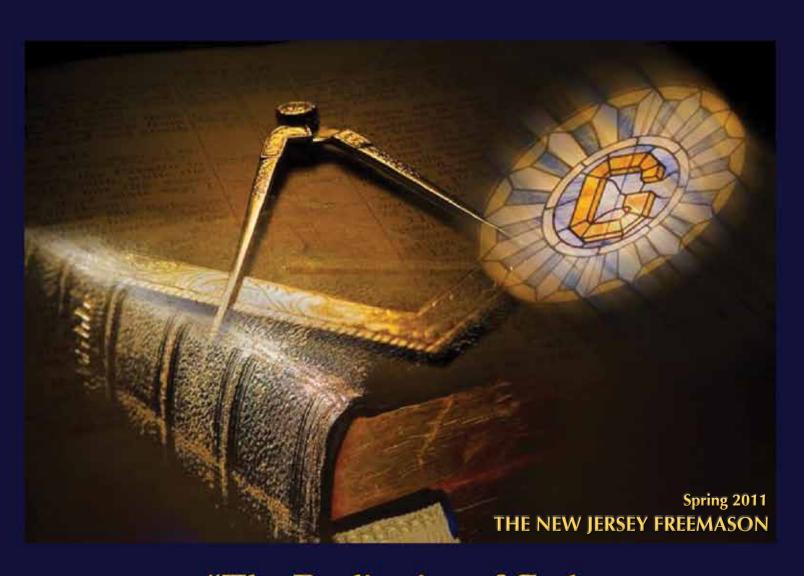
Masonic Unity 2011 "Foundation of the Craft"



"The Realization of God...
...through the Practice of Brotherhood"

R.W. Joseph H. Rival, Jr.
Grand Master of Masons
of the State of New Jersey

TO: ALL LODGES & WHITE BOOK

In the event of the election of R. W. William L. Morris, Jr., as Grand Master of Freemasons for the State of New Jersey and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Charity Foundation, at the 224th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge and 82nd Annual Meeting of the Masonic Charity Foundation on 28 April 2011, the Brethren, their ladies and friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following:

GRAND MASTER'S OPEN INSTALLATION BALLY'S PARK PLACE, ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011 INSTALLATION-2:00 P.M.

RECEPTION OF THE GRAND MASTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011 GRAND MASTER'S PRAYER SERVICE

4:00 pm Prayer Service

Where: Masonic Home Chapel, 902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION AND BANQUET

5:00 pm Social Period 6:00 pm Banquet Reception to follow

Where: Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ Cost: \$50 per person

Admission to the Banquet by reservation only. NO tickets will be sold at the door. **Deadline** for reservations is Friday, April 29, 2011. For those attending the Prayer Service and/or the Reception only, there is no charge and no reservation necessary. Upon arrival, all Present and Past Grand Lodge officers attending are requested to check in with the Grand Marshal.

Please make checks payable to: Loyalty Lodge #33 and mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: WB Howard M. Silverman, 569 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066. Any questions, please call 732-499-0439.



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Brethren.

As I prepare to write this message, I can't help but reflect on this time last year, just prior to and during the Holidays. I had recently started chemotherapy and it was not going well. I was in a state of depression and suffering from several physical side-effects. The doctors quickly took me off the chemo and after several weeks the side-effects began

to clear and gradually, things returned to normal. All this put me behind in my preparations for April and it seems I've been playing catch-up ever since. By the time you read this message, my term will be just about over. Being Grand Master has been the most exciting year of my life, although some of the positions the Grand Master is placed in can make you ask, "Why did I ever do this". Most of the brethren only see the Grand Master and Elected Line at receptions and the like and believe that takes up most of our time. What they don't know is that 90% of our time is spent in dealing with "situations" that arise during the course of the year and many administrative activities. The 3rd Wednesday of each month we are usually in Burlington from 9am until 9 or 10pm. Some of these "situations" are minor and can be resolved rather quickly. Others require much investigation, rule searching, legal advice, discussions and decisions. Some actually required me to institute edicts and over-rule some of the Constitution & Laws. I, and the Elected Line, have taken all this very seriously and have had to make decisions that we felt were best for Freemasonry and not for any particular lodge or brethren. After all, when you are responsible for 24,000 + members and 137 lodges, you can't make decisions that benefit a few and not the whole. That is exactly what has put us in some of these "situations" at the lodge level. Some of our members were upset with me about that, some felt I was micromanaging, but who did they come to when these problems surfaced? And who did they look to, to resolve them? There were some decisions I regret having to make, but felt I acted accordingly and made the necessary decisions.

There were many things accomplished this year that I feel very proud of: We were able to pay off the note to the Masonic Charity Foundation for the Trenton Masonic Temple and we moved the Grand Lodge Office back to Trenton. Both of which would not have been accomplished without the cooperation and consent of the Grand Lodge Trustees and both will save us thousands of dollars in the future. NJ hosted the NE Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries for the first time in 37 years. I still get compliments from the other Grand Masters on how well the weekend went. The Feast of St. John was a sellout with John Chatterton as our speaker and his diving adventures involving the SS Titanic. By the time you read this the Chairman's Ball will be history - a good old Oktoberfest. I have to let some of my

German heritage come out! The Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries will have been completed in Denver, CO. The annual trip to Florida will also have been completed. Some members are upset because I continued to make the luncheons free to all Florida residents, but charged a \$10 fee to all non residents or "snowbirds". I also allowed only one guest and limited the visit to one luncheon. I received many complaints from the "snowbirds" that they had to pay. I did this because the purpose of these visits is to inform our Florida residents of what is going on back in "Jersey" and hope they will make a donation or remember us in their wills and estates. Even though I understand that the part-time residents enjoy these luncheons and are a way to reunite with our brethren in Florida, I cannot justify the MCF incurring this cost, especially when we are trying to reduce our expenses. The \$10 does not cover the entire cost of the luncheon, but does ease the burden on the MCF and still gives those brethren the opportunity to renew old friendships. For those visiting brethren, the opportunity still exists to enjoy Freemasonry back in NJ and make a contribution there.

There will be some new legislation submitted for your review and approval that will re-enforce some of the edicts I felt necessary to institute. These are intended to help the lodges avoid some of the pitfalls other lodges were placed in because lodge by-laws allowed some brethren to occupy several positions of authority at the same time and making it possible for them to overrule the Worshipful Master and unbelievably, the lodge itself. This created some very dangerous situations involving the finances and investments of the lodges. If even one lodge can avoid disaster, then the legislation is well worth your consideration. We ARE brethren and we want to trust our brethren, unfortunately, it doesn't always work out that way and therefore safeguards need to be instituted to protect the lodges and the brethren. I ask for your consideration, understanding and support. After an interview with and reviewing the by-laws of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association of New Jersey, I have granted them Grand Lodge recognition as an organization subject to and following Grand Lodge regulations and adhering to Masonic principles, tenants and beliefs.

I pray that I have left the Fraternity in a little better shape than I received it. That is the prayer and hope of every Grand Master. If so, then I consider my year a success.

Thanks to each of you for your support, encouragement and assistance as I served as your Grand Master. I have tried to do what I felt was best for Freemasonry and have enjoyed the opportunity to serve you and this great Fraternity. God Bless.

Fraternally,

Joseph H. Rival, Jr. Grand Master 2010

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DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE —





Since the resignation of RW Charles H. Hoens, III from the Grand Lodge Computer Committee we have been slowly working to iron out some of the wrinkles in developing a web based system to maintain membership information for the Grand Lodge Office and Lodge Secretaries. This is a very complicated

system and will take a few months to place information into the hands of our users including the general membership with computer access.

It has been a very busy year for me as your Deputy Grand Master, being involved in many projects for both the Grand Lodge and Charity Foundation, we are making progress on many fronts although not as fast as some of the membership would like. During this year I had the normal tasks associated with becoming a Grand Master. I have formed a Grand Staff which will include the fewest Grand Chaplains in years, it was my decision a few years ago that we needed to cut down on Grand Lodge appointments, and for the last few years we have, and I am continuing that trend.

I have also decided that starting this May those brethren receiving their Gold Tokens be visited by the Grand Master at their token presentation. Accordingly, I have asked the District Deputy Grand Masters to organize the Lodges Gold Token Nights into a District Gold Token functions and a few dates have already been reserved.

We are in the planning stages for the Grand Lodges of Instruction to make them more interesting by rotating the work being performed at each Grand Lodge of Instruction. The District Deputy will be informed of the work his district is expected to be performed at the Grand Lodge of Instruction in February so that the Lodges will have plenty of time to prepare.

Each year the Grand Master plans a trip. This coming July will be no exception. When members asked me what I wanted to do as Grand Master, I said "I want to go to Walt Disney World" and that is where my trip will be too. We have arranged for rooms at the Caribbean Resort, which has economy and middle priced rooms. I have chosen July 11th as the starting date so that families can bring their children who will be on summer vacation, as long as we don't have many more snow days.

The day we were to leave for the Charity Foundation Florida visit we had almost two feet of snow in northern New Jersey, they closed Newark Airport and our fight was cancelled. The rescheduled time for our departure was two days later in the middle of the afternoon. We would have been traveling into Tampa while we were scheduled to be in West Palm Beach. Checking into just scheduling a one-way fight the day before would have cost almost three times the round trip airfare we had booked a few months ago. Trying to keep down the cost of running the Charity Foundation, I thought it best to forego the trip this year. I did miss seeing our Florida membership and their ladies.

Very soon I hope to be elected and installed as your Grand Master; I am looking forward to the rewards and challenges which have faced each of my predecessors.

Sincerely and Fraternally, William L. Morris, Jr. Deputy Grand Master

ALL LODGE SECRETARIES ASSISTANT SECRETARIES...& PAST SECRETARIES

The Masonic Secretaries Association of New Jersey cordially invites you to become a member.

Meetings are held three times a year (January - May - September).

Annual dues \$10.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at GROW HALL, Masonic Home Campus, Burlington on

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011 at 9:30 am.

Join your fellow Brethren and share in discussing issues and concerns of Lodge Secretaries.

