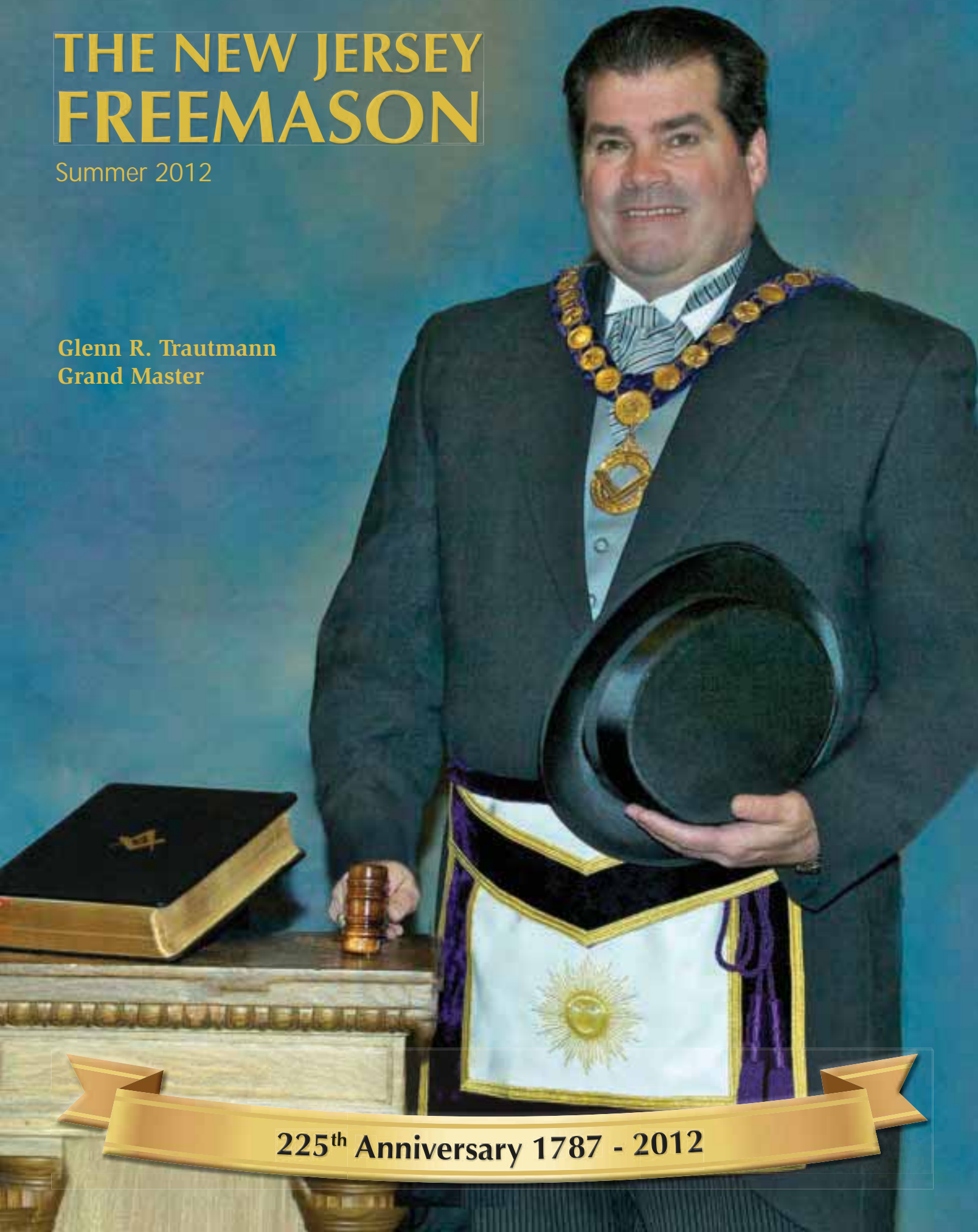


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Summer 2012

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# Letter from the Editor

Brethren,

## Welcome to a brand new "New Jersey Freemason Magazine"

Starting with this issue I am taking over the reigns as Editor in Chief. This will free up Brian Johnson who has served as Editor for many years to concentrate on his many Grand Lodge duties he currently holds. Brian should be congratulated for his many years of service to the NJ Freemason Magazine. He has produced an excellent publication that we all enjoyed reading.

I am so excited to be able to bring to you this new and revamped version of the Grand Lodge publication. The emphasis going forward will be more educational. You'll now see articles and information that will teach about Masonry and how to be a better Freemason. Rest assured, all the Lodge happenings around the state that you are accustomed to reading will still be there as well. We want to provide you with a well-balanced set of working tools.

You might be asking yourself, "What is a well-balanced set of Working Tools?" The answer is by using different resources including adding several members from the NJ Lodge of Research (NJLore) to the NJF staff, collecting brethren supplied and Grand Lodge Officer submissions and a vast library of Masonic files we will feature articles such as: ways that teach you Lodge protocol, Lodge etiquette, ways to learn ritual, history of the GL, statewide programs and events, celebrated NJ Masons & Lodges, book reviews, appendant body news and more about our Masonic Home in Burlington. We want to share with you a whole variety of information to help you perfect your Ashlar.

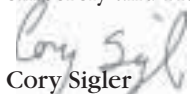
You'll notice very quickly that we organized this issue a little differently than in the past. There are now several sections of articles including: Grand Lodge, Education, Masons in Action, Masonic Spotlight, Your Masonic Home, and a fraternal snapshot of the past couple of months celebrating all the newly raised brethren and 50 year brethren as well as paying tribute to all the brethren who have been called to the Grand Architect.

The names of all the staff is found on the sidebar on this page. Please email your "Masons in Actions" to the staff member in your district. They work very hard to make this the best publication possible.

Now before I go it should be said that while this is a Grand Lodge publication it is made for you, the Brethren of New Jersey, in mind. We want to hear from you on what topics or stories interests you the most? What columns or features do you want us to add?






Email me at [EditorNJF@yahoo.com](mailto:EditorNJF@yahoo.com) with any comments, articles, submissions, etc.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



Cory Sigler  
Editor in Chief

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## Grand Master's Message



Grand Lodge

My Dear Brother,

Having just returned from our Annual Communication in Atlantic City, I now sit down at my desk to write a message for the Freemason Magazine. My mind however keeps drifting

back to A.C. and thoughts of seeing so many friends and Brothers in the hospitality rooms, banquets and meetings. Each year as Grand Lodge approaches, I look forward to sharing time with so many of you. It is also a time to reminisce of Brothers who were unable to attend as they now serve the Grand Lodge on High.

The one I miss the most is my Father. At an early age he instilled in me and my Brothers the code of behavior of our Fraternity. He would often take us to Lodge breakfasts, picnics and other social functions. We would accompany him and members of the Lodge to Lyons VA Hospital to assist the Vets to Sunday Church services. He served Jephthah Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1976. The most important lesson he taught us occurred when a man petitioned the Lodge and was rejected for racial motives. Though he loved his Lodge and the Brethren therein, he was so hurt and disappointed by this unmasonic act, he stayed away for a number of years. In time this gentleman again petitioned the Lodge and this time was elected to membership. With that, my Father returned and wielded the working tools once more, eventually becoming the second District Ritual Instructor in the 11<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. He passed away in July of 2003 and a day doesn't go by when I don't think about him. A few minutes before I was installed as your Grand Master, two of my Brothers presented me with my Father's Past Master's Jewel. Fortunately this was done in private as I was unable to hold back the emotions of the moment. It is his example that I hope to emulate as I serve you this Masonic Year.

Bill McQuesten is another Brother I think about often. Bill is the one who first recommended me for a Grand Lodge appointment. In 1997, while Senior Warden of my Lodge, Bill asked me as an incoming first time Master to serve as District Ritual Instructor during his term as District Deputy Grand Master. Bill and I were the best of friends. From 1998 until he passed in April of 2002, we spoke at least once a day. Me, Bill and a few other Brothers in the Eleventh District were known as the midnight Masons because it didn't matter how early the meeting ended, it was usually well past midnight before the conversations would end and all headed home.

I was raised in June of 1991 and immediately accepted the Junior Steward's Chair. I worked my way up the appointed and elected chairs in the Lodge until in 1998 I had the honor of serving as Worshipful Master of Jephthah Lodge. As I said, this is the same year that I took over the reins of District Ritual Instructor. In 2002 with the passing of RW Bill McQuesten, MW Larry Plasket, appointed me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master. I served three years in that position. Once again, I was given the opportunity to serve our Craft

when Most Worshipful John Ryan asked me to be his Grand Marshal. During the first couple of years in the Fraternity my goal and ambition was to one day serve as Worshipful Master of my Lodge. At any point of my Masonic career, I achieved more than I ever expected in this Great Brotherhood but when the Brethren of New Jersey saw fit in 2009 to elect me as your Junior Grand Warden I realized I was truly blessed to have so many close friends and Brothers.

Over the past few years we have taken great strides to secure the future of our Masonic Home. Your trustees are constantly looking for new ways to generate revenue and cut cost. This aggressive approach has cut the deficit spending by nearly ten million dollars a year. Today we have on the Board Brothers with clinical experience as well as others who are finance experts. We are taking advantage of outside sources to help shape the board into an extremely efficient, productive team. The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the Masonic Home. I urge each of you to stop by and see firsthand the quality changes that have taken place. Our Hospice program has been renamed Acacia Hospice and still runs at a profit.

As we move forward, there are still many challenges we face as a Fraternity. Once again we were informed at the annual communication that we lost another thousand plus members. We need to change this trend and each of you can help. We all know someone that would be a credit to our Fraternity. In the fall, in conjunction with the Annual Square and Compasses Day, we will again be holding a renewal program. Please consider inviting those in the community that already live a Masonic life but have yet to knock on the door of the Lodge.

Shortly, I will begin a series of District meetings, I look forward to gathering with the Brethren of this Great State and discussing the successes as well as the challenges faced by New Jersey Freemasonry.

As we now begin the 225<sup>th</sup> Masonic Year in New Jersey, I ask each and every one of you to rededicate yourselves to the principles of this great Brotherhood. Take a few minutes during the coming months to call a Brother you haven't seen in a while and let him know he is missed. Contact one of our Grand Chaplains and offer to travel with him as he visits our sick or infirmed Brothers. Check on the widow of a deceased Brother and see if there is something the Lodge can do for her. In short I ask each of you to ***Be your Brother's Keeper***.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Glenn R. Trautmann  
Grand Master

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## Senior Grand Warden's Message



Grand Lodge

Brethren

The last year of my masonic life has been marked by many extremes. It has been extremely busy, extremely rewarding, and has gone extremely fast. I

have had the opportunity to consider the future of our craft and suggest that we can best move the fraternity forward by moving backward, a grass roots return to who we were. Before we use our energy and resources anywhere, we take care of masons first. While I have been informed of many instances where lodges are doing just that, there is still room for improvement. We need to be vigilant that we continue to do what we promised in our obligations.

Another area of concern is our failure to keep the majority of men who come through the door. Two out of ten men continue in the fraternity over the long haul. This is unacceptable. It is obvious that we are not connecting with most of our new brothers. Research shows that the number one reason men petition Freemasonry is because they are looking for fellowship followed by friendship. In remembering my own experience of attending lodge the first few times after I was raised, I almost stopped coming. Everyone was warm and friendly and I was greeted by all in the room. After that however, my brothers returned to their conversations and I was on my own. We went upstairs and heard the minutes and a few argued about the bills. We then returned downstairs for coffee and cake. After three such meetings, I did not feel connected and considered not returning. Being asked to learn a small piece of ritual made me feel useful and connected and saved my masonic career. Brethren, we must engage our new potential brothers immediately. I suggest when a man petitions or considers petitioning one of our

lodges we invite him to dinner, perhaps several. He will have the opportunity to get to know what masonry is about and the brethren will get to know him. Maybe we ask him to help serve or help clean up. The brothers should do more than just shake his hand. Sit him down and find out about his life and what is important to him. Why has he petitioned and what does he expect? Tell him what Freemasonry will expect from him. This will go so much farther than an investigating committee report. Before we vote on this man, he will know us and we will know him. To our knowledgeable brethren and Past Masters, volunteer to be a mentor. Memorizing long exams does not make you a Mason. Understanding the symbolism and the lessons presented in the degrees does. When done correctly, our mentoring system does just that. We are all busy, but this is important to the fraternity we love. You will have the opportunity to spread masonic light and to make a life-long friend. When a new brother goes through the degrees, make his night special. He should be the center of attention. When he is raised, make sure to keep him engaged. Give him a job or a piece of ritual. Make him part of the team. Show him that you are interested in him and that he truly is your brother. These steps will go a long way to providing the fellowship and friendship the men coming to our doors are seeking. They will have had the opportunity to experience the great benefit in masonry, true brotherhood. May the Grand Architect of The Universe bless you and yours and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Gerald J. Sharpe  
Senior Grand Warden

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# 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of NJ

(1787 - 2012)

By Bro. Cory Sigler, Editor

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey is celebrating Two Hundred and Twenty-Five years of Freemasonry in 2012.

As the fifth oldest Grand Lodge in the United States (preceded only by VA, NY, PA, and GA) we will be celebrating our rich history and superior Masonic heritage all year long. The New Jersey Freemason will be your source of information on all the news and events of this momentous occasion.

In this issue, I will take you back to our very beginnings and enlighten you about our formation. As you know America has had fraternal organizations from its very inception but Freemasonry was by far the oldest of these groups with the most active members. New Jersey was at the forefront of this charge.

In its infancy our state was farmland and wide spread out spaces. Wealthy businessmen brought in the money and infrastructure to turn it into large cities and metropolises. Eventually, men of like mind found each other and wanted to experience the prestige and brotherhood that Freemasonry afforded them.

Our history begins in 1730 when Colonel Daniel Coxe was given permission from England to become Provincial Grand Master for Masons living in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

As found in The Trenton Historical Society's "[A History of Trenton 1679-1929](#)", Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of Masons in England, in 1730, in acceding to the request of the New-World Masons for a Provincial Grand Master, had selected for this high office Daniel Coxe, son of Dr. Daniel Coxe, one of the proprietors of West Jersey, a medical man and physician to Charles II. The deputation to Coxe was given at London, June 5, 1730. Coxe is referred to in the records of the Grand Lodge of England in 1731 as the "Provincial Grand Master of North America."

Now that American was given the right to practice Masonry by its Motherland, the first New Jersey Lodge was built in Newark. St. John's Lodge No. 1, was constituted on May 13, 1761. The states very first Worshipful Master was William Tuckey.

During the Revolutionary War, like other clubs and organizations, St. John's had to go from active to dark many times so that the men could get on the front line to fight for America's freedom.

Eventually other Lodges were formed and in 1786 members from six Lodges came together in New Brunswick's White Hill Tavern to form a Grand Lodge. They elected David Brearly to be the first Grand Master. Brearly had served in the Revolutionary War as a Lieutenant Colonel. As a civilian he had acted as the Chief Justice of the State of New Jersey and also as the first Judge of the Federal District Court. Brearly had been the first person in the colonies to be elected as a delegate to the First Constitutional Convention, and he was a signer of the Constitution.

Chosen at the same time as deputy grand master was Robert Lettis Hooper, also of Trenton, vice-president of the Legislative Council of New Jersey. Both served the ancient order in these capacities for several years, Brearly until 1790 and Hooper until 1792. Maskell Ewing, of Trenton, then clerk of the General Assembly of New Jersey, was elected deputy grand secretary.

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## Mentoring Program Progress Report

By Bro. Walter Kaulfers, Grand Orator

***Are you mentoring your candidates? Did you know there was a mentoring program in place?***

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey's Mentoring Program has been in place since 2007. This year, I will be traveling to District Lodges of Instruction to report on the success of this program. The Masonic Resource Committee has developed a PowerPoint presentation that will demonstrate the high success rate achieved by those New Jersey Lodges that have adopted this program.

Research has shown that Lodges that do not mentor their candidates will find that only 1 in 5 become active members of their Lodge. Those Lodges that actively mentor their candidates see an 80% retention rate of new members.

The Grand Lodge will provide you with the proper tools to learn how to mentor and the program's implementation. The Mentoring Program has seven components. They include: The Petition, The Ballot, The Pre-Degree Meeting, The Entered Apprentice Degree, The Fellowcraft Degree, The Master Mason Degree, and The New Brother. Each section provides the mentor detailed information on the Mentoring process.

We will in future issues of "[\*\*The New Jersey Freemason\*\*](#)" explore each of these components in full detail.

I would love to hear from all my Brethren if you have any questions about the Mentoring Program. Please email [EditorNJF@yahoo.com](mailto:EditorNJF@yahoo.com) with any question or comment. I look forward to hearing from you.

# New Jersey Freemason's Lodge Spotlight



Grand Lodge

**Lodge Name & Number:** Sons of Liberty Lodge #301

**Address:** 1422 Paterson Plank Road  
Secaucus, NJ 07094



**Telephone:** (201) 864-4892

**Website Address:** [www.sol301.com](http://www.sol301.com)

**Meeting Nights:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

**Worshipful Master:** WB Robert K. Ulatowski

**Elected Line:** Bro. Jose Sanchez - Senior Warden  
Bro. Nirio A. Garcia Jr. - Junior Warden  
Bro. Julio Flores - Secretary  
Bro. Humberto Rovira - Treasurer

**Average Number of Brethren at Meetings:** We have a great attendance at our regular communications. On an average, I would say we get around 25 enthusiastic brothers coming out Masonic enlightenment.

## What makes your lodge stand out? What else would you like the brethren of NJ to know about your lodge?

Sons of Liberty lodge is a unique lodge in New Jersey. We are unique in the fact that all non-ritual related masonry is performed in Spanish. The history of our lodge is unique and complicated as well. In 1967, a group of exiled Cuban Masons arrived in this, the land of Liberty, with the desire of being recognized as regular Masons. Due to the fact of a language barrier, our founding brothers had to find other means of proving our worth as regular Masons. After many years and tireless efforts to be recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, MW David A. Chase gave us the distinct honor and opportunity by granting a charter to Sons of Liberty lodge #301. MW Chase granted us the privilege of conducting our communications in Spanish as long as the ritual itself was performed in English. He also granted us the opportunity to be able to perform the entire ritual in Spanish if we proved our proficiency in the English ritual. In 2010, with a dispensation by MW Joseph H. Rival and under the leadership of WB Javier Fuentes-Better, Sons of Liberty preformed the first ever EA degree in Spanish in the state of New Jersey.



## What techniques have you tried to make brethren attend more meetings?

Sons of Liberty has been bringing in guest speakers to spread Masonic light upon the brethren who are tired of the same old boring business meetings. We have also been calling the Brethren that have been gone for a while and inviting them back to see what we have been doing in their absence. It has really worked well and our efforts are paying off.

## What kind of fundraising ideas have you implemented?

We are trying to implement low cost/high return fundraising principles. Last year, during the spring, we sold raffle tickets for an iPad 2. A portion of the proceeds went to a scholarship fund for a high school senior and the rest went to the lodge. It was an overwhelming success due to the fact that for \$10 a person has a chance to win a \$600 iPad (which was and

is still in high demand). We learned that with minimal effort, we had raised almost as much as a high priced dinner party without the headache. Those tickets sold themselves due to the popularity of the product.

Our table lodge is also known statewide among the brethren. We hold the open table lodge at a club in Union City that usually brings out over 120 people every year along with one or more of the elected Grand Line in attendance. On May 30<sup>th</sup> 2012, we will have the honor of hosting the entire elected Grand Line to see our table lodge.

We also have at least two cigar nights at a local rooftop bar in Union City. It's a laid back evening among the brethren and right in our own backyard.

## How are you using social media to your lodge's advantage?

Facebook has been a major tool among the younger brothers within the lodge. It has worked so well that the older brethren are starting to use it as well. We use it to promote events statewide and also to send private messages to the officers about rehearsals and other events. Brothers from other states have shown up at our lodge because we promoted a lecture on Facebook. It has proven to be a very resourceful tool in our endeavors.

## “Putting the Craftsmanship back in

*By Bro. Sal Corelli with Bro. Martin Bogardus*



*Brother Martin Bogardus, 32° is Junior Deacon and former Historian at Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101. He has 30 plus years designing and creating various woodworking/metalworking projects of interest for his lodge, church and friends.*

**Sal:** Good evening, Bro. Martin. Welcome to NJ Freemason magazine. We're excited to talk with you today and explore a side of Freemasonry that in my opinion doesn't seem to get enough attention - Craftsmanship. It seems that 50-75 years ago, it was fairly common for brothers to make items for their lodges as needed for utilitarian as well as aesthetic reasons. But today, with so many additional demands being made upon our membership between family and work, it's a challenge to squeeze one more activity into an already busy schedule. **As one of only a handful of Masonic craftsman in the state of NJ that I am aware of, why don't you tell our readers a little bit about yourself and how you got into building Masonically themed items?**

**Martin:** Well, Sal, I work as systems engineer for a local defense contractor and have been a Freemason for a little over three years; currently I am Junior Deacon at Collingswood Cloud Lodge. Though the work I do is somewhat technical, building things with my own two hands is something I've always liked doing. There is something supremely satisfying in building something with your own two hands that can't be equaled or purchased at the local department store. There was a time, a generation or two ago, that men worked on their own cars, did their own carpentry, plumbing, etc. rather than pay someone to come out and do it for them. Part economical, part pride of ownership, these men would never want to admit to another guy that he was too lazy or incompetent to take care of his own household. I am indeed fortunate to have been raised by a father who instilled in me those skills that have molded me into the person I am today.

I developed an interest in building things from my Dad - a talented mechanic in his own right - who has the type of workshop that only someone with 30 plus years of project building experience can aspire to. Without his insight and direction - not to mention his 10 inch Southbend Lathe and Bridgeport Vertical Mill - many of my projects would still be languishing in the planning stages.

**Sal:** What's your dad's workshop like?

**Martin:** My dad's workshop is amazing. Taking a walk inside is the equivalent of being a young kid wandering around a candy store where you never know what you'll find. It's a

veritable treasure trove of shelves filled with odd thingamabobs and salvaged parts chuck full of gadgety goodness. It's much cheaper than the hardware store (laughs) - since he tends to have most of what I need - plus, we get to spend a little quality father-son time together and have something tangible at the end as a result.

**Sal:** You've got a lot of interesting projects on here, which ones are your favorites and what inspired you to create them?

**Martin:** Oh, wow. That's a hard one. With every project I do, each one is useful and interesting in its own way. But, a couple projects I think would have the most appeal to your readers would be the model sand table lodge, chisel box, and the doorknob cane with hidden letter opener.

**Sal:** Tell us a little bit about them.

**Martin:** Well, the sand table was borne from necessity as an answer to how our degree Instructor - also currently Collingwood Clouds' Worshipful Master - could effectively instruct candidates, officers and brothers in their respective duties and stations within the lodge at a glance without having to drag everyone into the lodge room. It had to be the right size, big enough for everyone sitting around the table to see it at a glance but small enough to be portable. My inspiration for the doorknob cane was something I saw on eBay, but being made of plastic, it was too modern for my taste. The chisel box was modeled on an artist box I saw in a magazine for storing paint brushes. I happen to have a few chisels with Masonic logos that I've collected over the years, so I thought it would be fun to make a wood box to store them in.

**Sal:** Your projects have a nice 'old timey' feel to it, was that part of your intention?

**Martin:** Yes, I wanted to make something that already felt like it had been around for a while. I'm a big fan of 1930s - 1940s style craftsmanship, since it tends to be very utilitarian and built with common items found around the house. Just about everything on the sand table was made with re-purposed materials. The wood for the floor came from an old 1930s desk that was heading for the landfill; the terrestrial and celestial globes on the chapters were old colored marbles, the brass bordering was from a leftover piece of leaded glass channel for a stained glass project I was working on; even the mahogany wood on the altar of the sand table came from a scrap piece of wood from the mahogany doors of the old Philadelphia bakery in Philadelphia, Pa. which incidentally predates the American Revolution. I like knowing

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I was able to breathe new life into something two steps away from being put out at the curb on trash day.

The doorknob cane I had the most fun with. It was made from an old billiard pool cue, pneumatic hose connector, a door knob from a defunct lodge and a .45-70 brass shell to keep the tip from splintering when making contact with the ground. When the brass hose connector is pulled down, the door knob assembly and walking stick separate, revealing a letter opener within. Who as a kid didn't enjoy watching James Bond when he pulled out some gadget cleverly hidden in plain sight to save the day? I think that this piece represents the part of us who find a joy and delight in discovering hidden meaning in everyday things.

The chisel box was made from the oak drawers of a 1930s wood desk my Grandfather had used in his workshop. The veneer was cracked and peeling and wasn't worth repairing but the aged oak wood in the desk drawers was perfect to build something new.

I like creating something with bits of yesteryear that have a direct connection to the past. When I look at some of the older collectibles from lodges and private collections, I get really inspired. Those folks were artisans and craftsman of the highest degree and brought that careful attention to detail to every project they made. I got to thinking about the legacy those men left behind and who would be carrying on that tradition of Yankee ingenuity and self-sufficiency today? I decide that I wanted to be part of that effort and to build something that would be cherished for generations to come.

## Sal: Where do you draw your inspiration from?

**Martin:** Many different sources: different places like museums, other lodges, private collections, eBay, the Internet, etc. Sometimes if I'm looking for inspiration I'll query the term 'vintage or antique' when searching for Masonic items and start looking there. Our Fraternity has such a rich and storied past of men of vision as builders, not just as Operative Masons, but as artisans of all persuasions too numerous to list. Lastly, I'm inspired by the mentoring and good fellowship I've been fortunate to experience since joining my lodge.

## Sal: How has mentoring influenced your Masonic journey so far?

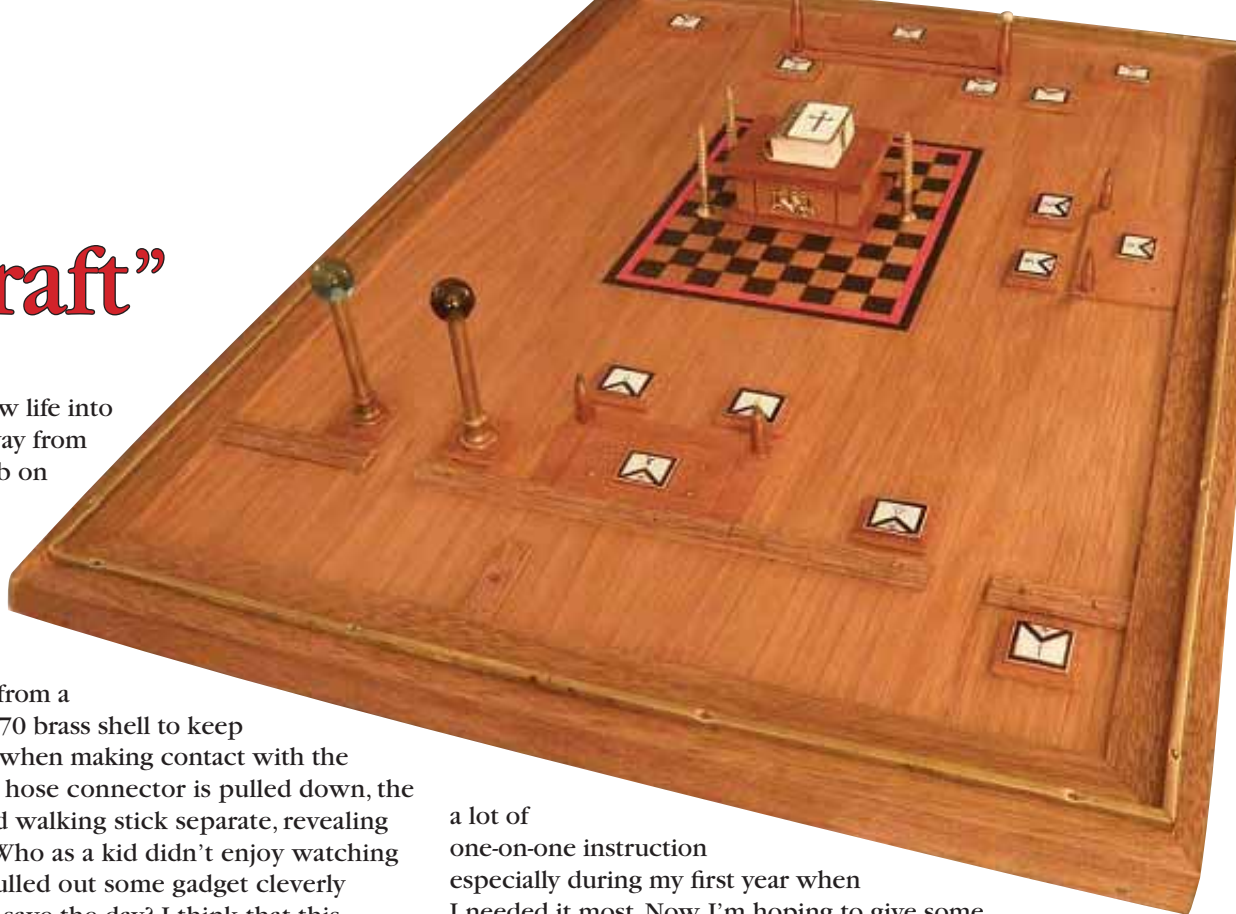
**Martin:** Well, fortunately I was lucky enough to have been sponsored by two really top notch Freemasons who gave me

a lot of one-on-one instruction especially during my first year when I needed it most. Now, I'm hoping to give some of that back to the Fraternity by promoting craftsmanship as an alternative way to contribute to the Craft. Not everyone has the time and ability to take a leadership position in the lodge, or the patience and stamina to memorize large blocks of ritual, but many still want to leave their mark. Craftsmanship can provide that necessary outlet to brothers who still wish to make a difference in a unique and meaningful way.