For further information contact: Wayne Thomas, 29 Jackson Avenue, Northfield, NJ 08225 • Phone: 609.641.5722



PROPOSED GRAND LODGE **BUDGET 2011-2012**

Membership Base = 24,897

	Budget 2010-2011	Budget Proposed		Budget 2010-2011	Budget Proposed
OPERATING REVENUE		•	GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES		•
Grand Lodge per	#220 202 FO	ф2.42.222.7F	Annual	¢120,000,00	ф12 Г 000 00
Capita Assessment	\$328,202.50	\$342,333.75	Communication	\$120,000.00	\$125,000.00
Blue Lodge Insurance Assessment	87,925.00	87,925.00	Emergent Communications	1,000.00	1,000.00
Acacia Lumberton	07,923.00	07,923.00	Northeast Conference	1,000.00	1,000.00
Management Fee	65,000.00	68,300.00	of Grand Masters	8,000.00	5,000.00
Staff Contribution to	00,000.00	00,000.00	Conference of Grand	5,555155	2,000.00
Annual Communication	35,000.00	30,000.00	Masters of N. America	30,000.00	20,000.00
Annual Communication	10,000.00	15,000.00	Feast of St. John	5,000.00	4,000.00
Sale of Supplies	17,000.00	15,000.00	Past Grand Master's		
General Fund Interest			Jewel	7,500.00	10,000.00
and Dividends	65,600.00	9,000.00	Awards and Certificates	5,000.00	5,000.00
Permanent Fund Interest			Table Lodge	0.00	500.00
and Dividends	59,500.00	72,000.00	TOTAL GRAND	41 5 6 6 9 9 9	41 50 500 00
TOTAL OPERATING	¢((0.337.F0	¢(20 550 75	LODGE ACTIVITIES	\$176,500.00	\$170,500.00
REVENUE	\$668,227.50	\$639,558.75	EDUCATION PROGRAMS		
PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS			Ritual Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00
Masonic Charity			District Deputy		
Foundation	\$445,860.00	\$0.00	Grand Masters	1,000.00	1,000.00
Initiate Fee for MCF	12,000.00	10,000.00	Education Services	1,000.00	3,000.00
GWNM per Capita	12,385.00	0.00	Youth Committee	3,000.00	3,000.00
Initiate Fee for GWNM	2,250.00	1,200.00	Old Trenton Temple	F 000 00	F 000 00
DeMolay per Capita	24,770.00	0.00	Lodge museum	5,000.00	5,000.00
Rainbow per Capita Historic Trenton	24,770.00	0.00	Masonic Leadership Conference	12,000.00	7,000.00
Masonic Temple	49,540.00	0.00	NJ Freemason Magazine	75,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL PASS THROUGH	49,340.00	0.00	TOTAL EDUCATION	7 3,000.00	73,000.00
ASSESSMENTS	\$571,575.00	\$11,200.00	EXPENSE	\$97,500.00	\$94,500.00
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TOTALS	\$1,239,802.50	\$650,758.75	CHARITABLE PROGRAMS MSA Hospital		
OPERATING EXPENSES			Visitation Program	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
PERSONNEL			NJ Veterans	Ψ10,000.00	ψ3,000.00
Salaries	\$115,000.00	\$124,500.00	Hospital Program	15,000.00	10,000.00
Payroll Taxes	10,100.00	11,000.00	Masonic Relief Assoc.	500.00	0.00
Group Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	Masonic Services Assoc.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Pension	0.00	0.00	CHIP	3,500.00	5,000.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL			Wheelchair Track		
EXPENSE	\$126,100.00	\$135,500.00	and Field Meet	500.00	500.00
OPERATING EXPENSE			Masonic Blood Bank	2,000.00	500.00
Audit	\$11,000.00	\$16,000.00	TOTAL CHARITABLE		
IRS Form 990	4,000.00	4,000.00	PROGRAMS	\$32,500.00	\$22,000.00
Accounting and			PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS		
Bookkeeping	18,000.00	18,000.00	Masonic Charity		
Investment Advisor	0.00	0.00	Foundation	\$445,860.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	7,000.00	7,000.00	Initiates Contribution		
Telephone and Fax	7,000.00	8,000.00	to MCF	12,000.00	10,000.00
Printing	6,000.00	5,500.00	GWNM Assessment	12,385.00	0.00
Postage and UPS GL Collars, Aprons	7,000.00	8,000.00	Initiates Contribution	2 250 00	1 200 00
and Tokens	3,000.00	2,500.00	to GWNM	2,250.00	1,200.00
Official Expense	40,000.00	30,000.00	DeMolay Rainbow	24,770.00 24,770.00	0.00 0.00
Equipment Contract	10,000.00	20,000.00	Historic Trenton	24,770.00	0.00
and Leases	3,000.00	3,000.00	Masonic Temple	49,540.00	0.00
Legal	5,000.00	5,000.00	TOTAL PASS THROUGH	17,510.00	0.00
GL Insurance	13,000.00	13,000.00	ASSESSMENTS	\$571,575.00	\$11,200.00
Blue Lodge Insurance	87,925.00	87,925.00			
Utilities	20,000.00	5,000.00	TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,239,802.50	\$650,758.75
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,000.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,238,100.00	\$648,625.00
TOTAL OPERATING	haaa	4014 657 65			
EXPENSE	\$233,925.00	\$214,925.00	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$1,702.50	\$2,133.75
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NOMINEES FOR (Vote 1 of 2)

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

R.W. Robert H. Klick



Personal: Born in Plainfield, NJ. I am the proud father of two children, Jennifer Lebor and Christopher Klick and proud Grandfather of Maggie, Tucker, Cooper and Mary Lebor.

Education: BS Degree in Business Administration,

West Virginia Wesleyan College. Post Graduate studies at Muhlenberg College.

Professional: Various positions of increasing responsibility over my thirty-three years with Foster Wheeler Inc. Currently Manager of Benefits Administration for Foster Wheeler Inc.

Masonic History:

- Raised in Congdon-Overlook Lodge #163 on May 25, 1975
- Junior Warden 1988, Senior Warden 1989, Worshipful Master 1990
- Lodge Trustee 1992-1994, 1999-2001
- Dual Member of Cincinnati Lodge No. 3 and Hannibal Lodge No. 224 GRI, St. George's Bermuda and Honorary Member of Acacia Lodge No. 20 and Alpha Lodge No. 116

Grand Lodge:

- Grand Chaplain 1993
- Grand Marshal 2003
- Grand Lodge Arrangements Committee 2000-2003, 2005-2006
- Photography Committee 2007

Masonic Charity Foundation:

- President of the Board 2007
- Home Operations Committee 2005-2007 & 2009, Chairman 2006 & 2009.
- Scholarship Committee 2005-2006
- Pension Committee 2005-2010, Chairman 2006-2010
- Compensation Committee Chairman from inception 2007-2010

Other Masonic Affiliations: Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Past Masters Association of the 11th District, North Jersey Past Masters Association, South Jersey Past Masters And Wardens Association, 14th District West Jersey Masonic Association, Society of Saints John, Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots, NJ Pyramid No. 2, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Central New Jersey currently Senior Warden Rose Croix Chapter, Northern New Jersey Council No. 10 of Knight Masons, New Jersey College Masonic Society Rosicruciana.

Statement: In 2005 and 2008 you honored me by electing me to the Board of the Masonic Charity Foundation. During six (6) years, the two terms on the Board, I have served as President of the Board and continue to chair several committees. I instituted programs of change which resulted in savings of over \$4 million dollars per year in the Masonic Home's benefit plans, yet maintained a competitive position in those plans. This past year I introduced change in our medical plans, long term disability plan, and other pertinent insurances which are expected to save an additional \$500,000 per year.

In 2007, while President of the Board, we established a corporate business structure while maintaining the elected line on the Board and the Grand Master as the Chairman. I further instituted the establishment of a Compensation Committee which has the responsibility of

reviewing the performance of our executives, and recommends to the Board their compensation. Under my leadership, we brought forth additional savings to the Masonic Home by establishing the voluntary retirement program which saved over 1.5 million dollars in salaries and benefits. These are all firsts for our Masonic Charity Foundation and as your next Junior Grand Warden I will bring these leadership qualities to the elected line.

For over thirty-five years I have dedicated myself to New Jersey Freemasonry and have served in many capacities in the quarries of our gentle craft. Since being elected as Junior Warden of my Lodge, I have attended every annual communication and have 20 consecutive years of experience in our Grand Lodge. I was appointed to two staffs and have been associated with numerous others. My years of experience in Grand Lodge will benefit the future of the craft.

I believe in the concept of town hall meetings in the Districts with the elected line, wherein the Brethren may be informed of recent developments and can bring issues pertinent to their districts and lodges before the elected line. Periodic emergent communications of the Grand Lodge have always been beneficial, especially when proposed changes to our Constitution and By-laws are concerned.

For the past 33 years I have been employed by Foster Wheeler with the responsibility of administering the benefit plans which include a pension plan and a 401k plan with combined assets of \$600 million dollars. I have been involved with all aspects of human resources and the handling of the most sensitive employee issues. This corporate business experience has proven successful to the Masonic Charity Foundation and as your Junior Grand Warden it will bring an added dimension to our elected line and to our Grand Lodge.

THE NEW JERSEY **FREEMASON**

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(Vote 1 of 2) NOMINEES FOR **IUNIOR GRAND WARDEN**

R.W. Gerald J. Sharpe



Personal: Married 39 vears to Janice (40 years in May). We have 2 daughters, both married, and 6 grandchildren. We currently reside in Mays Landing, after a 31 year residency in Northfield.

Education: Graduated in 1967 from Mainland

Regional High School, Linwood, NJ, 1969 from Atlantic Community College, Mays Landing and 1971 from Glassboro State.

Professional: Teacher of Special Education for the Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District, Absegami High School, for 39 years. Head coach for the Golf team for 31 years. Ran the Absegami School Store, was the School to Work program coordinator, and developed the "Gami Gourmet" luncheon program to teach students restaurant and culinary skills, which was open to local dignitaries. I retired in June 2010.

Masonic History:

- Raised in Keystone Lodge #153 in 1993
- Worshipful Master in 2003
- Keystone Lodge Ritual Instructor 2004-2009
- President of the 23rd District Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Association in 2004
- · Charter member and currently Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Northfield Learning Center
- Currently Vice President of the South Jersey Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Association and am Senior Warden 14th Degree Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Southern New Jersey AASR
- Recipient of numerous nominations for the "Educator of the Year", all declined

Coordinate and Appendant Bodies:

- Trinity Chapter #38 Royal Arch Masons
- Council #10 Knight Masons
- Atlantic City Forest #11 Tall Cedars of Lebanon
- Crescent Shrine A.A.O.N.S. and the NJ Lodge of Masonic Research and Education #1786

Grand Lodge:

- Ritual Committee 2004-2005
- Trial of Charges Committee 2009-2010
- Educator of the Year Committee 2009-2010
- State of the Craft Committee 2010-2011
- 23rd District Ritual Instructor 2005-2008
- District Deputy of the 23rd District 2008-2011

Statement: I want to be your next Junior Grand Warden. My platform is centered on FRATERNALISM. As a District Deputy Grand Master, I have heard a lot of resentment from our lodge members throughout this Grand Jurisdiction toward our Grand Lodge. There is an ongoing feeling that Grand Lodge is on one side and our lodges are on the other. This is not good for our fraternalism; it is worse for

The past few years have not been easy ones for New Jersey Freemasonry. While we have been diligently working through our financial difficulties, I believe we must never forget that first and foremost, we are a Band of Brothers.

My mission is to work towards an all-inclusive us. I will encourage our Deputies to manage their Districts with emphasis on their Lodges managing their affairs within the confines of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws.

I have been continuously toiling in the quarries of our Freemasonry for the past 17 years. In 2002 I was elected Worshipful Master of Keystone Lodge #153. Since then I have been privileged to serve our Craft in many leadership positions that have prepared me to be your next Junior Grand Warden.

My Grand Lodge service includes the Committee on Ritual, the Trial of Charges Committee and the State of the Craft Committee In 2005 I was appointed District Ritual Instructor of the 23rd District and have been serving as District Deputy Grand Master since 2008.

The duties and responsibilities of the District Deputy Grand Master's position have been the most helpful in preparing me for higher office. The skills necessary to successfully govern a district as the Grand Master's representative are similar to those essentially necessary to govern our Grand Jurisdiction. Though the scales are different, many of the issues, concerns and solutions are the same.

The Deputy works under the mentorship of the Grand Masters he serves. I am privileged to have learned from some of the best. My Brothers, being a District Deputy is the best possible training for a future Grand Master.

I have regularly attended the meetings of the Charity Foundation and the Grand Lodge Trustees. These experiences have broadened my awareness and understanding of the issues facing Grand Lodge and the concerns of our Brethren. All of these offices have led me to develop a unique perspective on our fraternity.

I am particularly proud of being a Charter Member of the Board of Governors of the 32 Degree Masonic Learning Center at Northfield and currently serve as its' Vice-Chairman. Serving in this capacity I have gained invaluable practical administrative experience that will serve me in good stead as a leader of our Craft.

Professionally, I have worked for the past 39 years as an educator. I specialized in "developmentally delayed" and "at risk"

students. These are young people with serious learning handicaps. I was mandated to create and administer the "School to Career Program" at my high school. My job was to teach life and employment skills to students experiencing difficulties in traditional school work and then place them in outside jobs where they earned a pay check. I monitored their progress and mentored them as they adjusted to the real world of work.

I also created a restaurant and a store within the school that were open to the general public. They were used to teach and perfect valuable job skills. I developed these programs from initial concept to highly successful ventures. Many of my students are still employed at the jobs they began in my program and are contributing members of society. I mention this to show that I have a proven professional track record that includes conception, implementation and long-term administration of real-world work. I never have been afraid to think and act outside the box, a trait that has served me well throughout my entire life.

I have always viewed my work as an extension of my Masonic values.

I retired in June of 2010 and while I sorely miss my former career as an educator, I am ready and prepared for the new challenges I will face as your Junior Grand Warden.

Now I am asking for your vote. I am driven by a desire to lead as well as serve our Craft. I bring to the table the sensibilities of a long-serving Grand Lodge officer who has never forgotten his roots as a Master Mason. I believe that the Junior Grand Warden should function as a team player, continuing the programs established by the elected line to preserve continuity and insure success.

I want to share a bit of wisdom given to me by a Brother many years ago, "We make Masons upstairs, we keep Masons downstairs". In order to maintain involvement, we need to increase community-based projects that include our member's participation. We should involve our families whenever we can.

Lastly, just as our opening ritual reminds our Worshipful Masters to "set the Craft at labor and give them good and wholesome instruction". In like manner, I believe that a very important part of my work as a member of the Elected Line will be to search out brethren who have the talent and desire to help us as we advance into the future.

My Brothers, I cannot do it without you... When you step into that voting booth remember: Look sharp, act sharp, VOTE SHARPE.

NOMINEES FOR HISTORIC (Vote 2 of 3)

TRENTON MASONIC TEMPLE TRUSTEE



W.B. Joseph R. Avanti



Personal: I am married to Paula for twenty-nine years. We have been blessed with three sons and one daughter plus four terrific grandchildren.

Education:

• Diploma -Triton Regional

High School, Runnemede, NJ (1964)

- Past President Junior Achievement (1963 to 1964)
- Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ (1970 to 1972)
- Richard Stockton College, Pomona, NJ (Class of 1984)
- Rutgers Unversity, Camden, NJ Graduate School of Social Work (1984 to 1987)

Sports Achievements:

• 29th District Wrestling Champion - 1963

- 8th Regional Wrestling, Bronze Medal 1963
- Olympic Conference Wrestling Champion -1964

Professional: I am a retired Veteran Service Officer, State of NJ. I worked with Veterans and the Families for over twenty-five years, as a counselor, advocate and case manager.

Military: Regular United States Army (1966 to 1969), I served a tour of duty with the 173rd Airborne Infantry in the Republic of Vietnam (1968 to 1969).

Masonic History:

- Raised May 1994
- Worshipful Master M.B. Taylor Lodge #141 (2004)
- Worshipful Master Belcher Lodge #180 (2008)
- Dual Member at Trinity Lodge #79
- Dual Member at Hiram T. Dewey Lodge #226
- Belcher Lodge #180 Trustee (2009) and (2010 thru 2013)
- Appointed Tyler Belcher Lodge from 2009 to present
- President of 23rd District Past Master, Masters and Wardens Association (2011)

- Senior Warden NJ LORE (2010 thru 2012)
- Member South Jersey Past Masters
- Recipient of the Grand Master First Signer Award - 2010

Community:

- St. Theresa's Church, Little Egg Harbor, NJ Baptismal Team (1998 to 2008)
- Former Municipal Alliance Coordinator Bass River Township, NJ (1995 to 2000)
- Past President of Richard Stockton Alumni Association, Pomona, NJ (1996 to 1999)

Scouting:

- I was fortunate to earn the Eagle Scout Award in 1963 with Troop 80, Blackwood, NJ - Camden County Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Ad Altare Di Religious Award (1961)
- Junior Assistant Scout Master (1963 to 1966)

Statement: Experiences, education and background and as my resume clearly indicates - "I am here to serve". I humbly and respectfully ask for your support to allow me to serve you as Trenton Temple Trustee.

R.W. Keith Graser



Personal: Born in Trenton, NJ. Raised and residing in Hamilton, NJ. My wife Margaret and I have been married for 31 years and have a son Kyle.

Education: Graduated from Hamilton High School-East 1972. Attended, Tennessee

Wesleyan College and Rider College.

Professional: Regional Sales Manager, Eastern Warehouse Distributors, Inc. - Current-2006, responsible for sales at 4 of our 16 locations, which includes personnel training, developing programs for the customers and working with National and International manufacture's of auto parts. Operation's Manager, CJ Parts Distributors, Inc. - 2006-1993. President and Owner of Graser Auto Supply, Inc. - 1993-1996.

Masonic History:

- Raised in Gothic Lodge #270 on March 20, 1978
- Served as Worshipful Master in 1986
- Lodge Trustee 1983-1987
- Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee 2006-2009
- Grand Marshal 2004-2005
- Secretary to the Grand Master 1992-1993
- Arrangements Committee 2002-Present
- Trenton Masonic Museum Committee 2001-Present
- Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania

Other Masonic Affiliations:

- Member of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite – Valley of Central New Jersey
- Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots of NJ, Pyramid No. 1
- Society of Saints John
- New Jersey College Masonic Society Rosicruciana
- South Jersey Past Masters and Wardens Association
- Meridian Masonic Association, Senior DeMolay, Capital Chapter

Community

Mobile Meals of Hamilton Township, Inc. - Board of Directors, Hamilton Area YMCA: Past Member of the Services Committee, Volunteer of the Year 1995, Served as Federation Chief, Indian Guide Program 1993-95, Elected as East Field Chief of the YMCA Indian Guide Program for the National YMCA of USA 1995-97. Member of Hamilton Square Baptist Church, currently serving as Chairperson of the Administrative Committee. Past member of Calvary Baptist Church, served as Benevolent Treasurer, Secretary Board of Trustees, Chairmen of Finance Committee, Stewardship Committee, Missionary Committee, President, Board of Trustees.

Statement: Our Grand Lodge has provided me with many opportunities, but this past July, I was able to serve our Grand Lodge as a member of the Arrangements Committee at the North East Conference of Grand Masters. Your Grand Lodge hosted this event in Trenton at our own Historic Trenton Masonic Temple. Seeing what has been done to this building and caterers wanting to come back to the building with their business has made me want to help restore this edifice to what it has been in the past and beyond. The Historic Trenton Masonic Temple

has been through much, in my younger years I can remember going to the Temple for DeMolay meetings, while a member at Capital Chapter and many years later while going through the chairs of my Lodge, which is in the 15th District along with the Trenton Temple, I have seen it in much need of repair. Since this time, our Grand Lodge has taken over the Temple and is now known as the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple. Our Grand Lodge and the Trustees of the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple have completed many projects and should be congratulated on what has been accomplished so far with this building. Mercer Lodge #50 still meets in the Temple and is in the process of renewing the Tuscan Room in the basement. Much more needs to be accomplished with the goal of restoring the basement. Living in Trenton and running businesses in the Trenton area for most of my life has helped me network with many local and county governments which can help when a change needs to be done. Through business, I have contracts with the county and local municipalities. I will work with local organizations to use our facilities at the Trenton Temple. The budget for these Trustees, is self supporting, so income is an important factor for the running of the facility. The needs of the Trustees are both raising income and controlling cost while we move ahead with all renovations. While I was a member of the Masonic Charity Foundation, I always had the members of our craft, the budget and the residents of the Masonic Home on my mind. I will do the same if elected to the Board of Trustees of the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple, Inc. I have been and will always be a team player, putting the greater of the good above all else. I have a sincere desire to serve you, our Grand Lodge and the Trustees of the Historical Masonic Temple, which is why I am asking for your support at Grand Lodge this April.



(Vote 2 of 3) NOMINEES FOR HISTORIC TRENTON MASONIC TEMPLE TRUSTEE

W.B. William S. McVay



Personal: I reside in Yardville, NJ with my wife, Jan, of 48 years. We have three children and five grandchildren.

Professional: I have worked in the mechanical field for forty-five years including operating my own residential heating air conditioning

business for the last thirty-three years. I attended heating and air conditioning school for four years and successfully passed the RCS building inspectors' course. I have attended many seminars and classes to keep up with the vast changes in these mechanical technologies The many years of working with others has helped me develop the social skills necessary for positive results.