## Sal: What would you recommend for the brothers you would like to get involved but don't know where to start?

**Martin:** Well, just let your imagination be your guide and don't be afraid to experiment. Remember, there is no right or wrong answer when it comes to style, just what appeals to you. If you don't like what you built, change it or build another one. There is a group called the Freemason's Craftsmanship Club which provides a forum for people to meet, post, and discuss masonically themed projects. You don't have to be an expert to join, just have an interest in making something or help mentor someone who does. The Yahoo group can be found at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Freemasons\\_Craftsmanship\\_Club](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Freemasons_Craftsmanship_Club). There is also a Facebook group as well called the Freemason's Craftsmanship Club which I am the moderator.

To see more pictures of Brother Martin's amazing craftsmanship please visit the New Jersey Freemason website at [www.newjerseygrandlodge.org/magazines](http://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org/magazines)





*By Bro. Jay Hochberg, NJ Lodge of Masonic Research and Education No. 1786, Staff Writer*

Every Freemason asks questions. Questions are central to our rituals, whether we are opening our lodges or imparting the grips, but we all wonder about the history and philosophy of our Craft. **Where did it come from, and what does it all mean?**

Celebrating a decade at labor this year is New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research and Education No. 1786. This is the place to find answers to your most vexing questions amid the fellowship of similarly curious, thoughtful Masons. The research lodge, known informally as **LORE**, is unique in our jurisdiction in that it does not confer degrees. LORE makes Masons of those brethren who believe becoming a Freemason requires years of learning.

LORE meets four times per year, on the second Saturdays of March, June, September, and December in the Trenton Masonic Temple (100 Barrack Street, Trenton), although the brethren are now contemplating a relocation to a more easily reached venue. Lodge opens at 10 a.m., and usually closes before 2 p.m. Attire is suit and tie. Breakfast and lunch are served. Membership is open to Master Masons in good standing, and annual dues cost only \$25.

The lodge also travels about the state, meeting in lodges that offer to host. If your lodge would like to be the site of a LORE communication, an excellent way to bring Masonic education programs to your lodge and district, please contact our Secretary, **W. Matt Korang at [mkorang@comcast.net](mailto:mkorang@comcast.net)**.

In the absence of degree work (we do open and close in due and ancient form), LORE's labors consist of the brethren's presentation of their research papers. The lodge is home to a number of prolific writers and resourceful researchers, one of whom has been undertaking a study of the evolution of Masonic Craft ritual, a line of inquiry approached by no one else anywhere in the fraternity. His papers are highly detailed histories of how Freemasonry came to be what it is today.

To date, there have been nearly 100 research projects presented at LORE communications. Most consist of written papers, but some are multi-media presentations for which the lodge employs its computer, projection, and audio equipment. A typical meeting consists of a very brief business portion, followed by two or three research projects. Discussion, in question-and-answer form, follows each presentation. At the conclusion of the meeting, the brethren adjourn for lunch and fellowship, often resulting in even more fruitful discussions.

For membership inquiries and other useful information, visit LORE on the web at [njlore1786.org](http://njlore1786.org) and look for **NJ LORE 1786 on Facebook**.

*Jay Hochberg served as Worshipful Master of New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research and Education No. 1786 for thirty idyllic, stress-free, happy months.*

# Amos, What Seest Thou? And I Said, A Plumbline...



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By Brother Ricardo J. Fernandez, PM  
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Recently I was preparing a presentation for our monthly meeting of the our Esoteric Club of Trenton Cyrus #5. The topic was the Fellow Craft Degree. My presentation was to be based on the second book of the series "Introduction to Freemasonry" by Carl Claudy. This set of books is given to every newly raised Mason at our lodge. Following are my personal reflections of the lessons I learned. These represent my personal opinions and in no way present any definitive truth. It is simply what I learned.

Brother Carl H. Claudy was born in 1879 and died in 1957. His association with Freemasonry began in 1908, when, at the age of 29, he was raised a Master Mason in Harmony 17 in Washington, D.C. He served as its master and eventually served as Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia in 1943. During his life, he authored many Masonic books but among his most popular are the three volume series "Introduction to Freemasonry", one volume dedicated to each degree. This very popular series was initially printed in 1931 and has been reissued many times since then.

I had often heard the chaplain recite the familiar prayer about Amos's dialogue with the almighty in the first section of the Fellow Craft Degree:

*"... Then said the lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel..."*

I certainly appreciated the symbolic value of the plumb line in Freemasonry: To "walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man," as we later hear in the lecture for the working tools of this same degree. It was only upon my further studies in Claudy's book, and some personal reflections, that the much deeper understanding came to my awareness.

A plumb line, of course, refers to a tool used by Operative masons to find the depth of water or determining the vertical of an upright surface. We make the assumption that this specifies a perpendicular to that surface. We make further assumptions that perpendiculars to a horizontal surface will all be parallel, thus that we all "share" a common plumb line.

The reality is otherwise however. The vertical defined by a plumb line at any point on the surface of the Earth is defined by GRAVITY. Gravity is defined as the force of attraction by which terrestrial bodies tend to fall toward the center of the earth. A deeper and more complete understanding of the plumbline indicates that no matter how close we stand to each other while using our plumb lines, our verticals can never truly be parallel to each other as we are standing on the curvature of the Earth (see diagram ) and they all will point to the center of the Earth. Thus the Lord sets his "plumbline in the midst of our people Israel." His plumbline is SPECIFIC to the tribe of Israel. He was judging them in THEIR world and in THEIR experience

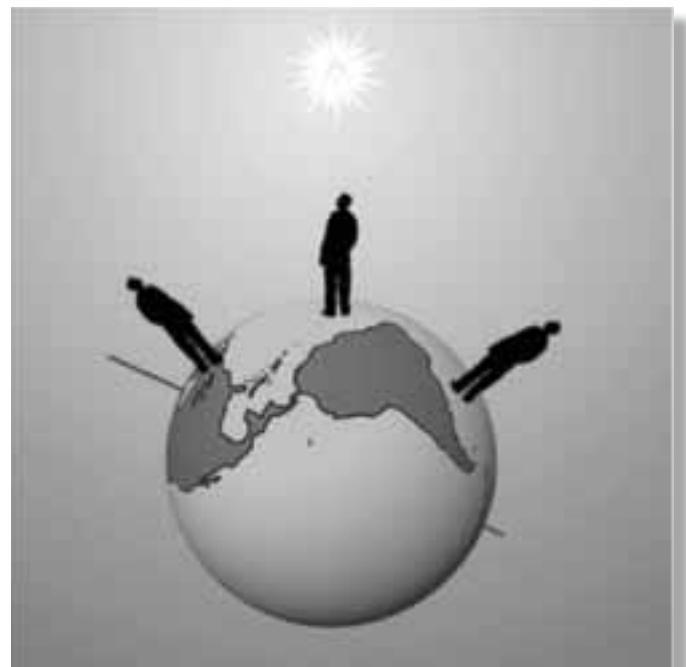
Thus the great wisdom of the Bible and of our great Craft. Each of us has his own very individual and specific plumbline. Although they may appear parallel, all our plumb lines differ by varying degrees relative to where we are in our life and how we perceive and experience our environment. Masonry provides the tool and each of us, "of his own free will and accord", establishes his own plumbline and chooses how to live his life by them.

Perhaps more importantly, we are taught not only about the uniqueness of our plumbline, but that we should be very careful not to use OUR plumbline to judge the lifework, the Master's piece, of another individual. Our brother should live by HIS plumbline, not ours. Just as we would not wish to be judged by someone else's sense of what is right, we should also extend them a similar compassionate generosity. We are encouraged to show wisdom... and empathy.

Claudy reminds us of this in his third book of the series on the Master Mason degree:

"We are told not to stretch forth the hand in aid, if, and perhaps, and but!... Not for us to judge, to condemn, to admonish... for us only to put forth our strength unto our falling brother at his need without questions and without stint... So we are to admonish our brother, not by the plumb, the square, the level we are taught to carry in our hearts, but his plumb, his square, his level."

Herein lies the beauty of Freemasonry. It provides the tools by which we may build our own temples but leaves the specifics to us, understanding full well the wide variability of God's beautiful edifices, be they physical or spiritual.





# Rarity, Astronomy and Geometry

By Bro. Raymond C. Thorne, PGT, NJ Lodge of Masonic Research and Education No. 1786. Staff Writer

One of the rarest predictable astronomical events will occur **June 5-6** when Venus can be seen crossing the solar disk. This crossing is called a transit.

The orbit of Venus is slightly tilted relative to earth's orbit. This results in a transit of Venus occurring in a period of 8 years, 121½ years, 8 years and 105½ years, for a total of four transits in a 243 year cycle.

This upcoming transit will only be the seventh to be seen since the telescope was invented about 1609. The last transit of Venus occurred June 8, 2004. The one before that December 6, 1882.

Unlike a total solar eclipse, which only occurs in a relatively narrow band across the earth, when Venus transits the sun it can be seen wherever the sun is above the horizon and not clouded over. Unfortunately for observers in North America, except Alaska and the Yukon, the sun will set while this transit is in progress. If you wish to observe the transit, the flatter the western horizon the better.

For safe ways of observing the sun and the approximate times of the transit, consult an astronomy magazine or website. A local astronomy club would also be of help.

The exact timeline for the transit depends on the latitude of the observer. The farther north on planet earth the observer is, the farther south the track of Venus would appear across the sun's face. And, of course, an observer on a more southerly latitude would see Venus transit the sun at a higher solar latitude.

The different apparent position of an object by different observers is called parallax.

About a century before the predicted transit of 1761 it was determined that if different observers of known latitudes measured the transit of Venus it would be possible to determine, through triangulation and tedious calculations, the distance of the earth from the sun.

This hundred year lead time enabled countries and scientific societies throughout Europe to send expeditions to various observation sites in 1761 and again eight years later. These expeditions were basically voyages of discovery to distant parts of the earth. It took great planning and sometimes even the cooperation of warring countries

for these astronomical observations to succeed. The most famous of these travels is that of Captain Cook's voyage to Tahiti in 1769.

After the data were finally compiled - with patience, perseverance and time by hand, as there were no computers back then - it was determined that the distance from earth to the sun at the times of the transits was 95 million miles, plus or minus two million miles.

There were many more expeditions with improved instruments and techniques, such as photography, for the dual transits of 1874 and 1882. These observations refined the distance of earth's orbit closer to the true distance of about 93 million miles.

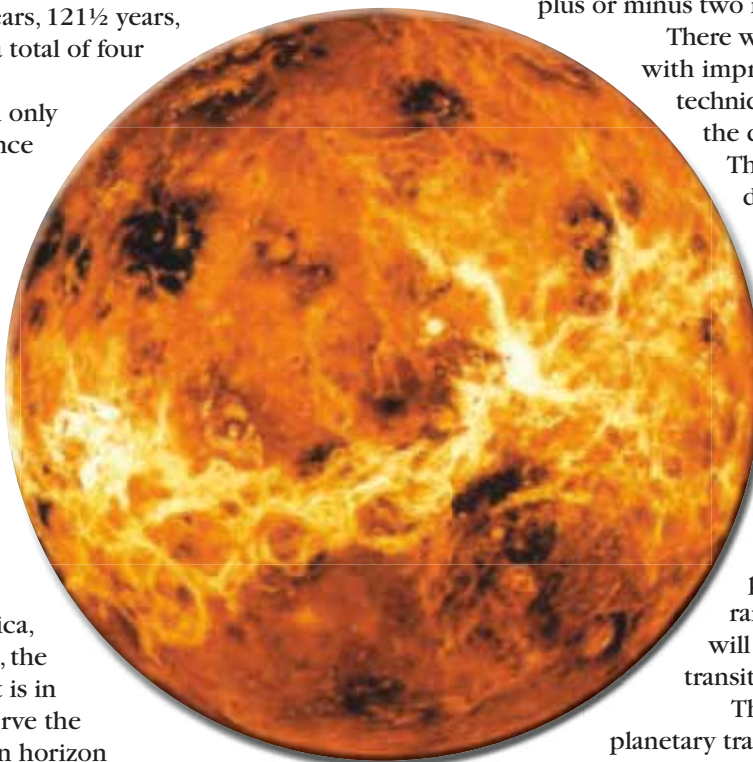
By the time the transits of the 21<sup>st</sup> century rolled around astronomers had developed many other ways of determining celestial distances. So the 2004 and 2012 transits have a diminished scientific value. But they remain a phenomenon of wonder and rarity. Miss this one and you will have to wait until the next transit on December 11, 2117.