Masonic History:

- Raised March 16, 1971 Hopewell Lodge No. 155
- Worshipful Master 1977
- Blood Bank Chairman 1973 to 1985
- Member of Gothic Fraternal Lodge

No. 270, Lodge officer in various positions for ten years

- Member of Horizon Daylight Lodge No. 299, Lodge officer for three years
- Member of Mercer Lodge No. 50
- Life member of Scottish Rite Central Valley for twenty-five years
- Appointed Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee (to fulfill unexpired term of James Ross)

Community:

- Serving at Saint Mark United Methodist Church as Stewardship Chairman and on Outreach and Nurture Committee
- Past President, Vice President and prayer advocate of United Methodist Men's ministry
- Sunday school teacher
- Choir member
- Past member of American Legion Post 339

Statement: As you are aware, the Historical Trenton Masonic Temple has become the hub of activity for not only this grand jurisdiction but also for the northeast region of Free Masonry and the greater Trenton community; it is our duty to maintain the historical and architectural integrity of this grand edifice for future generations. I received the interim appointment

as HTMT Trustee on November 1, 2010 and as such have acted as liaison for the Trustees and city code officials, building inspectors and prospective contractors and maintenance people.

As your Senior Grand Deacon, I have had the opportunity to converse with many of the brethren and one of their primary concerns seem to be the rising cost of operations for Grand Lodge and I can assure you that the Grand Lodge Trustees and Charity Foundation Trustees are working diligently and quite effectively to reduce these costs.

In the short space of time that I have been a member of the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee's, I have assisted in the reduction of energy costs at this Grand Facility, an increase and enhancement of the comfort level in this building due to an upgrading of the controls system. This in itself is remarkable considering the rising energy costs.

With my extensive knowledge and mechanical experience, I know just what it takes to do very professional work at a reasonable cost. If elected, I will continue to look out for your best interest.

At this time, I am seeking your support to enable me to transition this appointment into the elected position which is required. It has been an honor for me to work with the other Trustees and I sincerely thank you for the opportunity

UNCONTESTED NOMINEES FOR OFFICE



Grand Master William L. Morris, Jr. Loyalty Lodge No. 33 10th District



Deputy Grand Master Glenn R. Trautmann Jephthah Lodge No. 233 11th District



Senior Grand Warden David A. Dorworth Covenant Lodge No. 161 19th District



Grand Treasurer Robert J. Sheridan, P.G.M. Atlantic Lodge No. 221 23rd District



Grand Secretary Larry S. Plasket, P.G.M. Merchantville Lodge No. 119 18th District



Jack A.E. Ford Princeton Lodge No. 38 12th District



Grand Lodge Trustees H. Wayland Packer Williamstown Lodge No. 166 21st District

UNCONTESTED NOMINEES FOR ——— MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

W.M. Angelo A. Caprio



Profile: I hold the position of Chief Medical Officer at Hoboken University Medical Center and have held it since the beginning of 2010.

I have direct responsibility for the Departments of Case Management, Social

Service, Clinical Documentation Management Program, Credentialing Department, Performance Improvement, and Resource Management, Quality Assurance and Infection Control.

I have always had an interest in the administrative side of medicine and held a part time position at various times as Medical Director at the Gregory Surgical Center in Jersey City, Medical Director of Hudson County OEM, and Medical Director of the Jersey City OEM. I had been a practicing General Surgeon since my graduation from residency at the Jersey City Medical Center and practiced surgery until 2005.

Having spent my entire career as an active member of the medical community, I am an excellent addition to any senior leadership team. Making the transition from full-time practice to one of administration has required strong resolve. I sought and was granted an MMM in Health Systems Management from Tulane University, School of Public Health and Tropical Diseases where I graduated in August of 2006.

I have been actively involved in Medical Quality and am a Fellow of the American College of Medical Quality and hold the position as a member of the Membership Committee. I am also a member of the American College of Preventive Medicine, the American College of Physician Executives and the American Board of Utilization Review and Quality Assurance.

I hold a commission in the United States Navy with the rank of Commander and am currently the Reserve Senior Medical Officer at Submarine Base Groton, Connecticut.

With all these lofty achievements I am most proud to be a Freemason. I was raised in Enterprise Lodge # 31 in May of 2003 and served as Worshipful Master for 2010. I am a Knights Templar and a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. I truly believe that the Devine Architect has blessed me with these gifts so that I may give back to my fellow man: that is why I am

seeking to become a MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE.

Education: Tulane University - New Orleans, LA MMM - Masters of Medical Management Graduated August 2006

Jersey City Medical Center - Jersey City, NJ Residency, General Surgery, Graduated June 1985

L' Universita Degli Studi Di Roma - Rome, Italy M.D., PhD, Graduated March 1980

St. Peter's College - Jersey City, NJ BS - Biology, Graduated May 1974

St. Peter's Preparatory School - Jersey City, NJ Graduated June 1970

Professional:

Chief Medical Officer - Hoboken University Medical Center

Hoboken, NJ - March 2010 to present

Chief Medical Information Officer - Hoboken University Medical Center

Hoboken, NJ - 2009 to March-2010

Medical Director, Care Management - Hoboken University Medical Center

Hoboken, NJ - Since opening 2007 to February

Medical Director - St. Mary Hospital Hoboken, NJ - 2003 to closure 2007

Surgical Associates Hudson County -330 Grand Street

Hoboken, NJ - 1985 to 2004

Medical Director - Gregory Surgical Services Jersey City, NJ - 2001 to 2004

Police Surgeon - City of Bayonne Bayonne, NJ - 1994 to 1996

Assistant Medical Director - Hudson County Correctional Center

Jersey City, NJ - 1993 to 1995

President and CEO Newcare Inc - Newport Medical Group

Jersey City, NJ - 1992 to 1995

Medical Director Local 4-69 - Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union Secaucus, NJ - 1992 to 1996

Medical Director - Office of Emergency Management City of Jersey City Jersey City, NJ - 1990 to 1993

Professional Memberships:

American Medical Association 1982 Academy of Medicine of New Jersey 1984 Hudson County Medical Society 1985 Medical Society of New Jersey 1985 American College of Sports Medicine 1986 New Jersey Vascular Society 1986

American College of Physician Executives 1990 American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review 2004

American College of Medical Quality 2004 National Association of Managed Care Physicians 2004

American College of Preventive Medicine 2009 National Association of Healthcare Quality 2009 HIMSS-Healthcare Information Management Specialty Society 2009

Honors and Awards:

New Jersey Magazine Man of the Year Award 2001

New Jersey Sportswriters Association American Hero Award 2002

St. Mary Hospital - Hoboken, NJ Man of the Year Award 2001

SAVE THE DATE

NJ Lodge of Masonic Research and Education #1786 will meet at Hawthorne-Fortitude Lodge #200

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2011

TIME: 10 a.m.

ON THE AGENDA: Presentations from two Past Masters of the research lodge and more.

LOCATION: 24 North Franklin Turnpike in Ramsey, in the Second Masonic District

ATTIRE: Suit and tie

Continental breakfast will be served before the meeting and lunch will be served after.

New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research and Education #1786 meets on the second Saturdays of March, June, September, and December at the historic Trenton Masonic Temple, unless otherwise stated. Membership is open to Master Masons.

For more information, visit http://www.njlore1786.org or contact W. Bro. Jay Hochberg at euclid47@earthlink.net.

——— UNCONTESTED NOMINEES FOR MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

W.B. John D. "Jack" Miladin



Profile: I hail from the city of Pittsburgh, PA where I attended John Morrow Elementary School and Perry High School. Upon graduation from high school, I matriculated to Grove City College in Grove City, PA where I had

a dual major in Business Administration and English. It became necessary for me to drop out of Grove City between my junior and senior year to help support my family.

I began my professional career in the retail industry as a trainee for J.C. Penny Co. and subsequently worked for other retailers until finding my niche at Standard Brands, Inc., where I spent 12 years in various sales, branch management and product management capacities.

In 1981, I braved my first venture into owning an established business with the acquisition of an interest in Amherst Medical, which was a supplier of home medical equipment. In 1986, while still owning Amherst, I partnered with some area physicians and started Infusion Care Systems, Inc., providing I.V. drugs to patients in their homes. While President of Infusion Care Systems, Inc., I partnered with an additional group of physicians and began Respiratory Support Systems, Inc., which provided oxygen and respiratory products to patients in their homes. In 1993, both homecare businesses were sold to Abbey Medical, Inc.

While still operating Infusion Care and Respiratory Support, I founded Renal Management Systems, Inc. to rescue an ailing Burlington County Dialysis Center in Lumberton, NJ. I expanded the site two times and subsequently built a second dialysis center in Delran, NJ. Both sites were subsequently sold to Vivra, Inc. in 1995.

In 1996, I, along with a partner founded SleepCare Centers, Inc. SleepCare provides diagnostic studies for patients with sleep disorders and has grown from our original site in Cherry Hill, NJ to 46 sites in four states. We also acquired a medical equipment business which operates as Continuing Care.

These years of experience in various facets of the medical industry have provided me with an in-depth knowledge of the medical delivery system in NJ and beyond. I became knowledgeable in multiple facets of the industry including, but not limited to, medical billing and collections, finance, facility operations and administration and clinical operations.

Somewhere or other in this busy time, I have become a member of Rotary International, receiving the Paul Harris Fellow award; been a Deacon and ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church; served Mt. Holly Lodge #14 F&AM as Worshipful Master and currently as Secretary; served as a Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Samaritan Hospice; served on the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home in Mt. Holly and received a Distinguished Philanthropy Honoree award from the National Society of Fundraising executives in Philadelphia.

Finally, I live with my wonderful wife of 26 years, Beverly in Medford, NJ. We have one daughter and one grandson who is now thirteen years old. Bev and I also work together at SleepCare Centers, Inc. and have worked together in prior business ventures.

I seek the office of Trustee of the Masonic Charity Foundation because I believe that I can contribute positively to the extraordinary achievements of the management and current Board. My prior board experience has provided me with a healthy respect and appreciation for the people that make sure organizations tick in spite of increasing reimbursement pressures.

It would be my distinct honor to serve such a prestigious and important organization as the Masonic Charity Foundation.

W.B. Edward R. Petkevis, Esq.



Personal: Born October 31, 1960, Galloway Township, NJ. Current residence, Westampton, NJ. Charlene, wife of 20 years. Daughter, Jessica, age 16, Junior Doane Academy (Saint Mary's Hall).

Education: 1978-82,

Cornell College, BA, Political Science; Sports: Cross Country and Wrestling. 1982-85 Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, JD. 1983-85, Research Fellow, Nuclear Weapons and Law, Arthur S. Miller & Martin Feinrider: Greenwood Press 1984. 1983-85, Associate Editor, Nova Law Review. 1986, Tulane School of Law, LL.M, (Admiralty).

Professional: 1986-87, Associate Attorney, Office of Alan R. Sacks, New Orleans, LA, with focus on offshore oil platform litigation.

1987-89, Associate Attorney, Snyder & Gerard, Chicago, IL, specializing in international shipping litigation.

1989, Guest Lecturer, Maritime Law Assocation, Condensation in the Oceanic Transit of Steel Coils.

1990-95, Partner, Zabel and Petkevis, Trial Attorney.

1995-Present, Edward R. Petkevis PC, Sole Practitioner, General Practice, Trial Attorney, Admiralty Litigation, (law of the Seafaring Man), Estate Planning, Real Estate, Guardianships.