The scientific importance of planetary transits has moved outside the solar system. A planet passing in front of a star will diminish that star's brightness slightly. Venus will cover less than three per cent of the sun's disk, resulting in a lessening of solar brightness detectable by photometric instruments but not human eyes.

The **Kepler spacecraft** is currently observing about one hundred thousand stars in a small portion of the sky. If there are any planets which pass in a line between the star they orbit and the spacecraft, the starlight will dim slightly. This light reduction would be much less than the dimming of the sun by Venus as seen on earth. If the dimming occurs in a repeating pattern, that is good evidence of an exoplanet. Over two thousand planets have been discovered this way so far by Kepler, and the mission is continuing to discover new planets around many stars far outside our solar system. Numberless worlds are indeed around us.

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# The Pledge of Allegiance as Ritual



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It is a widely held belief among Freemasons, newly raised and seasoned Master Masons that our ritual never changes. It is easy to show that our ritual has indeed changed a great deal over the centuries. Those of us who have been around a while, however, know from personal experience many large and small changes have been officially instituted throughout the years. My favorite example of this is how the pledge of allegiance, which was only invented in 1892, has become a mandatory part of our opening ceremonies.

Loyalty to the state and obedience to the lawful authorities has been a principle of Freemasonry since before Masons even organized the first Grand Lodge in 1717. Not only is this principle laid out in Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 (charge #2), but it is also found in the Regius Manuscript of about 1390 (14<sup>th</sup> point). This notion is also expressed in an early version of our present EA charge, as quoted by Calcott in his Candid Disquisition of 1769. This principle does not seem to have found expression in opening ritual, however, until a much later period.

The earliest such example I can find is Browne's Master Key of 1798, which includes the so-called "[loyalty toast](#)" in the place where we now use the pledge. Immediately after the master declares the lodge open and at labor (on the 1<sup>st</sup> degree!), he orders the brethren to be charged, and proposes a toast to "the King and the Craft". This opening was obviously intended for use in what we now call a table lodge, which is unremarkable since all lodge meetings in those days either were or included table lodges, or at least formal banquets with toasts. A toast to the king or president was typically a feature of all formal banquets in that era, from whence Masons doubtless borrowed the custom. This tradition is maintained in our table lodges today where the first toast is to the president. After the Morgan Affair (1827 to the late 1830's),

American Freemasonry became allied with the temperance movement, and table lodges fell out of favor.

Some documentation of the older practices in New Jersey Freemasonry can be found in unofficial ritual ciphers for each state that began to be published in the late 1800's. Since they are unofficial, they are not authoritative. But they were widely used and frequently updated to keep as current as possible. As such, they are the best documentation available. The earliest NJ cipher I have found is an Ecce Orienti cipher, copyrighted 1911, and printed in 1918. There is no mention of the Pledge of Allegiance in this ritual, even though it contains more procedural detail than even our current official cipher. After the master declares the lodge open, and the tyler is informed, the master invites past or present grand lodge officers and past or current masters to a seat in the east. Only after they are received is the gavel sounded to seat the brethren. The Master immediately asks for the reading of the previous minutes, and the rest of the business proceeds. There is no pledge, but enough procedural detail is given that one must assume that the pledge would be noted if it was in fact used. The same procedure is noted in the 1927 edition as well.

Our current official cipher is based on a different cipher system called "King Solomon and his Followers", originally copyrighted in 1900. My 1921 printing of the NJ King Solomon has the same procedure as the Ecce Orienti ciphers. The 1954 edition of NJ King Solomon, however, has the gavel sounded after the tyler is informed, with no mention of receiving visiting dignitaries. But there is still no mention of the pledge before the reading of the minutes. I finally find the Pledge in the 1967 edition of New Jersey's official cipher, but after the gavel sounds. I can still remember from my early years as a Mason, that before the master sounded the gavel, he would ask the brethren to remain standing so he would not have to raise them again for the pledge of allegiance. In this day and age, it is the official practice to recite the pledge

before sounding the gavel to seat the lodge and end the opening ceremonies. It also appears that that gavel rap is now interpreted by some to punctuate the master's pronouncement that the lodge is open, rather than merely to seat the lodge, as seems to have been the older usage when receiving visitors before seating.

This final step of sounding the gavel only after the pledge must seem like a small matter, a housekeeping detail as it were, rather than an actual change in ritual. But in fact, it signals a definitive change. The opening ritual has now absorbed what was once an optional nicety. Like the loyalty toast, the Pledge originated outside of Freemasonry. But an innovative nicety becomes a custom, and a widespread custom easily becomes mandatory. This is an example of how our ritual continues to change, no matter how small it appears to be.

## Anderson's Constitution

### II. Of the CIVIL MAGISTRATES supreme and subordinate.

A Mason is a peaceable Subject to the Civil Powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concern'd in Plots and Conspiracies against the Peace and Welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior Magistrates; for as Masonry hath been always injured by War, Bloodshed, and Confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been much dispos'd to encourage the Craftsmen, because of their Peaceableness and Loyalty, whereby they practically answer'd the Cavils of their Adversaries, and promoted the Honour of the Fraternity, who ever flourish'd in Times of Peace. So that if a Brother should be a Rebel against the State he is not to be countenanc'd in his Rebellion, however he may be pitied as an unhappy Man; and, if convicted of no other Crime though the loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his Rebellion, and give no Umbrage or Ground of political Jealousy to the Government for the time being; they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his Relation to it remains indefeasible.



## **"Observing the Craft: The Pursuit of Excellence in Masonic Labour and Observance"**

By Andrew Hammer

Mindhive Books, 2010, 145pp.

*By Bro. Jay Hochberg, NJ Lodge of Masonic Research and Education No. 1786. Staff Writer*

Not to be confused with either Traditional Observance lodges or the Rite of Strict Observance, Andrew Hammer's book has us cast our eyes to the East to behold his trestleboard for Masonic labor. "Observing the Craft" quickly and boldly reaches two key objectives: First, to show Freemasons that the rituals and symbols of the lodge impart all the secrets and mysteries that belong to Masons, and secondly to convince the Mason that the lodge ought to be cherished, that it is worthy of his time and talents. Along the way, Hammer unflinchingly redefines Masonry's numerous appendant, concordant, and affiliated fraternities as "distractions" that deprive lodges of the brethren's attention; and he provides a feasible formula for improving the lodge experience so that Masons can enjoy the excellence they expect and deserve. He gets that and much more done in only 145 pages, perhaps unsurprising for a Mason who shares the name of the tool made to deliver sudden, forceful impacts.

For context, it should be understood that Bro. Hammer is not a typical American Mason. A native of the United Kingdom (which explains his book's British spelling), he is a Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, which meets inside the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. The ethos he helped bring to this historic lodge in the previous decade is summarized in a plain statement to prospective petitioners. I paraphrase: "The question is not 'Can I become a Mason?' There are many lodges in the area that will be glad to have you. The question is 'Can I become a Mason in Alexandria-Washington Lodge?'" This is not arrogance, but it is a reason why his lodge was dubbed the Grand Lodge of Northern Virginia, a sobriquet bestowed unkindly by Virginia Masons who instead should have been taking note of A-W's revival under the leadership of Hammer and his colleagues. In the revitalization of Masonic lodges taking place across the country in recent years, Hammer's touch is felt thanks to his leadership in the Knights of the North think tank, The Masonic Society educational fraternity, other organized proponents of Masonic renaissance, and of course this book.

"Observing the Craft" is audacious in its phrasing, but its thinking is so fundamental as to be irrefutable. It is, after all, paraphrasing the teachings of the lodge. When Hammer challenges the flawed belief that more men, via mass initiations, equals a stronger fraternity, he says "The very essence of membership in the Craft is not about bringing people in, for whatever reason... the essence of membership in the Craft is that it must be sought." He essentially is reminding us of the Entered Apprentice Charge, which urges us to be

cautious in recommending a man to the lodge because it is the mysteries of Masonry that distinguish us from the rest of the community. And where that charge warns us against arguing with the ignorant that ridicule Masonry, Hammer insists "If we are to be consistent in that charge, then we must also not suffer ourselves to placate prying eyes or the mindless paranoia of philistines." Not a motto for Square and Compass Day.

Addressing charity, the author describes it as "the perfection of every virtue," something with which we all can agree, but he is fearless in making the distinction, long forgotten in Masonry, that "Masonic charity is not material benevolence. Rather, it is the spiritual and philosophical awakening which motivates it." Does not the lecture of the First Degree instruct us, on the subject of Relief, in acts of emotional and psychological kindness?

The author also writes at length on tangible aspects of lodge life, namely dining, dress, and ritual. Of the first item, Hammer takes us to the Festive Board, a stylized Masonic meal (not to be confused with the Table Lodge) that follows the tiled meeting, but continues the decorum of that meeting. "The guiding idea is that the food should be of the same quality one would find in any fine restaurant, and it should be presented and served in a way that conveys dignity even if served on paper plates." In ambiance, the Festive Board is a place of good cheer, where the brethren may speak freely, offer toasts, and basically balance the solemnity of the lodge meeting with the joy of fellowship.

As regards dress, Hammer explains that attire is nothing less than a Mason's "physical manifestation of his effort to bring his mind and soul to a state of excellence." The specifics are best left to the lodge, but "No one should dress differently for lodge than they would to attend their house of worship or take part in any other important event in their lives."

On ritual, it is "perhaps the single most important aspect of 'Observing the Craft'" and "what transforms a room into a lodge, the men in that room into Masons, and the profane into the sublime." It goes without saying, so Hammer gently reminds the reader that the performance of our rituals to the highest levels of proficiency is the primary goal, but his larger point concerns ways to "excite the curiosity of all observant Masons." Urging us all to always work within the jurisprudence of our respective jurisdictions, the author suggests the following:

- Confer the degree on one man only so he makes an individual journey, and is the center of the lodge's attention.
- Employ music to "elevate the assembly of minds gathered together" and to accentuate different aspects of ritual work at specific times. Conversely, use silence





# WB Hammer Guest Speaker at Atlas Pythagoras

Masons in Action

By Bro. Mobamad Yatim

Over 70 Masons traveled to Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 in Westfield, NJ on Friday March 16, 2012 to listen to WB and Author Andrew Hammer from Alexandria, VA speak on the topic of his bestselling book "Observing the Craft". The lecture itself was no more than 30 minutes, however, the question and answer session that followed extended beyond an hour and fifteen minutes, which proves how thought stimulating WB Hammer's presentation was. At the conclusion of the meeting, WB Andrew Hammer sold many autographed copies of his book to the brethren.

"Observing the Craft" is a manifesto of sorts for the observant Mason, who seeks quality over quantity in every aspect of Masonry. It is a stringent argument for the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge as the ne plus ultra of the Craft, asking that Masons put actions behind their statements that "nothing is higher than the third degree." It is a book that calls for nothing but the utmost personal effort and commitment to be put into the operation of a Masonic Lodge, and the experience of a Masonic meeting, in search of the transformational experience which Masons define as "making good men better." The book addresses the state of Freemasonry in general as it pertains to how it has been practiced in recent years, how WB Hammer feels it was intended to be practiced, and therefore should be practiced today. The Preface puts the argument squarely down on the table that quality cannot be compromised for the sake of quantity, and asserts the position of those Lodges and

brethren who seek to pursue Masonry as a more restrictive and philosophical experience.

Copies of the book can be purchased online by clicking on the following link: <http://mindhivebooks.com/MB5110.html>



*Pictured L-R, Mobamad Yatim, Andrew Hammer, Moises Gomez*

## Book Review: "Observing the Craft"

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to remove all distractions from the sense of hearing. Obviously, this means no chatting on the sidelines for dignity's sake, but also much more for the benefit of everyone's state of mind.

- To further assist the focusing of the mind, light and darkness must be properly managed. "Darkness, like silence, concentrates the mind by removing all other distractions" and the light revealed to the candidate when the hoodwink is removed should be only "a simple flame," so no other "competing visual images" enter his mind. That's the moving flame of the candle, mind you, and not the kitschy "Masonic light bulb."
- Appealing to our sense of smell, Hammer praises incense. The sense of touch can be addressed through what is called the Chain of Union, the interlocking of arms and clasping of hands to achieve "psychological and physical union" around the entire lodge room.

Clearly, to Andrew Hammer, Freemasonry is a verb. To observe the Craft is to take up the Working Tools and thoughtfully go about our labors in self-improvement, but

doing so harmoniously together. It's all explained in our rituals, lectures, charges, and other orations. The trick is to not be content with merely memorizing and reciting all that inspiring literature, and instead to animate it by doing what it advises. In his concluding paragraphs, Hammer explains "This book was written in an attempt to call the Craft from refreshment to labour. That labour involves confronting our fear with dignity; it involves standing up for the ideas of free thought and free association in the face of those who would demand we eviscerate our mysteries before their altars of cloying superficiality; it involves respecting ourselves enough to say that we must not be afraid to reach for more light within ourselves, that light of the contemplative spirit within each of us that cannot be meted out to curious bystanders just because they want to see it."

It is the blueprint – if you will, the designs upon the trestleboard – for a successful lodge of skilled craftsmen. How many of us will heed the call?



# The Speculative Mason: The Importance of Ritual

By Bro. Matthew Korang, NJ Lodge of Masonic Research and Education No. 1786. Staff Writer

I was speaking to the Worshipful Master a few days ago. There were things going on in my lodge that were bothering me. These were generally little things that would not bother many. They were things such as liberties taken by past masters, lack of protocol by new members, mispronunciation of words by seasoned officers, etc. For the most part, these "little things" were not even noticed by most of the members in attendance. But they were certainly noticed by me...and they bothered me.