Passed consecutive bar exams and licensed to practice law in: Florida 1985, Louisiana 1986, Illinois 1987, New Jersey 1990 and Pennsylvania 1998. Member of the: Federal Trial Bar; 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal; Federal Courts in: Florida, New Jersey, Louisiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York; American Bar Association; New Jersey Association for Justice; Burlington County Bar Association.

Appointed Guardian Ad Litem by the Superior

Court of New Jersey.

Appointed by the Masonic Charity Foundation to draft wills and estate documents as requested by the brethren of the State of New Jersey.

Appointed by the Crescent Shiner as Solicitor.

Hobbies and Activities:

YMCA Indian Princesses (Father/Daugher camping), 2002-2005; Tribal Chief, 2004

Judge, Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition

Judge, Rutgers Law School Hunter Moot Court Competition

Annual long distance charity bike rides (Multiple Sclerosis City to Shore 150; American Cancer Society 100, Rotary 100, etc.) Family Trips

Fishing

224TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION -



Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

TITLE 4, SECTION 5, PART 3(C)

CURRENT LEGISLATION

A Trustee may also hold an elective or appointive office in the lodge.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

A Trustee may also hold an appointive office in the lodge to which he has been elected a Trustee. A Trustee may not hold an elective office nor serve on the audit committee in the lodge to which he has been elected Trustee.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

In several lodges Trustees are permitted to hold elective offices such as Secretary and/or Treasurer of a lodge which in most cases is a direct conflict of interest. The present laws actually permit a Trustee to also be an elected officer, such as Secretary or Treasurer and a member of the audit committee. This situation is tantamount to creating the possibility for abuse of lodge assets - as has actually happened. The purpose of this legislation is to limit the possibility of one or more members from controlling the assets of the lodge without the knowledge of the brethren.

Submitted by:

Joseph H. Rival Jr, PM, Laurel Lodge #237

TITLE 4, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1, PART 2(A) **CURRENT LEGISLATION**

Age: A petitioner for the degrees of Masonry must be at least twenty-one years of age. (1885, p. 63)

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Age: A petitioner for the degrees of Masonry must be at least eighteen years of age.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

Thirty four of the Grand Lodges of the United States have lowered the age requirement for petitioning for membership in the Masonic fraternity to 18 years old. The Grand Lodge of New Jersey has for several years contemplated lowering the age for the petition for membership in New Jersey. Lowering the required age for the petition for membership will attract those young men of 18 years old who are looking for membership in a fraternal organization but who are too close to the age majority to join DeMolay. On January 23, 2010, this Grand Lodge raised 21 new Masons, all Rutgers University students. This was the basis of forming the Rutgers Masonic Club. The club was active on campus and several of its members became active in local lodges. Since these brethren were all 21 years of age, most of them graduated and the club ceased to be active. Most recently there has been a renewed interest on campus. Reducing the age of petitioning to 18 years old will hopefully generate new Masons who will continue

to keep the club active from year to year despite graduations. This is a great venue to promote Freemasonry. Massachusetts lowered the age to 18 which was one of the factors that contributed to the success of their Harvard Lodge. This amendment will open up a new venue of perspective members in our jurisdication both at the university and with the general population of young men.

Submitted by:

John M. Colligas, PGM, Past Master Raritan Valley Lodge #46

TITLE 4, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9, PART 8

CURRENT LEGISLATION

(a) Assessment for New Members. Every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall collect from each newly initiated Mason the sum of \$5 to be so collected to be retained and forwarded to the Grand Secretary when requested.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

(a) Assessment for New Members. Every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall collect from each newly initiated Mason the sum of \$10.00 to be so collected to be retained and forwarded to the Grand Secretary when requested.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

In 1979 the Committee on Grand Master's Address recommended that the initiation contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial be increased from \$1.00 to \$5.00. The brethren voted and approved the increase. In 1979 the Grand Lodge had 75,907 members and 901 new Masons were raised. Since that time our numbers have declined to about one third of that number, and our support for the Memorial has steadily declined as the numbers have dwindled, and not nearly as many new Masons are raised annually. After 31 years, the time has come to renew our support for this great Memorial from this newly-raised Masons allocation. It it time to make the cost of living adjustment and to increase the initial contribution of new initiates to \$10.00. We encourage you to adopt this proposal.

Respectfully submitted:

Edgar N. Peppler, PGM, PM Mount Moriah Lodge #28 John S. Ryan, PGM, PM Livingston Lodge #11

TITLE 4, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9, PART 9(H) PROPOSED NEW SECTION

Assessment to restore the Lower Ballroom in the Grand <u>Lodge Building</u>. Every Lodge under this jurisdiction shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge with its annual return the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) for each and every Brother that is a member of Record of said Lodge. This assessment will be collected in the years 2012 and 2013. After which, this section of the Grand Lodge By-Laws



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will be removed without need of a vote. Any funds not expended will be set aside for the purpose of helping defray the cost of the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

TITLE 4, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9, PART 9(I)

PROPOSED NEW SECTION

Assessment to digitize proceedings. Every Lodge under this jurisdiction shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge with its annual return the sum of fifty cents (.50) for each and every Brother that is a member of Record of said Lodge. This assessment will be collected in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. After which, the digitizing of the proceedings from 1787 through 2010 will have been fully funded and this section of the Grand Lodge By-Laws will be removed without need of a vote.

Submitted by:

Glenn R. Trautmann, PM, Acacia Lodge #20

TITLE 4, ARTICLE XII, SECTION 3, PART 2 PROPOSED NEW SECTION

Lewis Medal. A medal to be known as a "Lewis Medal" may be worn by fathers or sons who are/were both members of lodges and Masons in good standing. The medal shall consist of two metal bars suspended from a pin or shackle, as an ornamental representation of a lewis tool which is used by operative masons to lift up or move large stones. The medal shall be made available for purchase by the qualified members at a nominal cost through the Grand Lodge office.

Submitted by:

W.B. Clive Pearce, Alpine Tilden-Tenakill #77

TITLE 5, GENERAL REGULATIONS

PROPOSED LEGISLATION: 20

No bills, invoices, expenses or contracts incurred on behalf of a lodge, shall be paid unless read out in lodge and approved by the brethren present. No lodge may incur any financial commitment or enter into any contract unless adequately reviewed with and approved by the membership of the lodge, on timely notice thereof. In case of emergency, where it is impractical to wait for a regular communication, the Worshipful Master may act on behalf of the lodge, but his actions shall be reported to the lodge at the next regular communication.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION: 21

Each lodge shall conduct an annual audit of all income, expenses, assets and liabilities of the lodge, including any Temple Association, Craftsman Club, Scholarship Committee, or other organization, whether or not incorporated, which is sponsored by the lodge or consists in its entirety of members of the lodge and shall provide a report, including a balance sheet, delivered to the membership at the February Regular Communication of the lodge. Should any irregularities be found in the

audit, they shall be noted in the report. The lodge shall furnish a copy of the report to the District Deputy responsible for that lodge.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION: 22

The annual audit shall be conducted by an audit committee appointed by the Worshipful Master of the lodge or by a Certified Public Accountant (who need not be a member of the Craft) retained by the lodge, provided no person engaged in the audit may serve as an elected officer or Trustee of the lodge at the time of the audit.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

During the past 3 years there have been several situations where the brethren of a lodge had no idea of where and what their money has been used for because the bills and expenses, whether recurring or nonrecurring, have not been read out for their knowledge and approval. Likewise, many lodges have not conducted an audit of their financial expenditures on an annual basis, thereby causing much concern of the actual financial status and whether they are solvent enough to meet their fiscal obligations. On several occasions, they found out too late there was not as much money in their treasury as they had believed.

Submitted by:

Joseph H. Rival Jr, PM, Laurel Lodge #237

TITLE 7, APPENDIX 10.9.1 (Amended to Include) Lower Ballroom Restoration Assessment \$2.00 INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

Your first floor Ballroom in the Grand Lodge building seats approximately 275 people and rents for \$1,500.00 per event. The lower Ballroom originally sat 900 people. Today it will sit approximately 600, making it still the largest catering hall in the Capitol District. The renovations planned would cost much more than what the proposed assessment will cover. Fortunately, several Brothers, who are professionals in the building trades, have agreed to volunteer their time so the only cost will be materials. Together we will rejuvenate this Ballroom back to its original splendor and it will be a revenue producing property to help cover Grand Lodge expenses.

TITLE 7, APPENDIX 10.9.1 (Amended to Include) Digitization of Proceedings Assessment Fee \$0.50 INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

By digitizing our proceedings each and every Brother will have full and unfettered access to the minutes of our Grand Lodge dating back to even before the Grand Lodge was formed. Future proceedings will already be in a digital format so adding them to the others will be a minimal expense which would not require an additional assessment.

Submitted by:

Glenn R. Trautmann, PM, Acacia Lodge #20

MOVING FORWARD





Brethren.

I would like to update you on the most recent developments of our Masonic Charity Foundation.

We have finalized 2011's operating budget, which shows an improvement of \$1.2 million over 2010's budget results. 2010's operating budget was \$2.5 million better than 2009's budget. Brothers, this year's

budget represents a continuation of the strong business model that we have adopted and that has been working well for us in stabilizing our finances, while we still keep our mission of service foremost in our minds.

Our new Home Operations Board, made up of non-Masonic experts in the retirement home field, are in discussions with your Board and our managerial firm, Spring Point, offering suggestions to improve operations and occupancy.

The ground has now been broken for our new solar project. Our Masonic Home is going 'green'. After 3 years of planning, we should be operational by the spring. Our 6 acre solar field will create 1 megawatt of energy each year. This will provide us several millions of dollars in savings over the next decade. We accomplished this venture without any financial investment, allowing our land to be used while our business partner builds the superstructure.

We are expanding our scholarship program. This will allow us to give more to our children and grandchildren to help them to realize their potentials.

Perhaps the most telling fact that indicates the success to date of our modernization program is that even though we are not yet at a balanced budget, the value of our reserves has still increased 7% over the past year. We are steadily building our way back to solidity and prosperity.

These great changes would not be possible if not for your help, donations and bequests, my Brothers.

Our Masonic Home continues to be one of the finest in the state and we are still providing Fraternal care to dozens of our Brothers and relatives who so need our love and support.

Gift giving is what allows us to support our Brothers in need, to help educate our children and grandchildren and to ensure the preservation of our great works through the 21st century. Please continue to remember our Masonic Charity Foundation whenever you are making a charitable donation or preparing your will.

I would like to especially thank our wonderful volunteers, who make such a difference in the quality of life for our residents. Brothers, please consider spending a day with us at our Home. You will leave with a great feeling of Fraternal love and connection.