Over the next few days, I pondered the importance of ritual and protocol in our lodge and Freemasonry in general. I personally knew the importance of it having read much on the subject of our craft. I know how important ritual is to our fraternity. Yet, I am not sure how important it is to most lodge members and how much it means to the fraternity moving forward.

Ritual and lodge protocol are basically the same. When most speak of lodge ritual they are speaking of the degree work. But lodge protocol is ritualistic. It is a way of doing things repetitively in the proper manner. Saluting the Master before speaking or addressing the brethren, saluting the Junior Warden before retiring from a lodge on refreshment, referring to another member by his proper title are all ritualistic practices. These practices are frowned upon if done incorrectly; the same way bad ritual is frowned upon.

"The way it has always been done" is a common phrase in Freemasonry when referring to ritual and lodge practices. Our Ritual spans centuries reaching back to the middle ages in some cases. But Google the phrase "The way it has always been done" and you will get a ninety-nine percent return of site extolling its unacceptability as a practice. Corporations and industry are always looking for a new way of doing things and different concepts. My company is always searching for new ideas and preaching to think outside of the box. That is why they are always looking to hire young talent right out of college. New ideas, different ways of doing things, and breaking with tradition means a lot to money-making enterprises. Capture the imagination of the masses and rake in the dollars. Ritual has no place in modern day commerce.

These ideas have infiltrated society. The youth of today are not satisfied with the "same ole, same ole". They are constantly searching for new and exciting things. My kids easily bore with everyday and mundane things. Ritual is losing its foothold on modern society. But we as Freemasons have discovered the importance of ritual. When we perform ritual we get a sensation we do not find anywhere else. It is truly a unique thing.

Ritual is evident in some other aspects of our lives - Sunday dinners with the family, religious services, and holiday traditions all serve as ritual we hold dear to our hearts. For Masons our lodge rituals and protocols add to these and fulfill our lives in ways others cannot realize.

Brenda Knight wrote in her book "Rituals For Life": "Ritual processes regulate our lives, individually and as groups. Anthropologists, psychologists, and other students of the human race have shown that ritual has existed since the dawn of humanity and has always played an important role in culture. Scholars of the psyche, including Freud, who eloquently addressed the role of ritual, speak of the power of ritual and how it brings people together physically and emotionally. Ritual creates "communities" from which spring a sense of unity, harmony, and belonging. Rituals are outside of time. In ritual, we are in a moment when we can shed the normal conventions of behavior.

Ritual is work, play, song, dance, and an embrace of the spirit. Ritual is change and forward movement, an affirmation of life.

Ritual is a set of symbolic acts that represent a higher state of being. It is a raised consciousness and the glue that binds people together. It is time spent with the sacred, elevating us above our workaday duties to a holy place within and without. Rituals are freedom, the power of love, and the joy of release through participation. From Haiti to India to the Vatican, ritual is a vital part of people's lives. The benefits of ritual are many: aesthetic, moral, personal, and communal. Being conscious of the power of ritual offers many benefits on an individual level, for groups and communities, and even globally... In troubled times, ritual can heal hearts and restore peace and harmony."

The above statement is no surprise to the enlightened Mason. You feel it after you have performed flawless degree work. Lodge officers gather after a Master Mason Degree and talk into the late hours of the evening about how great everything went. The new member boasts about how well the team did and how great it was to be a part of such wonderful work.

Albert Mackey stated in his "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Volume III": "The most striking fact about men who do Freemasonic things is that from the beginning until now and everywhere, they have always been doing a certain kind of work. They themselves have always known that this work is of very great importance, and they therefore have always done it with all extra-ordinary dignity and almost with solemnity - they have always been, as we say, ceremonious about it. They also have always found their work inexhaustibly interesting in itself, something which has called out every sort of ability or talent or strength they have had in them, and something in which the interest has been of many kinds, physical, mental, the interests of art, etc. and that their work has never been a mere treadmill of routine, and in consequence they themselves have never been mindless drudges but have grown and become enlarged by doing their work."

The ritual of our lodge also gives us ties to our past and gives a feel of antiquity. We read the Ancient Charges and understand that great men three hundred years ago collaborated on these amazing precepts. Following the steps that greats such as Washington and Franklin walked and speaking essentially the same ritual elevates us to their level. Knowing that thousands of worthy men came the same way we came, ties us into an exclusive society and gives us a feeling of "super-community". All of these raise our consciousness to a level non-Masons will never understand.

The ritual of Freemasonry extends from the degree work to the protocol to the way we conduct ourselves in the lodge room. In the outside world, we have the freedom to do and act almost any way we want (within the law) but, within the lodge room, we are expected to hold ourselves to a different standard. It is imperative that we maintain the stature and dignity of the ritual and protocols handed down to us for generations. It is what makes us different. It is what makes us Masons.

Next time you are in lodge, watch closely and see how many times you detect shoddy ritual or lack of attention to protocol. Mistakes are allowable and expected, but, if the mistakes seem to be caused by lack of attention or laziness, then there is a problem. If you detect problems, speak to your Worshipful Master. Do so with a smile and an explanation of why it is important to do things "the way they have always been done". Freemasonry is not stuck in the past by sticking to age old rituals and precepts. It is elevating its members to new heights.

Allowing the ritual and protocol of the lodge room to slip or degrade in any way lessens the uniqueness of what we have. Without our pristine ritual and rigid protocol we are just another men's social club like the Elks or Moose, and we do not want that.



# Kilties Assist in 2<sup>nd</sup> District Master Mason Degree

Masons in Action

By Bro. Cory Sigler, Editor

Friday March 16, 2012

The Second Masonic District came together in a show of Brotherly assistance by conducting a Master Mason Degree with candidates from four different Lodges and the Masonic Kilties.

Under the guidance of DDGM Douglas Dampman and by special dispensation granted by Grand Master William L. Morris, Jr. seven candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The degree was hosted by Wyckoff Lodge No. 287; visiting Lodges were Hawthorne Fortitude No. 200, Silencia Lodge No. 168, and Mountain View Lodge No. 154.

W.B Roy Simpadian (Mt. View) conducted the first half of the degree with brilliant ritual work. After brief refreshment was called The Masonic Kilties of NJ were presented to the Lodge. Coming in with bagpipes playing a traditional Scottish song, authentic Scottish Kilts and flags from the United States and Scotland waving, it was a sight to behold.

R.W. Gene Margroff (Wyckoff) conducted the second half of the degree for the Kilties. As Brother Gene is also the Ritual Instructor for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District it comes to no surprise that the ritual was as near perfect as you'll ever hear.

The Candidates had a night they will not soon forget. To have the Kilties come to your Lodge and conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> half go to their official website and click on "Visitation schedule".



*Pictured L-R: Jeremy Brower (Mt View), Scott Pinnex, Rimando Cajes (Silencia), Michael Nargiso, Glenn Pagano (Hawthorne Fortitude), Matthew Rodney Post, Andrew Kunish, Jr. (Wyckoff)*

## Who are the Masonic Kilties?

*Taken from masonickilties.org*

"The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey are a Masonic degree team which specializes in conferring the Third, or Master Mason Degree, in full Scottish Highland dress. Within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, we confer the Second Section only, as the host Lodge confers the First Section. Out-of-state, we are required to confer (or exemplify) the entire Degree, according to the standard ritual of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Take a look at our website to find out how to contact, join or become a part of the Masonic Kilties of NJ."

*Over 70 Masonic pl ungers raised \$18k for NJ special ol ympics in seaside heights, nj. 6,000 pl ungers participated raising \$1.4 mil lion. that's great for a dip in the ocean in february. Pl unge with hiram next year!*



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## Finally a Mason....

Masons in Action

By Bro. Brian L. Zimmerman

As a young impressionable man of just 19 years of age, Freemasonry was most likely not even a thought. The country was still feeling the effects of the Great Depression, Germany was advancing, and World War II was approaching. So, on April 25<sup>th</sup> 1938, Frederick Charles Winkler enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard. Rising through the ranks, his military career would span some 41 years, receiving various medals of commendation, culminating with the promotion to the high rank of Colonel on April, 1<sup>st</sup> 1969. Although the years along the way represent many proud accomplishments, and memories, Col. Winkler, without hesitation will reminisce about his proudest moment, that of meeting his wife, Helen, while stationed in Weisbaden, Germany in 1945. Because of military policy, Colonel Winkler had to take a train to headquarters in Berlin to request special permission to marry the love of his life. Permission granted! Upon returning to the United States in 1948, they would raise their family in Smithville, New Jersey. If you ever have an opportunity to visit Colonel Winkler's Room, he will affectionately show you pictures displayed of his son, Frederick, and daughter, Barbara, along with other photos, art, and even a miniature scale model of the cannon he was so well acquainted with throughout his career. One memory in particular, was just recently placed on the wall, his Masonic Certificate.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Central Lodge #44, of Vincentown NJ, and The Most Worshipful Grand Master, William L. Morris Jr., R.W. Glenn R. Trautmann, DGM., R.W. David A. Dorworth, SGW., Gerald J. Sharp, JGW, R.W. Mark E. Carl., DDGM, and myself, proudly raised Brother Frederick Charles Winkler to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The event, taking place in Grow Hall of the Masonic Home in Burlington, New Jersey, was well attended with over 150 brothers, including many brethren of who are residents of the Masonic home, Grand Staff, several Past Grand Masters, and an overwhelming abundance of Masons from the 19<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. To be declared a Master Mason on site is something that is rarely

seen or done, and is only granted after special consideration, deliberation, and by authority of The Grand Master of New Jersey. It truly is an honor only bestowed upon the few. Since that evening, I have had the opportunity to spend some time with Brother Winkler, and of course curiosity prevailed, so I asked him, after all these years, what finally prompted you to become a Master Mason. Brother Winkler quickly replied, "It is because of my friends". One evening while eating dinner with Brother Leonard Rudnicki, Brother Paul Fleischer, and Brother Robert Higgins, also residents of the home, the conversation was centering on Brother Winkler's honored and respected career. After all, who wouldn't be interested in hearing the stories of over 5 decades of military life and its accounts, especially that of a retired Colonel! What is intriguing is the fact that Brother Winkler was more interested in their history, and that of freemasonry. Seeing, and experiencing the love, the affection, and the quality of care that takes place in the Masonic Home, as well as the character of his 3 friends, Brother Winkler, at 93, was finally raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. As the Worshipful Master, and on behalf of Central Lodge #44, I would like to say "thank you", Brother Winkler, and welcome to our beloved fraternity.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District Sponsors Book Club

The Second Masonic District sponsored its first Book Club and Discussion group hosted by Fidelity Lodge No 113 in Ridgewood. Right Worshipful J. Doug Dampman, DDGM and members from throughout the district including visitors from New York met to discuss "[Laudable Pursuit: A twenty first century response to Dwight Smith](#)" by The Knights of the North.

After introductions were made and each member present spoke briefly about why they knocked at the West Gate, a round table discussion was held revealing different interpretations and meanings. The paper discusses the status-quo and challenges individual lodges and members to

be an ambassador for the change that Freemasonry needs to evolve during these trying times of declining membership and busy family schedules.

The next meeting of The Second Masonic District Book Club and Discussion Group will be held on **Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** to discuss the Anderson Constitutions at 6:30 PM at the Masonic Hall, 99 South Maple Avenue, Ridgewood NJ.

Please RSVP to [2MdBookClub@gmail.com](mailto:2MdBookClub@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending. Festive Board Dinner \$10pp, Dinner is optional. Casual Attire, All Masons Welcome.

<http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/history/anderson/1734.pdf>

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# Masonic High Twelve Clubs of New Jersey



Masons in Action

*By Bro. Joe Keresztury, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
NJ Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs.*

The year is 1946, and a group of Master Masons looked for a way to increase their fellowship within the fraternity, beyond their individual Lodges. That search resulted in High Twelve in New Jersey, and a new vehicle for friendship was born! The Nelson Craig Club in Cherry Hill was chartered as the first High Twelve Club in NJ. 66 Years later, that club still enjoys a large and vibrant membership, and still draws over 80% of their members to every meeting.

High Twelve International was formed in 1921 and enjoys a membership of more than 9,000 members in 250 Clubs around the world! We are called "High Twelve" because we usually meet for lunch at noon, when, traditionally, Masons are called from labor to refreshment, to spend an hour together, once or twice a month, in fellowship and friendship while taking a break from the days' activities. High Twelve International's clubs combine fellowship with helping others, particularly young adults and youth. The club's two philanthropic objectives are youth and education, strongly supporting the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters and the Wolcott Foundation that was established to provide scholarships for Masters' Degree students at George Washington University who seek public service careers in government. Only Master Masons can be members of High Twelve, but many clubs invite guests and our Ladies to our luncheons and meetings. High Twelve International is Masonry in Action in the community where each Club holds its meetings and in the State where the several clubs are banded together in common purpose.

The New Jersey Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs brings together the clubs in NJ who share a common interest, and to promote Masonry and Masonic Fellowship in our communities. The State Association was formed in 1947. High Twelvians in New Jersey adhere strictly to Masonic Law of the New Jersey jurisdiction, and membership of every member is based on Masonic affiliation. Your State Officers travel the state to share membership and meeting ideas with all of our

clubs. The greatest part of being a state officer is attending the individual clubs and joining in the fellowship and friendship of the clubs members.

The same way Lodges in New Jersey are the heart and soul of our Grand Lodge, the individual High Twelve Clubs represent the heart and soul of our organization. Clubs meet once or twice a month, year around, at noon. Meetings consist of lunch, very little business meeting time, no ritual other than grace and the recital of the pledge of allegiance, and an hour of either social time, or sharing an informal occasion with a speaker. We always enjoy entertainment and fellowship, over lunch, in our Masonic framework. As a group we provide an incentive for our members to attend individual Mother Lodges and other area Lodges as we expand our chain of friendship throughout our Masonic Districts and our communities.