On behalf of your Board, employees, volunteers, scholarship recipients and most of all from our residents, we thank you very much for all the support that you have given us throughout the years.

Sincerely and Fraternally, R.W. George H. Heflich, Jr. President of the Masonic Charity Foundation

MASONIC HOME OF NJ **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**



The Masonic Home of New Jersey has a tradition of caring that dates back more than a century. Today, even though we are one of the largest long-term care providers in New Jersey, we take pride in providing quality care designed to meet each individual resident's needs. Located on 450 acres in Burlington Township, the Home currently offers these levels of care at the following 2011 daily rates:

- Residential Living Single (\$130/day); Double (\$180/day); Suite (\$200/day)
- Assisted Living Level I (\$175/day); Level II (\$193/day); Level III (\$212/day)
- Skilled Nursing \$345/day.

The Masonic Home also provides short-term rehabilitation and respite care at daily rates dependent on the level of care required. In addition, the Home has a Special Care

Unit, for residents with dementia, Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of memory loss. And for residents who have a terminal illness, we provide medical and spiritual support through our licensed Hospice program. There are no entrance or application fees or upfront deposits of funds of any kind for any level of care at the Masonic Home.

To apply to the Masonic Home, applicants complete a one page application as well as provide a complete statement of their financial position. Applicants also must supply a physician's history and physical evaluation sheet, which must be completed by their doctor. For more information or for copy of the complete admissions package, contact Linda Andress at (609) 239-3888. Linda and the Home's Admission's staff stand ready to answer any questions you may have about the current entry requirements for our Masonic Home.



MASONIC HOME OF NJ 2011 WISH LIST ITEMS

Your charitable donations given to help the residents of our Masonic Home make a difference! For over 112 years, the daily life at the Home has been one of outstanding care, fellowship and dignity for our Residents. The generous financial support from our donors has been an essential ingredient to the Home's success.

This legacy of caring for others is inextricably part of our Masonic family's nature. By working together, we will continue to make great things happen for the Residents of our Masonic Home. Below is the current list of capital items that we now need to help us to

maintain the Home's high-quality level of health care.

Your donation to help provide these items - large or small - is very much appreciated. Thank you!

For more information about these items, or to learn more about other ways to support the residents of our Masonic Home, please contact:

Christopher S. Abbott, Director of Development Masonic Charity Foundation of NJ 902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ 08016-3896 (800) 792-8690

Quantity	Capital Need	Cost per Item	Total Cost
1	Chapel sound system	\$5,000	\$5,000
2	Broda tilt recliners	\$3,500	\$7,000
1	Broda pedal chair	\$1,600	\$1,600
3	EVA manual adjust walker	\$1,800	\$5,400
14	12-Handle transfer lift sheets - bariatric	\$100	\$1,400
30	12-Handle transfer lift sheets – regular	\$51	\$1,530
1	Automated external defibrillator machine	\$2,500	\$2,500
20	Bistro chairs	\$300	\$6,000
1	Bingo board	\$1,000	\$1,000
20	Wrist band call bells	\$100	\$2,000
5	Sit-to-stand lifts	\$4,500	\$22,500
15	Ergoglide with foot loop	\$130	\$1,950
1	Garden fountain	\$2,500	\$2,500
5	Artificial Christmas trees	\$175	\$875
5	Artificial Christmas trees - with lights	\$200	\$1,000
3	Bariatric bed and equipment	\$5,000	\$15,000
5	Low electric beds	\$5,000	\$25,000
1	Grow Hall sound system	\$5,500	\$5,500
1	Ice cream parlor dipping freeze	\$2,850	\$2,850
1	Ice cream parlor refrigerator/freezer	\$4,400	\$4,400
10	8-foot banquet tables	\$200	\$2,000
8	6-foot banquet tables	\$200	\$1.600
1	Carpet extractor	\$5,000	\$5,000
1	135-lb washer	\$17,500	\$17,500
2	Heavy duy snow plows	\$3,250	\$6,500
1	Salt spreader	\$4,000	\$4,000
12	Laptop computers	\$750	\$9,000

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey

Scouting Committee



Dear Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren,

This year marks the 6th anniversary of the Grand Lodge Committee on Scouting.

Brethren, our mission and goals are to foster a closer relationship between the Grand Lodge, local Masonic Lodges and Scouting councils and units in New Jersey. We want to increase Scouting's awareness of our Fraternity and increase community awareness of our Fraternity through this committee's activities.

How do we do this? Thanks to countless brothers who volunteer their time we have expanded Grand Lodge interaction with Scouting through an awards and service program. All Eagle Scouts, who request it, receive a plaque from Grand Lodge, presented by a Brother, acknowledging their accomplishment as well as a personal letter from the Grand Master. We have donated money to individual Scout Councils to improve their camps and have donated thousands of man-hours to work on projects within their camps. We have also assisted local Lodges in reaching out to local Scouting units. Some have become sponsoring organizations while others have provided meeting places for weekly and monthly meetings.

We will again be presenting the "Scout of the Year" to a scout in every council in New Jersey who receives a \$100.00 US Savings Bond as well as the NJ State Scout of the Year at Grand Lodge in April, who receives a check for \$1000.00 toward their future.

Without your help we will not be able to continue with these good works. I believe our work is good for us as Masons, for Scouting and to show our commitment to our community. Remember there are thousands of Masons in NJ who are committed to the program of Scouting and donate countless hours to our youth.

The committee's slogan "Masonry and Scouting, building tomorrow's men from today's boys" says it all.

The committee, for the first time, is requesting your consideration as you have supported so many other worthy projects in the past. Any amount will be appreciated and used wisely to maintain this most worthy endeavor.

Worshipful Master, if you and your brethren find it within your means, please send your contribution in to me, with your check made payable to "Grand Lodge of NJ" with footnote "Scouting".

George T. Barnard IV

184 Robertson Way

Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

If you have any questions, please contact me at 973-808-3923, my office, or on my cell, 201-446-7560. I thank you and the Brethren of your Lodge in advance for your consideration.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Grand Lodge in April. Please look for our table again.

Fraternally yours,

George T. Barnard IV

Co-Chairman Grand Lodge Committee on Scouting

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Hasbrouck Heights Learning Center 5th Annual Walkathon

October 9, 2010

The Hasbrouck Heights Learning Center 5th Annual Walkathon was a very joyous success in numbers, in people, and in spirit. You have displayed great energy and labors with care not only that day of October 9, 2010 but also in the days preceding the event in planning and preparation

Our Board was overwhelmingly represented in its labors. There were parents and families as well as tutors, and friends participating in the Walk.

Finally, I express my deep gratitude and appreciation to our Hasbrouck Heights Board of Governors. We are a great team as we continue to labor for our children and this noble cause of our Learning Center.

From the Gospel of Matthew "WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT" Thank you!

Fraternally and Affectionately, RW Gilbert Hunt, PDDGM

Bayonne Masons March Against Breast Cancer

October 17, 2010

On Sunday, October 17th, a group of Masons from Peninsula Lodge #99 in Bayonne took part in the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk-a-thon. This event marked the 14th consecutive year of Masonic association with this worthy cause, beginning in 1997, when members of Menorah Lodge #249 began participating, and continuing through 2003, when Menorah consolidated with Bayonne #99 to form Peninsula Lodge, to the present.

This year's team was the largest ever, as many of the brethren brought family members along. It consisted of R.W. Michael Kinigstein, team captain, his wife Veronica, W.Bros. Arthur Hayden and Barry Cummings, DWA Stewart Sheff, Bro. Rich Marko and his son, and Bro. Keith Sorrentino with his son and two nephews.

Even in these hard economic times, the team was able to donate approx. \$1,700 to the Society, bringing the total Masonic contribution to date to over \$30,000.

"Charity is one of the principal tenets of Freemasonry" said Kinigstein. "We chose this event because so many of our members have been personally affected by this disease. My wife is a survivor, for example. That's why I spearheaded this effort and why we will continue to support this event. Besides that, the physical act of walking is a cathartic experience that allows you to feel like you are doing something concrete. There is nothing that makes you feel so helpless as seeing a loved one



suffer. The Walk lets us feel like we are fighting back."

In addition to individual contributions from family, friends and Masonic brethren, the team also received donations from several of the area's Masonic organizations. Peninsula Lodge, of course, sponsored the team and defrayed its expenses, and they also received donations from the Peninsula Charity Fund, the Bayonne Masonic Club and the Valley of Northern New Jersey of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

"We will keep on walking for as long as it takes to find a cure. We'll see you again next year!"

Submitted by Michael Kinigstein, P.G.C.



10th Annual Leadership Conference



October 22-24, 2010

During the weekend of October 22-24th, 2010, 91 senior Officers from 55 N.J. Lodges met in Elizabethtown, PA for the 10th annual N.J. Masonic Leadership Conference. M.W. Joseph H. Rival, Jr., Chairman R.W. George H.

Heflich, Jr. and 20 others hosted 2 days of courses on Leadership and Lodge Management. Our conference has been rated one of the top three Masonic Leadership events in the country.

Fulton Friendship Lodge Restores Pascack Reformed Church Cemetery

November 2010

Members of Fulton Friendship Lodge #102 in Park Ridge restoring gravesites at the town's historic Pascack Reforned Church Cemetery. Pictured from left are Bro. Luis Valls, Sr., Bro. Johnny Fremgen, Bro. James Cleary, WM Carlos Fonseca, Bro. Steve Kharkov, and DWA Bro. Carl Weil. Bro. Fred Wien and Luis Valls, Jr. also participated in the restoration. Due to age and weather, the graveyard had fallen into disrepair, and the lodge members worked diligently to clean and reset 23 of the headstones. The cemetery dates back to the early 1800s, and is the final resting place of a number of notable figures from the area, including several of the original members of the lodge.





Woodstown Lodge #138 Aids a Family in Distress

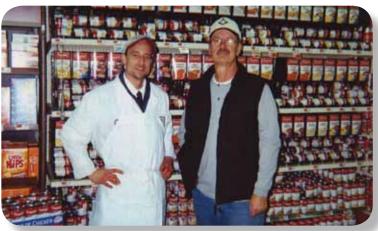
November 2010

In November, the members of Woodstown Lodge #138 learned of a family in need within the 21st Masonic District. The Couch family has a son named Nathan who is a 22-month-old, who suffers from a rare disease called Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EE), which is when the white blood cells attack the body when various foods are eaten. There is no cure for EE. Instead, Nathan has to make numerous trips to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for follow-ups with his team of specialists, or for an emergency room visit when the disease flares up. Nathan requires continual therapy to help him try and accept new foods safely and to strengthen his ability to swallow and chew. He will undergo an upper endoscopy every 9 weeks to monitor the condition of his esophagus. Nathan's family has been struggling to pay for the astronomical cost of his specialized care, which has the potential to be required for his entire lifetime. Recognizing the need of financial assistance, Woodstown Lodge swung into action and started a fund raiser to raise funds for this stressed



family. To add to the family's troubles, Nathan's mother had to resign from her employer due to the number of infections Nathan catches in a daycare setting. After a successful night Woodstown Lodge raised over \$8,000 dollars to assist the Couch family in their medical bills.