There are five High Twelve Clubs in New Jersey: in Cherry Hill, Union County, West Orange, Freehold, and Burlington. Call our State President, Jake Isler ([jpi32de@aol.com](mailto:jpi32de@aol.com)) at 609-587-8736 or our State Secretary, Ed Adamek ([njhi12sec@aol.com](mailto:njhi12sec@aol.com)) at 732-431-8091 for more information, to find a local High Twelve Club, to start a local club, and to get involved and to have some great Masonic Fun with your Brothers!

Members of Asbury Jordan Lodge #142 F & A. M. visited the home of RW Christian Mogensen, PGC, PDRI on the evening of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 where they presented him and RW John D. Post, PGC, PDRI plaques that provided a proclamation that the Lodge, on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, decided to donate money to the Masonic Charity Foundation to initiate a scholarship fund which will honor both the RW Brothers for their time and charity to the Lodge, the 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District and to Freemasonry in the Great State of New Jersey. The donation was made by the members of the Lodge as they believe the best way to honor these two exceptional brothers is to partake in the noblest endeavor of charity. In addition to RW Mogensen and RW Post, those present were WM Adam Reich, PM, RW Richard 'Dick' Mekenian, PGC, WB Marc Ippolito, PM, Bro. Christopher Henn, Bro. Michael Aulisio, WB Hal Van Enoch, PM, RW Philip Scrudato, PGC and RW John Tsettos, PGC.

## Honoring our Brothers





## Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 Recognizes Community Leader

*The George Washington Award for human development. Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 seeks out and recognizes the best of its community's masonic ideals.*

Now in its sixth year, The George Washington Award for Human Development is presented annually in March by the Trenton-Cyrus Lodge #5 of Free and Accepted Masons, in Pennington, NJ. The award honors those exceptional individuals in our midst who, like our brother George Washington, have quietly overcome adversity or obstacles of various kinds, to improve their lives and, in the process, have improved the lives of their neighbors and their community at large. It celebrates movement from selfish concentration on one's personal identity toward selfless altruism.

Deriving its title from Worshipful Brother Washington's own personal struggles and philosophical development as a human being, the award this year was given to **Mrs. Stacey Halvorsen**.

This award cannot be given to a Brother Mason. Having the benefit, honor, and privilege of a Masonic education, it is our institution's hope and expectation that we conduct ourselves as such before God and man. Our winners, though never having the advantage of Masonic enlightenment, still arrived at their honored accomplishments through their own process of personal growth and development.

Through this award we aim to exemplify how, in a world filled with innumerable acts of self-centeredness, equally as many selfless acts of kindness exist daily all around us, each one lending a balance to the kind of life we seek to create in our communities.

This year's winner, Mrs. Stacey Halvorsen, received her award in our annual lodge ceremony on March 18, 2012.

She is a physical therapist who founded a non-profit group, **Walking Tall Charities**, after treating an uninsured amputee who was a former marathon runner.

Stacey discovered that helping her patient deal with the physical loss of a leg, meant not just rehabilitation of the body, but also of the mind and soul. She helped her patient deal with the actual loss of an extremity, the dismal state of prostheses procurement for the uninsured, and also the loss of personal self-worth that comes with such a traumatic deprivation.

She established Walking Tall Charities ([www.walkingtallcharities.org](http://www.walkingtallcharities.org)), a non-profit organization helping the disadvantaged obtain quality working prosthetics. To date, her charitable efforts in her organization have raised over \$125,000 to assist needy amputees.

The George Washington Award for Human Development honors such exceptional individuals in our midst. Those who have quietly overcome personal hardship to improve their lives and, in the process, also improved the lives of their neighbors and their communities.

As Masons, we study and practice the tenets of our institution in our desire to be good human beings... better men... smother ashlar. The wonderful people honored with this award have never studied our Craft. Their inherent goodness and their honored lives, as they strive to make our community and our world at-large a better place to live, represent a wellspring of inspiration to Masons everywhere.



*Pictured L-R: Brother Morris G. Fabian, RW Jack K. Smith, Jr., DRI, Brother Jose Acuna, 2012 GW Award Honoree Stacey Halvorsen, Worshipful Brother Ricardo J. Fernandez, R.W. David A. Dorworth, Senior Grand Warden*

## "Mini-Lodge" Presented at ATT Lodge #77

A "Mini-Lodge" or diorama of a Masonic Lodge Room was presented to the DDGM Andrew Freda by the Officers of ATT Lodge. The replica was hand built by a Brother who used it to mentor newly raised Masons who were unable to attend the Lodge for rehearsals. He would meet with them with the Mini-Lodge to explain the layout, the officer's positions and furniture about the lodge. He would also use it to exemplify floor work. The Mini-Lodge is now on display at ATT Lodge in their Library for the enjoyment of all!



*Pictured L-R: WM David I. Steiner, DDGM Andrew G. Freda, PGC, Clive S. Pearce*



# Brethren Receive Prestigious Award

Masons in Action

By Bro. Dave Glattly, Deputy for NJ, AASR  
Clifton Lodge #203

I'm very pleased to list the awards announced at the Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation (annual state meeting) held on Saturday March, 24 2012.

The **Meritorious Service Award:** (*The MSA is presented to Scottish Rite members for distinguished service to the Rite*)

## Valley of Northern NJ

Paul M. Ferreira (Euclid #136)  
Charles S. Jackson, Jr. (Lafayette #27)  
Edward "Big Eddie" Kozlowski (Lafayette #27)  
Mohamad A. Yatim (Atlas Pythagoras #10)

## Valley of Central Jersey

Richard F LaBaw (Mt. Moriah #28)  
Mark E. Megee (Hightstown Apollo #41)  
Henry W. Wierzbicki (Brandon Lodge #114, Florida)

## Valley of Southern NJ

Paul R. Schmeck (Rising Sun #15)  
James M. Corbett (Equity #591, Philadelphia)

## Lifetime Achievement Awards:

### Northern

Clarence E. Brunner (Atlas Pythagoras #10)

### Central

George S. Martin, PGM (Gothic-Fraternal #270)

### Southern

Herbert F Baker (Merchantville #119)

## Family of Freemasonry Award:

### Northern

Mrs. Mary Aviles

### Central

Mrs. Joan Carslake

### Southern

Mrs. Cookie Robins

All these awards will be presented at each Valley's respective Awards Night in the coming months.

We congratulate these dedicated members of the Craft and Ladies who support our Masonic Family!

By Bro. Steven Wendowski, PM, Genesis #88

Members of Phoenix Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay, receive Proclamation from Pompton Lakes Mayor Kathleen Cole recognizing March 2012 at the 93<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the organization. Proudly sponsored by the Second Masonic District, meeting at Pompton Lakes Masonic Hall home of Genesis Lodge No.88.

For more info visit <http://www.njdemolay.org/>

*Pictured L-R: Rich Hagedorn, Chris Wendowski, Tyler Jon Dies, Deep Dheri, Master Councilor (President) Chuck Richardson and Mayor Cole*



# Genesis Lodge #88 Hosts Soccer Party

A soccer pizza party was hosted by Genesis Lodge No. 88 for teen players and coach.

The team was major division league champs in Pompton Lakes Riverdale Soccer Association [www.plrsa.org](http://www.plrsa.org)

Each was presented with a Certificate of Participation from Genesis Lodge. Additionally, Coach Barrett was present with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Lodge for his community service to the youth.



*Group photo with Coach Colin Barrett on left and W.B. Steven Wendowski, PM, Lodge Community Programs Coordinator*



# The Traveling Gavel Lands in Nutley

Worshipful Master Jerry Lukowiak and Brother Domenick Abbate of Nutley Lodge #25 received the National Traveling Gavel from Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22 in Alexandria, Virginia on Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> during a brief ceremony. This gavel has traveled the country, promoting visitation among Brothers. Pictured are the officers of Nutley #25.



## What is the "Traveling Gavel program"?

The National Traveling Gavel Program was implemented with the sole purpose of promoting Nationwide Masonic fellowship. With this in mind, the gavel has its own unique rules of travel. Having the gavel in your lodge is a great honor, as well as a huge responsibility. If your lodge has the gavel, it becomes your responsibility to try to get it into another state. Officers of the lodge are encouraged to carry the gavel out of state and present it to another lodge.

## Gavel Rules:

- 1.) The secretary of the lodge that receives the gavel as well as the secretary of the lodge that accepts the gavel must each notify the National Traveling Gavel program of its current location. This allows us to document the current location on our web site, as well as issue your numbered National Traveling Gavel certificate.
- 2.) An out of state visiting brother Trumps all others.  
Ex: your lodge has 10 members visiting from the next county, and 1 visitor from out of state. The gavel must be presented to the brother from out of state. Members of White House #700 can claim the gavel over all others.
- 3.) Officers are allowed to present the gavel to out of state lodges. Ex: if you are an officer of your lodge, going on vacation and plan on attending an out of state lodge take the gavel to present to the lodge. (With 2 weeks' notice we will gladly send you the numbered National Traveling Gavel certificate to present with the gavel.)
- 4.) In state travel:
  - A.) the gavel can be taken by any lodge visiting with 3 stationed officers. The exception being sub section B
  - B.) On a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, the gavel may be taken by the brother's most senior Masonic visiting family member.
  - C.) in the event of a tie the Worshipful Master must flip a coin.
- 5.) Tell every mason you know. When your lodge gets the gavel, tell everyone invite brethren to your lodge. After all this is why the program was started.

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# Masonic Profile: One Brother's Unique Abilities



Masons in Action

*By Bro. Jason A. Vigorito*

In the early 1950's a baby boy was born to Walter and Lottie of Newark, NJ. The boy had a rough time in school, the teachers always commented on his seemingly endless daydreaming during classes. His grades suffered but he always managed to pass from one grade to the next.

During his sixth grade open house, his art teacher told the boy's parents that their son was different then the other students, seeing and feeling things in a different light. His parents just shook their heads and walked away, but...they should have listened.

As the boy got older, he found he had the ability to see events clearly that happened well before he was born. For example, looking out his class window he would watch workers building a row of houses across the street - during the 1920s - or see and hear a Model T Ford passing by his house...only to watch it dissolve a block away. In time, the growing boy's visions expanded to seeing those who recently died, many times returning to their homes for awhile. To avoid ridicule from those around him, these visions were his secret: a secret he kept to himself for decades.

As the boy grew into a man, his paranormal abilities also grew in strength. His abilities began making daily living his own private hell. He would eventually seek consultation from a parapsychologist - Dr. Joanne D.S. McMahon - who worked at the Parapsychology Foundation in New York. She helped him finally come out of his secret hidden world. He doesn't hide these abilities any longer, using them to help those in need: finding missing items or missing people, assisting law enforcement, relaying messages from those who died to those still living, etc. etc. He has been referred

to as a psychic, clairvoyant, and a medium, in the prestigious Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits. His abilities are continuously mentioned in various books, journals, newspapers, and magazines. Over the years he has been tested by professors from UCLA and the University of Maryland, representatives from the United States Government, and even the Smithsonian in Washington. He is considered one of the country's best psychics.

He has never charged for his help or accepted donations or gifts. He makes his living as a forensic photographer and videographer. His paranormal work is something he does "on the side." His kindness for helping those who can best benefit by his special skills are in keeping with the oaths he took when he became a Freemason five years ago at Adoniram Lodge #80, of F.&A.M., in Lyndhurst, NJ, and the Northern Valley of the Scottish Rites. This Distinguished White Apron brother's name is Karl Petry. Karl's presentations of the cases he's investigated are often held at his lodge, and his audiences' numbers keep growing and growing. To see his talk is a night you'll never forget.

Visit <http://karlpetry.com> for more info on Brother Karl.



## Caesarea Lodge #64 Honors Distinguished Local Educators

*By Bro. Gilbert W. Maymon, PGC*

Caesarea Masonic Lodge No. 64 in Keyport recently honored Ms. Kathleen Dougherty, a teacher at Holmdel High School, Holmdel, NJ as the 2012 Local Educator of the Year. The award was part of the NJ Grand Lodge Teacher of the Year Program. Honorable Mention was also awarded to Mr. Phillip Recco of Keyport High School as this year's "runner up". They were invited to visit Caesarea Lodge on Monday, March 5, 2012, presented with their awards by R. W. Gilbert W. Maymon, PGC, Chairman of the Lodge program and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, W. B. Welton F. Assis. Ms. Dougherty's name was subsequently chosen as the honoree of the 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, and the State Educator of the Year for 2012. She was presented with her award at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in Atlantic City in April 2012.