Annual Holiday Turkey Donation



November 2010

Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 made its annual holiday turkey donation to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) for Thanksgiving. In cooperation with Chris Dellstab of Pennington Market, they were able to produce 29 turkeys to help those in need for the holiday. Brother Lee Spencer chaired the event, and the crew at TASK was most appreciative for the Lodge's donation, stating goods are always welcome and can be delivered to 72 Escher Street, Trenton, NJ.

Navesink Lodge Donation to Veterans Home -

November 2, 2010

Navesink Lodge No. 9, at their November meeting, made a donation to the Masonic Services Association at Menlo Park for a new modern lectern for the Sunday services in the chapel of the Menlo Park Veterans Home. Worshipful Master Richard C. Joyce presents a \$700 check from Navesink Lodge and a \$50 check from a member to WB William Billich of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 135, representing MSA/Menlo Park.



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Veterans Day Tribute



November 6, 2010 Phillipsburg Lodg

Phillipsburg Lodge # 52 was Honored and Privileged to hold a Veterans' Meet and Greet Luncheon for those Veterans' who left their homes. families and friends to serve this Great Country, and by doing so never received their High School Diplomas. For some time now, with the help of the School District, Students, William Nixon and many others, time has been set aside around Veterans Day each year to pay Tribute to the Local Veterans and present them with their High School Diplomas. During this Day of Tribute with Military Pride and Display, Speeches, Awards, Presentations, there is a Moment of Silence to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and never returned.

The event was made possible through the New Jersey Division of Military and Veterans Affairs, the New Jersey Department of Education and the Phillipsburg Board of Education. In the photo: James Vincent Di Guiseppi U.S. Army 1950-52, Amedio Adam Romagnoli U.S. Army 1948-52, Paul Dale Hager U.S. Army 1966-69, Nicholas Louis Fucci U.S. Army 1953-54, Lawrence Fonte U.S. Army 1943-45, Joseph C. Ferri U.S. Army 1944-46, Raymond Eroh U.S. Army 1944-46, Michael Anthony Englese U.S. Army 1966-69, Howard Henry Miller U.S. Army/Air Force 1947-51, Wilmer Thomas Butler U.S. Navy 1943-46, Louis Sam Drago U.S. Navy 1938-40, Harold Parker Harrison U.S. Navy 1953-57, Larry Roger Honey U.S. Navy 1955-59, Dominick Minardi U.S. Navy 1941-45, Orr Barnhart Morris U.S. Navy 1943-46, Daniel Heller Seifert U.S. Navy 1945-46, Cosmi Simonetta U.S. Navy 1941-51, William Earl Dean U.S. Marines 1942-45, Charles Joseph Slack U.S. Marines 1952-55, David L. Wolfgang U.S. Marines 1962-75, William Nixon U.S. Navy 1967-71 and Stephen G. Huff Worshipful Master of Phillipsburg Lodge #52

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DeMolay Class Honors Scottish Rite



November 20, 2010

A class of 15 new members were in this DeMolay Class honoring RW David A. Glattly, Deputy of Scottish Rite for NJ, and Past Executive Officer of DeMolay. This was held on November 20, 2010, at the Valley of Central Jersey in Bordentown. The Degrees were performed by and All Star cast of DeMolay members from all the

Chapters in the state.

The group photo has the new members, the State Officers and in the front row seated with some new members are: Ill. Patrick C. Weisgerber, Sr., 33rd, Executive Officer - Ill. David A. Glattly, 33rd, Deputy for NJ - Dennis Dekker, State Master Councilor - MW & Ill. Joseph H. Rival, Jr., 33rd, Grand Master - Jacques DeMolay is Brother Martin Spacht, 32nd, of the Valley of Northern NJ

The Masonic Society Celebrates St. Andrew's Day -

November 30, 2010

The Masonic Society seized the Feast Day of Saint Andrew as an apt occasion for eating, drinking, and advancing in Masonic knowledge together. It was the first event in New Jersey for the growing education foundation, established in 2008 by several dozen Masonic educators, authors, researchers, curators, and others to serve the fraternity in North America. There are more than 70 New Jersey brethren among its 1,200 members.

A group of 30, coming from all over the state, and several wearing their kilts, assembled at Bloomfield Steak and Seafood House, a historic site built in 1670 that once hosted Bro. George Washington during the Revolution, for a full course dinner and an educational program supplied by two Grand Lodge officers. RW Ben Hoff, Grand Historian, spoke on the origins, evolution, and significance of toasting in Masonic ritual. What began as a means for Masons to quietly identify each other in taverns by holding their drinking vessels certain ways, became elaborate gestures that we still use today in our Table Lodges. RW Fred Waldron, District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, addressed the brethren on the subject of Saint Andrew, patron saint of Scotland and Scottish Freemasonry, whose feast day is November 30.

"It's not like Masons need excuses to get together for a great meal and the chance to learn about their Craft," said W. Bro. Jay Hochberg, a Founding Fellow of The Masonic Society who organized the event. "That is instinctive. We're already planning our next dinner for Friday, June 24, 2011 - the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist – at another historic site in central Jersey."

Membership in The Masonic Society is open to Master Masons. For information, visit http://themasonicsociety. com or contact W. Hochberg at euclid47@earthlink.net. The Society's annual meeting took place Friday, February 11 during Masonic Week in Alexandria, Virginia, and its semi-annual will be held this summer in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Right Worshipful Ben Hoff, Grand Historian, shows the brethren how Masons centuries ago gestured with their tankards and glasses in their rituals at The Masonic Society's Saint Andrew's Day dinner November 30 at Bloomfield Steak and Seafood House.



Members of Celestial and Fidelity Lodges Celebrate with Monmouth at Annual Installation

December 10, 2010

Monmouth Lodge #172 in Atlantic Highlands installed its new line on December 10th and is excited about the ensuing Masonic year. In attendance that evening were the Masonic Kilties as the installation team, members of other lodges in the district, the press and members from Prince Hall Lodges Celestial #36 and Fidelity #42.

Two times Past Master WB Cliff Heller first forged a relationship with the brethren of Celestial Lodge when attending the funeral of a departed brother. Worshipful Brother Heller was welcomed and received by the brethren of Celestial Lodge and was grateful for their hospitality on the solemn occasion. When this year's election showed that WB Heller would be ascending to the East again, he wanted to take the first opportunity to extend an invitation to the brethren of Celestial for some Fellowship. Heller says "When I spoke to many of my incoming officers about the visit, they were all really happy and excited to share a lodge room with the visiting brethren of Celestial and Fidelity Lodges..." Heller continues "...Many years ago the Grand Lodge of New Jersey officially recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Now what...? We are all on the Level and doing work together and having fellowship together is a must..."

In attendance were WB Edward Jones 33°, WB Robert Anderson, WB David Cooper current Master of Fidelity and WB Ronald Seward current Master of Celestial.



Brother Richard "Slim" Faller reflects on his relationship with the visiting brothers, "I have known [Jones and Anderson] for 20 plus years. They have always been good and true brethren, even when we didn't 'recognize' them..."

Monmouth Lodge #172 is happy and grateful for the warm reception it received for its officers for the 2011 Masonic year. Heller and the brethren look forward to more work and fellowship in the community, with it's members and all visiting Masons.

Breakfast with Santa -



December 12, 2010

Trenton Cyrus #5 of Pennington New Jersey held its annual Breakfast with Santa event on December 12th, offering a free breakfast and pictures of the children

with our bearded Brother (Brother Tom Freemer). The price of admission was an unwrapped present, to be collected by Mercer Street Friends and distributed to needy children in the Trenton area. Over \$2,200.00 worth of gifts were collected for the program, which certainly helped to brighten the Christmas of children for whom it otherwise would have been rather bleak. Breakfast, featuring "Carl's Crepes" (by PM Carl Jacobson), was whipped up by Trenton Cyrus's Kitchen Gourmet Brothers, and ushering service was provided by the Rainbow Girls, who did a wonderful job as Santa's adorable elves.

Immediately after the breakfast, Santa was called to extra duty with the Pennington Volunteer Fire Company, for their Fireman Santa had broken his hand and was unavailable. Our Brother Santa Claus was last seen on a Pennington Fire Truck, Ho-Ho-Hoing away, off to deliver Christmas greetings to the Pennington community.



"The Greatest of These is Charity..."

December 20, 2010 The headline of the morning paper blared loudly, "K-9 Dog Killed in Chase". This immediately caused my attention to be directed to the article, being not only a retired police captain, but one who served as a K-9 officer for a period during his career.

This tragic event was apparently caused by a robbery suspect who, upon being tracked down by "Schultze", a K-9 dog from the Gloucester Township N.J. Police Department, threw Schultze into speeding traffic on Rt. 42. I was actually in the area at the time and, as I crossed over Rt. 42, I looked down from the overpass and noticed traffic backed up as far as the eye could see.

Living close to that scene, I heard helicopters overhead for several hours. I presumed that there was a major accident on the highway and that the helicopters were being used to medi-vac the injured to area hospitals. Little was I aware that the helicopters were searching for a second suspect and that the police community would soon be grieving the loss of one of its own.

Yes, the loss of a K-9 dog is almost as traumatic as losing a human police officer. The bond between a K-9 dog and its handler is an amazingly strong one, to which I can personally attest. To lose a K-9 dog in such a callous, brutal way only magnifies the emotions for all involved.

Why am I sharing this with you? It's because The Valley of Southern New Jersey became involved in trying, in some small way, to help Schultze's police family, and the community in general, through their time of grief.

I received an e-mail a couple of days after Schultze was killed from Ill. Emil P. Busko, 33rd degree, suggesting that the Valley might be of assistance in addressing the possibility of contributing funds to help pay for the purchase and training of a new K-9 dog for Gloucester Twp. P.D., to replace Schultze. I immediately contacted my fellow presiding officers and the members of the Charity Committee to solicit their agreement and



support in doing so. I am so proud of their unselfish and unanimous agreement to authorize the funding and to go forward with contacting the appropriate authorities to indicate our desire to help.

Necessary contacts were made and on December 20th, I had the honor of representing all of the brethren of the Valley of Southern New Jersey in presenting a significant donation of \$5000 to help with the purchase and training of a new K-9 dog to Chief Harry Earle of the Gloucester Twp. Police Department and Gloucester Township Mayor, the Honorable David R. Mayer (a member of Rising Sun Lodge #15).

Once again, the boundless charity of Scottish Rite Masons was immediate and overwhelming. Involvement in many community needs, such as the K-9 dog initiative, only reinforces what I've always known, that Scottish Rite Freemasons are the best of the best who will step up in the most difficult of times to support those in the gravest desperation.