*Pictured L-R: R. W. Gilbert W. Maymon, PGC, W.M. Ms. Kathleen Dougherty, Mr. Phillip Recco and Worshipful Master Welton F. Assis*



# Fraternal Snapshot

## Newly Raised Brethren January - March 2012

Name	Lodge	Lodge #	Raised
Dana N. Baird	Atlantic	221	2/21/12
Nicholas B. DiDolce	Atlas Pythagoras	010	1/20/12
Joseph Duvall	Atlas Pythagoras	010	1/20/12
Jean Germain	Atlas Pythagoras	010	1/20/12
Sonny C. Heyder	Atlas Pythagoras	010	1/20/12
Ben S. Perlin	Atlas Pythagoras	010	2/3/12
James L. Candelora	Audubon Parkside	218	3/23/12
Gary E. Hastings	Audubon Parkside	218	3/23/12
Jordan B. Barnett	Burlington	032	3/27/12
David A. Blue	Burlington	032	3/27/12
Rewal S. Thind	Burlington	032	3/27/12
Shamus G. Williams	Burlington	032	3/27/12
Frederick C. Winkler	Central	044	2/27/12
Daniel J. Aiello	Clarksboro	087	1/16/12
Harold Richmond	Clarksboro	087	1/16/12
Timothy J. Ristow	Gothic-Fraternal	270	1/16/12
Michael T. Nargiso	Hawthorne Fortitude	200	3/16/12
Glenn A. Pagano	Hawthorne Fortitude	200	3/16/12
William Duffy	Hightstown Apollo	041	1/13/12
Scott Hemingway	Hightstown Apollo	041	1/13/12
Daniel E. Motola	Hightstown Apollo	041	1/13/12
Paul Zeszotarski	Hightstown Apollo	041	1/13/12
Joseph T. Fisher	Laurel	237	2/3/12
Richard Genzlinger, Jr.	Laurel	237	2/3/12
James W. Gicker	Laurel	237	3/31/12
Scott M. Lorimer	Laurel	237	2/3/12

Name	Lodge	Lodge #	Raised
Jeffrey S. Slimm, Jr.	Laurel	237	2/3/12
Richard T. Dion	Lessing-Passaic	067	2/23/12
Steven Ruben Marin	Lessing-Passaic	067	3/20/12
Stephen Ackerman	Livingston	011	3/21/12
Manuel R. Armental	Livingston	011	3/21/12
John M. Festa	Livingston	011	3/21/12
Brandon W. McCune	Livingston	011	3/21/12
Orlando J. Mustica	Livingston	011	3/21/12
Jesse C. Romahn	Livingston	011	3/21/12
Timothy M. Luko	Mantua	095	3/15/12
Jonathan Cioffi	Mariners	150	3/26/12
Richard M. DeFazio, Jr.	Mariners	150	3/26/12
Stephen R. Paciello	Mariners	150	3/26/12
Daniel S. Paone	Mariners	150	3/26/12
Jason A. Friedman	Milltown	294	1/10/12
Shawn M. Holland	Milltown	294	3/20/12
John Sardis	Milltown	294	3/20/12
Jeremy Brower	Mountain View	154	3/16/12
Kevin W. Croft	Mozart	121	1/17/12
Steve M. Krafick	Mozart	121	1/17/12
Alexander W. Ly	Mozart	121	1/17/12
John Patrick Minot	Mozart	121	1/17/12
Henry J. Wolfinger	Mozart	121	1/17/12
Don B. DeLaPena	Musconetcong	042	2/24/12
Gary R. Gaertner	Musconetcong	042	2/24/12
James R. Lappegaard	Musconetcong	042	2/24/12
Adam J. Parnau	Musconetcong	042	2/24/12
Shawn M. Snyder	Musconetcong	042	2/24/12
Alan N. Odle	Philo	243	1/10/12
John J. Robustellini	Philo	243	1/10/12

Name	Lodge	Lodge #	Raised
Matthew M. Schumacher	Philo	243	1/10/12
Charles Joseph Spicuzzo	Philo	243	1/10/12
John P. Conte	Princeton	038	3/26/12
Barry C. Holsten	Princeton	038	3/26/12
Erik J. Mickelsen	Princeton	038	3/26/12
Anthony Edward Zappile	Princeton	038	3/26/12
Franklin S. Houston	Rising Sun	015	3/31/12
Donald L. Keppen	Rising Sun	015	3/31/12
Christos D. Prentzas	Rising Sun	015	3/31/12
Rimando Cajés	Silentia	168	3/16/12
Scott A. Pinnix	Silentia	168	3/16/12
David DeJesus	Sunrise	288	2/15/12
John G. Koratzanis	Sunrise	288	2/15/12
Joseph Golino	Theodore Roosevelt	219	2/27/12
Gregg C. Clerico	Trinity	079	2/21/12
Julio G. Ruiz	Trinity	079	2/21/12
Gordon G. Andrews	Unity	096	2/21/12
Kevin P. Crossan	USS New Jersey	062	3/31/12
Lance A. McCarty	USS New Jersey	062	3/31/12
Gary Sklar	USS New Jersey	062	3/31/12
Ryan M. Holcombe	Warren	013	2/17/12
James D. Masten	Warren	013	2/17/12
Leo S. McNally	Warren	013	2/17/12
Cory C. Quigley	Warren	013	2/17/12
Ricky E. Shattuck	Warren	013	2/17/12
Andrew Kunish	Wyckoff	287	3/16/12
Matthew R. Post	Wyckoff	287	3/16/12
Steven H. Nguyen			3/23/12

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Name	Lodge	Lodge #
Clinton J. Johnson	Sunrise	288
John R. David	Central	44
Eugene A. Abbate	Clifton	203
Andrew Exarchos	Clifton	203
Richard Gillman	Livingston	11
Ralph G. Scannelli	Livingston	11
Richard T. Scannelli	Livingston	11
Allen L. Lewis	Mansfield	36
Ernest J. Laios	Mosaic	194
Melvin J. Palicia	Mountain View	154
Lester Carlsen	Palestine	111
Roy E. Aber	Kittatinny	164
Donald A. Scott, Sr.	Acacia	20
Dorson D. Benson	Blairstown	165
Lewis K. Thorn, Jr.	Mercer	50
Richard Samer	Lafayette	27
Archie H. Gifford	Ocean	89
Robert O. Krampetz	Mariners	150
Charles D. McNear, Jr.	Musconetcong	42
Aubrey V. Adkins, Sr.	Navesink	9
Daniel Borstad	Samaritan	98
Alexander A. Laurie	Cincinnati	3
Harold H. Wilmerton	Beverly Riverside	107
Charles D. Visscher	Cincinnati	3
Frederick Feld	Genesis	88
Robert H. Corby	Jerusalem	26
Jene F. Hendershot	Jerusalem	26
John H. Buschman	Essex	7
Fred Gresovic	Genesis	88
Harry Brown	Justice	285
David Leavy	Justice	285
Russell N. Jones	Livingston	11

Name	Lodge	Lodge #
Edward L. Fayer	Rising Sun	15
Jack Kwitchoff	Mosaic	194
Glenwood R. Bath	Samaritan	98
Richard D. Fausch	Covenant	161
John B. Mumie	Laurel	237
Arthur W. Weber, Jr.	Durand	179
Arthur A. Arntz	Colonial	24
Malcolm Lines	Colonial	24
Thomas R. Mayer	Jerusalem	26
Willard H. Noble	Burlington	32
Robert McLellan	Mosaic	194
Paul Williams	AzureMasada	22
Dale Van Osten, Jr.	Penns Grove-Excelsior	54
Henry D. Girdwood	Copetstone Ophir	108
Herman S. Loper	Clarksboro	87
Louis J. Zucca	Cannon	104
Robert W. Ostrander	Secaucus Hudson	72
Earl R. Greve	Mosaic	194
Edward S. Hughes	Ocean	89
James L. Thompson	Ocean	89
Lawrence F. Ditzel	AzureMasada	22
Nicholas J. Bertha	Acacia	20
James Hebditch	Jerusalem	26
Kenneth W. Cashin	Laurel	237
Donald J. Kincaid	Audubon Parkside	218
Basil Krenitsky	Essex	7
Robert D. Rowand, Sr.	Laurel	237
Walter Stanchak	Mountain View	154
William H. Brown	Adoniram	80
Russell W. Brong	AzureMasada	22
Richard C. Glessman	Lessing Passaic	67
Roger Navratil	Lessing Passaic	67
William T. Taylor	Darcy	37
Robert N. Sempier, Jr.	Genesis	88
James B. Knouff	Collingswood Cloud	101
Richard B. Schlenger	Clifton	203

Name	Lodge	Lodge #
Stephen L. Saltz	Livingston	11
Benjamin I. Berk	Mozart	121
Charles W. Foulke, Jr.	Merchantville	119
David C. Lynn	Merchantville	119
Christian L. Maisch	Merchantville	119
Frederick S. Heymann	Livingston	11
Kerry T. Meichsner	Mansfield	36
Ralph E. Storm	Mansfield	36
Robert K. Robbins	Shekinah	58
Sherman R. Taylor	Shekinah	58
Harry Verwerides	Princeton	38
Gilbert F. Bosies	Hiram T. Dewey	226
Ira Zarett	Lessing Passaic	67
Scott C. Newcomer	Keystone	153
Walter G. Bittner	Gothic Fraternal	270
Theodore B. Harwick	Phillipsburg	52
James D. Hutchison	Phillipsburg	52
Samuel G. Blackman	Keystone	153
Reginald C. Miller	Highland Park	240
Peter A. MacDonald	Mountain View	154
Warren N. Visbeck	Mountain View	154
Harry A. Hall, III	Mercer	50
Robert K. Dane	Philo	243
John K. Mordas	Philo	243
Jerome B. Marks	Essex	7
Cyril M. Berkowitz	Covenant	161
Norman C. Saylor	USS New Jersey	62
Ronald C. Powell	Atlantic	221
James S. Parker	Cape Island	30
William J. Hibbits	Copetstone Ophir	108
Raymond M. Kauffman, Jr.	Gothic Fraternal	270
William I. Schmoll	Keystone	153
William I. Lynch	Mount Holly	14
Raymond A. Fausak	Secaucus Hudson	72
Byron L. DeLong	Phillipsburg	52
Joseph E. Maddock	Phillipsburg	52



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Name	Lodge	Lodge #
Walter N. Overland	Raritan Valley	46
William E. Wescott	Raritan Valley	46
Michael E. Crane	Trinity	79
Laurence R. Gulick	Trinity	79
Evan H. Prosser	Trinity	79
Sterling A. Martin	Clarksboro	87
Carl L. Sulzberger, Jr.	Livingston	11
Charles H. McIlwain, Jr.	Madison	93
Adolph A. Vautier	Rising Sun	15
Cyril H. Osgood	Adoniram	80
Klaus A. Schuessler	Musconetcong	42
Michael Bak, Jr.	Sextant	286
Robert M. Mortensen	St. Johns	1
Alexander E. Sinilnikoff	Monmouth	172
William Russell	Trenton Cyrus	5

Name	Lodge	Lodge #
Elmer B. Young	Trenton Cyrus	5
Douglas L. Weaver	Cincinnati	3
Samuel J. Kitchen	Cape Island	30
Robert C. Louer, Jr.	Clifton	203
Joseph F. Martino, Jr.	Essex	7
Jack B. Armstrong	Mosaic	194
Richard Case	Darcy	37
Donald L. Schwartz	Acacia	20
Edward C. Johnson	Adoniram	80
Hannan M. Epstein	Trenton Cyrus	5
Harold E. Musselman	Mansfield	36
Allan H. Pierson	Laurel	237
Robert W. Lee, Sr.	Alpha	116
Eldred H. Ladd	Navesink	9
Eugene F. Ladd	Cape Island	30
Charles W. Grod	William F. Burk	230
Richard Zerweck, Jr.	William F. Burk	230
William C. Jones	Clarksboro	87
Paul Tilton	Clarksboro	87

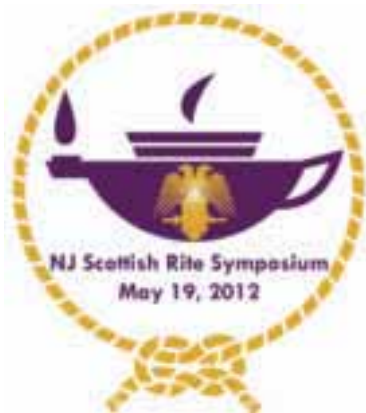
Name	Lodge	Lodge #
HeinzStreich	Mosaic	194
John S. Newman	Navesink	9
James Kudrick	Matawan	192
Walter Straga	Pitman	197
Albert J. Czerwinski	Sextant	286
Robert G. Zoll, Sr.	Maple Shade-Moorestown	281
Harry D. Lewis	Medford	178
Charles Todd, Sr.	Rising Sun	15
William J. Clouser	Audubon Parkside	218
Hugh H. Gibson, III	Merchantville	119
Philip E. Rosenow	Navesink	9
Joseph P. Franzwa, Jr.	Shekinah	58
Jay W. Mathis	Shekinah	58
Murray Richman	Lessing Passaic	67
Nicholas Kilburger, Jr.	Pitman	197
W. Douglas Ensor	Wyckoff	287
Glenn A. Stickle, Sr.	Silentia	168

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Name	Lodge	Lodge #	Deceased
Duncan Grant	Alpine Tilden-Tenakill	077	2/10/2012
Walter J. Maulick	Atlas Pythagoras	010	2/29/2012
Leonard A. Westman	Audubon Parkside	218	1/29/2012
George W. Dawson	AzureMasada	022	2/12/2012
Joseph Groder	AzureMasada	022	1/8/2012
Irwin Waldman	AzureMasada	022	3/15/2012
Lenarth T. Sandberg	Blairstown	165	1/23/2012
Anthony F. Kalogera	Blue Stone-Mystic Tie-Malta Doric	035	1/28/2012
Arthur F. Sanders	Burlington	032	2/8/2012
William H. Spencer, Jr.	Burlington	032	3/24/2012
John B. Watts	Burlington	032	1/23/2012
Blucher R. Scarborough	Cape Island	030	2/11/2012
William W. Leap, II	Collingswood-Cloud	101	1/28/2012
Donald A. Pollock	Copetone-Ophir	108	2/19/2012
Herman C. Siemer	Copetone-Ophir	108	3/13/2012
Herbert W. Huhn	Durand	179	1/13/2012
Delbert VanDerHoof	Eclipse	259	1/22/2012
Martin H. Hackett	Elmer	160	2/28/2012
Kenneth E. Eatenbuhler	Enterprise	031	2/17/2012
Allan J. Lyon	Essex	007	1/7/2012
Arthur H. Schwacke, Sr.	Euclid	136	1/31/2012
Joseph Miller	Fidelity	113	2/3/2012
Frederick A. Winkler	Florence	087	3/24/2012
Walter H. Luedke	Genesis	088	1/19/2012
Wallace S. Cox	Gothic-Fraternal	270	1/17/2012
Allen G. Carr, Sr.	Haddonfield - Cherry Hill	015	1/22/2012
Peter C. DeCuzzi	Haddonfield - Cherry Hill	015	1/4/2012
Parker G. Griffith	Haddonfield - Cherry Hill	015	1/28/2012
John M. Schreier	Haddonfield - Cherry Hill	015	2/6/2012
Vincent R. Tieto	Harmony	018	1/19/2012
Joseph Tanis	Hawthorne Fortitude	200	2/15/2012
Guy Allan Coombs, Sr.	Hereford	177	2/26/2012
Carl L. Hudson	Hereford	177	2/14/2012
John W. Orr, Jr.	Hightstown Apollo	041	3/1/2012
Stanley Mykytko	Hiram	017	1/22/2012
Edward P. Nicolay	Hiram	017	2/26/2012
Edward J. Jupin	Hiram T. Dewey	226	2/19/2012