Fraternally, Ill. William H. Berman, 33rd Degree



Copestone-Ophir Lodge 108 Welcomes Newest Member

February 2011

Pictured are 3 new EA members of Copestone-Ophir Lodge 108. Front row: Clarence Hicks, Bentio Caamano, Evandro A. Dos Santos with his father-in-law Eutimo Brito Filho, PM of Sermao da Montanha Lodge 1738 and 33rd Degree-Sovereign Grand Inspector General who arrived from Brazil to witness the Degree and Augustine Martinez, PM.

After the Degree, a statement for the initiation session of Evandro Alves Dos Santos was read.



Fulton Friendship Lodge Makes Donation to Local Boy Scout Troop



February 10, 2011

Fulton Friendship Lodge #102 in Park Ridge has donated \$2,500 to the local Boy Scout Troop #80, believed to be the largest single donation ever made to the Troop. The primary source of the funds was proceeds from the Lodge's development, promotion and sale of a patch celebrating the 100th anniversary of scouting.

The donation was presented by SW Rick Farraj and WM Luis Valls. Receiving the donation for the Troop was Scoutmaster Kenneth Dutcher. Approximately 15 scouts, along with several assistant scoutmasters and parents, were present for the event.

Mr. Farraj, himself an Eagle Scout, was the designer of the

patch and the coordinator of the program. He noted that in the past, the lodge has enthusiastically supported Troop 80 and other local troops with annual contributions, as well as awards at Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. "The Boy Scouts of America embody the moral and ethical cornerstone of our future. As Masons, we share their commitment to high moral value and we are proud to support the Scouts of Troop 80 and their leadership", said Mr. Farraj.

In gratefully accepting the donation, Mr. Dutcher stated that while it is yet to be determined precisely how the funds will be allocated, he hoped that they would be used to support the troop's leadership training program.



MW Rival Successfully Completes Polar Bear Plunge and Demonstrates his Fortitude!

February 26, 2011

Organizers of the 18th annual Seaside Heights Polar Bear Plunge, a fundraiser that benefits the Special Olympics of New Jersey, said more than 5,000 people took a swim on Saturday. Thousands more cheered from the beach and boardwalk as friends, relatives and co-workers braved chilly ocean temperatures to help support the cause. With the Grand Master leading the charge, MW William Berman followed closely behind wearing a snorkeling outfit and bright orange shirt (he thought he was in Bermuda), RW Dieter Hees as a sailfish, RW Mike Holt dressed as a Ninja Turtle. RW Dale Lynch Grand Marshal was the official Masonic Flag Bearer that day. Special thanks to our bus drivers WB Vince Etzel and Brother Frank and Marilyn Rutkowski. WB Richard Crosby was a great help.

Our Masonic Team Hiram on Ice had 56 plungers and raised \$17,000 for a worthy cause. RW Kenneth Wasiewicz and WB David Reed were the top fund raisers for our team.



MW Joseph Rival enjoying the 34 degree water with Brother Ryan Ruch of Mariners #150.



Breakfast was enjoyed at Harmony Lodge #18 in Toms River. Helping MW Joseph Rival hold the Masonic Flag are (l-r) RW Dale Lynch, RW Philip Divinagracia, MW William Berman and Brother Robert Burrell.

Grand Master's Fundraiser Golf Outing - 2011

Monday, June 20, 2011

Registration -10 a.m.

Social Hour -4:30 p.m.

Shotgun Start — 11 a.m.

Dinner, Prizes + Awards - 5:30 p.m.

New Location – Hopewell Valley Country Club, 114 Pennington Hopewell Road, Hopewell, NJ (609) 466-3000

Outing Price Includes:

Lunch During Play – Half Way House Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Draft Beer, Soda, Complimentary Range Balls

Commemorative Golf Items Embossed With Grand Master's Logo

Tees Golf Cap Sleeve of Golf Balls

Enhanced Social Hour – Complimentary Cocktail, Draft Beer & Cheese Boards Complete Prime Rib Dinner

Advance Announcement

Leo Otway's infamous Carlisle Golf Outing to Benefit DeMolay - August 2-3, 2011 More information to follow.

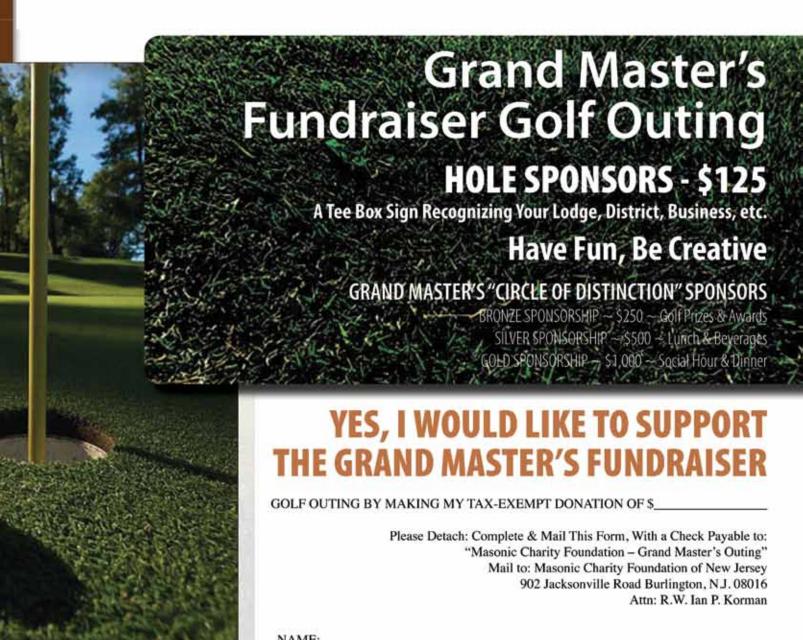
Please detach, complete and mail this form, along with your check, payable to "Masonic Charity Foundation – Grand Master's Outing" for \$160 per golfer to: Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey 902 Jacksonville Road Burlington, N.J. 08016 Attn: R.W. Ian P. Korman

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Any Questions?

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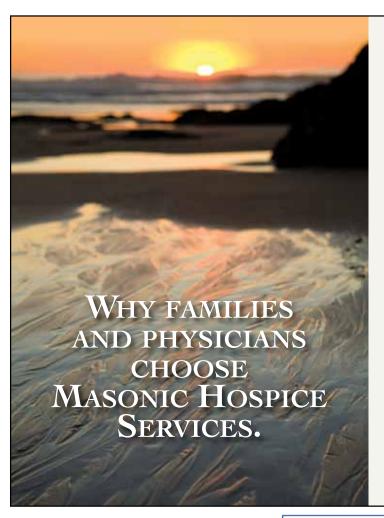




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GRAND LODGE BANQUET - ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Most Worshipful Joseph H. Rival, Jr., Grand Master, extends a cordial invitation to our Brethren and their Ladies to attend the Grand Lodge Banquet at the 224th Annual Communication in Atlantic City.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2011

PLACE: Ocean Ballroom, 6th Floor, Bally's Park Place Hotel & Casino

Park Place at the Boardwalk

TIME: Social Hour – 6:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)

Dinner – 7:00 P.M.

MENU: Herb Crusted Chicken or Prime Rib or Crab Cakes

PRICE: \$ 45.00 Per Person

For tickets, please forward your check made payable to the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of New Jersey for the number of tickets needed and the meal choice, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, to the Grand Secretary's Office, 100 Barrack Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08608. The DEADLINE for reservations is Friday, 18 March 2011. Tables of 10 can be reserved.

We must have the name and meal choice of every person for whom a ticket is purchased.

Thank you for your interest and support. We look forward to breaking bread and sharing an evening of Masonic fun and fellowship with you.



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GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR —



O.V. - Official Visit P.V. - Personal Visit G.M.O. - Grand Master Only

MARCH, 2011

- 4-5 York Rite Anniversary Meeting ELO
 - 5 Rose Pinning P.V.
- 10 Gold Collar Degree AT&T Lodge
- 12 DeMolay GM Class *P.V.* Chairman's Ball - Burlington
- 13 GL Hockey Game Trenton
- 15 18th District Reception O.V.
- 16 MCF Trustees/GL Trustees/Deputy School
- 18 Brotherhood Night Delaware O.V.
- 19 Masonic Home Employees Luncheon OES *P.V.*
- 22 12th & 15th District Reception O.V.
- 23 PGM's Meeting ELO
- 24 14th District Reception O.V.
- 26 Council of Deliberation AASR P.V.
- 29 North Jersey PM's Candidates Night P.V.

APRIL, 2011

- 3 Pistol Shoot Square Circle Gun Club
- 3-7 Grand Marshal's Golf Get-Away, Myrtle Beach, SC
 - 6 Central Jersey PM's Candidate Night
 - 9 South Jersey PM's Candidate Night
- 10-12 GL CT G.M.O.
 - 12 OES P.V.
 - 16 Laurel Lodge Reception O.V.
 - 20 MCF Trustees/GL Trustees
- 26-28 Grand Lodge, Atlantic City
 - 28 GM Installation
 - 30 34 Degree Delaware P.V.

MAY, 2011

- 1-4 GL of NY G.M.O.
 - 5 Tall Cedars P.V.
 - 6 High 12 Ins/Atlas Pythagoras P.V.
 - 7 GM Reception/Church Service O.V.
- 10 23rd District GLI Trinity #79
- 11 PGM Meeting G.M.O.
- 14 AASR Cent Valley Reunion/

- 14 St. John's 250th Anniversary P.V.
- 15 MW Herb Boyd Gold Token P.V.
- 17 24th District GLI Cape Island #30
- 18 GL Charity Foundation/Deputy School
- 21 Lodge Officer Training
- 23 3rd District Gold Tokens P.V.
- 24 18th District Gold Tokens/North Valley Installation of Officers *P.V.*
- 26 4th District GLI Clifton #203
- 28 Morris Plains Parade O.V.

JUNE, 2011

- 2 17th District GLI Asb Jordan #142 10th District School Dinner *P.V.*
- 4-5 Wheelchair Track and Field P.V.
- 6 5th District Scholarship Dinner P.V.
- 7 2nd District Gold Token
- 9 15th District GLI Trenton Cyrus #5
- 10 4th District Scholarship Dinner P.V.
- 10-12 DeMolay Convention ELO
 - 11 Shrine Potentate Ball G.M.O.
 - 12 Cornerstone Elmer Lodge O.V.
- 13-15 MCSA Conference DGM only
 - 15 GL Charity Foundation
 - 16 2nd District GLI
 - 18 Gold Collar Degree/GW Memorial O.V.
 - 20 GM Golf Outing
 - PH Grand Lodge G.M.O.
 - 21 22nd District GLI Vineland #69
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