Name	Lodge	Lodge #	Deceased
Peter Lanka	Host	006	2/4/2012
Louis Dickinson	Independence	042	2/8/2012
Thomas J. Habbart	LaFayette	027	1/31/2012
Louis W. Bradley	Laurel	237	2/24/2012
Charles F. Yost	Laurel	237	1/6/2012
Paul J. Lopez	Lessing-Passaic	067	3/27/2012
Richard T. Meyers	Lessing-Passaic	067	1/22/2012
Edmund M. Kleiner	Little Falls	263	2/1/2012
Joseph J. Jonas	Livingston	011	1/1/2012
Kenneth S. O'Neill	Livingston	011	1/21/2012
Theodore Yecies	Livingston	011	1/27/2012
Nelson C. Edwards	Loyalty	033	2/9/2012
Donald C. Griesel	Loyalty	033	1/7/2012
Samuel Kernaghan	Loyalty	033	1/30/2012
Alfred Korn	Loyalty	033	2/7/2012
Voy Q. Risinger	Loyalty	033	2/25/2012
Donald A. Yetter	Loyalty	033	1/18/2012
John A. Yohannan	Loyalty	033	2/11/2012
Robert G. Swain	Madison	093	3/24/2012
Danny L. Newman	Mantua	095	2/24/2012
Raymond C. Bendel, Jr.	Maple Shade-Moorestown	281	3/18/2012
Lawrence W. Mervine	Maple Shade-Moorestown	281	1/4/2012
Richard L. Nelson	Mariners	150	3/29/2012
William P. MacGlaughlin	Medford	178	3/6/2012
Robert B. Britton	Mercer	050	1/6/2012
William J. Munder	Mercer	050	2/20/2012
William M. Baker	Merchantville	119	2/4/2012
Ralph I. Birch	Milltown	294	2/13/2012
Raymond J. Woody, Sr.	Milltown	294	3/19/2012
Eugene Jenoff	Mizpah Haddon Hts	191	1/5/2012
Martin J. Silver	Mizpah Haddon Hts	191	2/27/2012
William Fass	Mosaic	194	1/18/2012
Robert M. Selbach	Mosaic	194	1/31/2012
Herbert J. Gill	Mount Moriah	028	3/14/2012
Herman Wissell	Mountain View	154	2/14/2012
Keith J. Pavulak	Mozart	121	2/12/2012
Albert A. Seyther	Mozart	121	1/23/2012
Allen C. Mabee, Jr.	Musconetcong	151	1/12/2012
Donald E. Luker, Jr.	Navesink	009	3/14/2012
Charles Froehlich, Jr.	Olive Branch	016	1/12/2012
Harry V. Holmes	Olive Branch	016	1/12/2012
Harry W. Read	Olive Branch	016	2/8/2012
Robert H. Schimmel	Olive Branch	016	2/19/2012
Burnham L. Hobbs, Jr.	Palestine	111	2/16/2012
Clyde F. White	Palestine	111	1/17/2012

Name	Lodge	Lodge #	Deceased
William J. Schweigart	Paulsboro-Swedesboro	157	1/20/2012
B. L. Davidson, Sr.	Pemberton	199	1/1/2012
Robert W. Miller	Pemberton	199	1/16/2012
Roy S. McGregor, Jr.	Peninsula	099	3/1/2012
Samuel E. Essler, Jr.	Penns Grove-Excelsior	054	1/15/2012
William F. Jaeger	Penns Grove-Excelsior	054	2/4/2012
Charles M. Miller, Jr.	Penns Grove-Excelsior	054	3/27/2012
Joseph H. Owens	Penns Grove-Excelsior	054	3/4/2012
Eugene Williams, Sr.	Penns Grove-Excelsior	054	1/29/2012
Kenneth L. Harstine	Phillipsburg	052	2/1/2012
William P. Riegel	Phillipsburg	052	2/24/2012
C. Eugene Hildabrant	Philo	243	1/7/2012
Edwin H. Selover	Philo	243	2/3/2012
Salvatore Anzalone	Pioneer	070	2/7/2012
Walter K. Hesse	Raritan Valley	046	2/26/2012
Frank T. Kolbek, Jr.	Raritan Valley	046	1/15/2012
Werner Jastrow	Saint John's	001	1/22/2012
Frederick D. MacDonald	Saint Stephen's	063	3/6/2012
Lawrence H. Pask	Secaucus Hudson	072	1/22/2012
Philip J. Tomasso	Secaucus Hudson	072	3/8/2012
Vernon F. Clark	Shekinah	058	1/16/2012
Ralph H. Weeks	Shekinah	058	3/19/2012
Roger W. Hecht	Silentia	168	1/16/2012
Paul E. Nagel	Silentia	168	2/5/2012
Carl C. Sterling	Sunrise	288	1/15/2012
Robert E. Griggs	Trenton Cyrus	005	2/26/2012
William K. Power, Sr.	Trenton Cyrus	005	3/5/2012
William J. Schoener	Trenton Cyrus	005	3/13/2012
Frederick R. Wyckoff	Trenton Cyrus	005	1/11/2012
Charles A. Smith, Jr.	Union	019	1/23/2012
Platte M. Trevito	USS New Jersey	062	3/1/2012
Wilbert E. Widell	USS New Jersey	062	1/29/2012
Chauncey G. Naylor	Warren	013	3/18/2012
John W. King	Williamstown	166	2/3/2012
Petrus J. Molenkamp	Williamstown	166	2/18/2012
John Hrina	Wyckoff	287	1/25/2012



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## **Ill. Robert G. Davis, 33°**

Educated as an economist, Bob Davis' occupation was in city planning and city management. He currently serves as the administrator and the Executive Secretary at Guthrie Scottish Rite Foundation in Oklahoma. He also owns a professional writing company. Ill. Davis is very well known in the apartments of the temple especially for his enlightening research and lectures. He is involved in various Masonic appendant bodies and was recently elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America. Ill. Brother Davis is the author of the book "Understanding Manhood in America: Freemasonry's Enduring Path to the Mature Masculine."

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## business spotlight



## Living life with Care and Dignity.

By Glori Gayster

The end of life should be lived with as much comfort and joy as each day before. It is a time when the pain from a serious illness is replaced with feelings of love from family and caregivers. Hospice neither hastens nor postpones death. It is about enhancing the time people share together. Serving Burlington, Camden and Mercer counties, Acacia Hospice, formerly known as Masonic Hospice, is a not-for-profit organization operating under the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey.

"Patients and their families as well as physicians, choose Acacia Hospice for many reasons and the key word is choice, placing the decisions in the hands of patients and family," says community liaison, Kristen Lorenz. "We see our services as a gift of physical, emotional and spiritual support with comfort and dignity."

## Knowing the facts

What is hospice? It's a philosophy of palliative care for the management of symptoms associated with a patient's diagnosed medical condition. The care is provided intermittently and as needed wherever the patient resides, including one's home, assisted living facility, long-term care center or hospital. Acacia Hospice provides a multi-specialty team of doctors, registered nurses, certified home health aides and social workers, who take part in all aspects of a patient's care. They also offer the services of chaplains, volunteers, dieticians and alternative treatment options.

"We try to emphasize that receiving hospice care does not mean giving up hope," says Lorenz. "We change the focus to one of making the most of life. The goal is to reclaim the spirit of life through pain management and control of symptoms, so families can remember special times and create even more of them."

According to Lorenz, only a small number of Americans eligible for hospice care coverage take advantage of the benefit – 27 percent to be exact. Of those receiving hospice care, the average length of time is

only 9.6 days. Such care is 100 percent covered by Medicare Part A, Medicaid, Veterans Administration benefits and most insurance companies based upon a patient's diagnosis and life expectancy. While most often utilized for those with six months or less to live, there are times when it is available for longer.

"It's truly remarkable that so few utilize one of the best entitlements we are afforded," she adds. "At Acacia Hospice, we share these facts, knowing that without the burden of financial costs, a patient and their family can focus on comfort and quality of life."

## Understanding the Acacia difference

One of the premier services available at Acacia Hospice is the **Bridge Program** – designed to assist seriously ill patients and families who are not yet eligible or ready for hospice benefits. "How many times do people say, 'I'll cross that bridge when I come to it'?" asks Lorenz. "We educate and support patients and families facing life limiting illnesses on end-of-life care and options."

Lorenz goes on to say that their **Bridge Program** is a way to answer questions in advance and provide community resources so that patients and families can make informed decisions. Often, stress and emotional upset hinders the decision-making process. This is such a critical time that having insight and knowledge in advance is invaluable. She adds, "There is no cost for this service and no obligation to use Acacia Hospice if hospice care is needed. It's all about giving those involved the information, resources and support to make the best possible decisions."

"It is with a grateful heart that we extend to [Acacia Hospice] our deepest gratitude for the loving care that you afforded our beloved Aunt. We are equally grateful for the 'loving arms of hospice' that were wrapped around our family in our hours of need ... You brought a sense of hope and calmness to our otherwise



anxious family as we lived more than 1,500 miles away," shares M.W. from Austin, Texas. "Our Aunt left this world with the dignity and grace that she deserved, in part because of your team's respect and care."

Acacia Hospice also offers informational speaking programs throughout the community, meeting with senior communities, service groups, churches and other organizations who may benefit from this knowledge. We also are able to organize "**Health Fairs**" for Senior Retirement Communities and all other venues who may wish to participate.

"**VOLUNTEERS** are an invaluable and essential part of the hospice team. We welcome all who may want to join our team in either an administrative or patient support position" states Pat Concannon, Director of Volunteers.

Another core service provided by Acacia is **RESPITE CARE** to support caregivers' health and well being. "This is an extremely emotional time for everyone involved and caregiver stress can interfere with a loved one's care," Lorenz explains. "During this brief period of rest and recovery, patients continue to receive visits from the Acacia Hospice team." Respite care can take place in one of the private rooms at the Masonic Home, or another long term care community of their choosing.

"It takes a very special person to do the job [Acacia Hospice] and your caregivers do every day," says Marlton resident, J.M. "We would like you to know we think you have an incredible group of 'Angels'. We know first hand how very special they are and we thank every single one of them from the bottom of our hearts."

Acacia Hospice formerly Masonic Hospice is located at 902 Jacksonville Road in Burlington. Call (609) 589-4444 for more information or visit [AcaciaHospice.org](http://AcaciaHospice.org)

## Masonic Hospice Name Change

Masonic Hospice is in our 5<sup>th</sup> year of providing hospice services to the communities of Burlington, Camden and Mercer Counties. We are pleased to inform you that after much discussion we have decided that to alleviate the confusion in the community that Masonic Hospice is only open to Masons; we are changing the name of Masonic Hospice to Acacia Hospice.

As Acacia Hospice we will continue to service those in their own homes, nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the above mentioned counties. We are proud to say that since our beginning we have incorporated the "We Honor Veterans" program and our "BRIDGE" program into the services we provide to the community at large.



Everything about Masonic Hospice other than our name will remain the same. We will still provide to you, our patients and families, the excellent hospice care and support of our nurses, social workers, chaplains, home health aides and volunteers

you have come to expect. All our contact information will remain the same, so call upon us anytime we can be of service.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Joe Franken, Administrator  
Acacia Hospice

## Your Gifts for the Residents of the Masonic Home Work Wonders

A visit to the Masonic Home of New Jersey will truly show the many ways your charitable gifts help elderly Masons, their loved ones, and their families. Your donations provide our elderly brothers and sisters with respect and dignity, and support the superb health care which recognizes the unique personalities and special needs of each resident. On behalf of our Masonic Home residents, trustees, volunteers and staff, we all extend a heartfelt thanks to our donors for your generous support.

Due to the continued sluggish economy, the past several months have been difficult in many ways. Our Masonic Home has not been exempt from these difficulties, which have put our staff and resources to the test. In addressing these challenges, your support has made the difference. During the recently completed 2011-2012 Grand Master's Appeal, a total of \$394,585 has been donated from members and friends in support of our Masonic Home residents.

When you give to the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey, you carry on one of the **noblest traditions in Masonry: to aid and assist those in need**. Our Masonic forefathers would be proud to know just how far their Home has come during the 114 years since they established it. Much of the credit for this success goes to you, our donors. Thank you for your concern and generosity.

Thank you!



# S. Jersey Veteran, 85, Receives POW Medal



Masonic Home

## *Alan Hayden spent "64 days in hell" in France.*

*By Geoff Mulvihill, Associated Press  
First published in the Philadelphia Inquirer,  
November 2011*

A Burlington Township resident received the federal Prisoner of War Medal on Monday - more than 66 years after he was captured during a World War II battle in Europe.

He became a POW on the night before he turned 19. The medals were created in 1995, and in the years after that, veterans from World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars started applying to receive them.

But Alan Hayden, a salesman who spent his career peddling hats, then cameras, and who was never involved in POW groups, did not learn about the award until the last few years.

On Monday, the 85-year-old Hayden, who is arthritic, rose from the scooter he uses to get around to receive the medal from U.S. Rep. Christopher Smith, a New Jersey Republican, in the Masonic Home in Burlington Township.

Smith called Hayden's time in captivity in the Alsace-Lorraine region in present-day France "64 days in hell." His office helped speed up the process to get the medal and said that military records corroborated his story.

Hayden graduated from Passaic High School in 1944 and enlisted. In January 1945, the private was fighting in France and Germany.

On Feb. 22, he was one of several U.S. soldiers taken prisoner.

They were marched, along with captured soldiers from England, Canada, Australia, and India, to several stalags, or prisoner-of-war camps. He recalled being served only weak potato soup and subsisting with the help of food from occasional visits by the Canadian Red Cross and by trading valuables to villagers for food. He swapped his watch.

One surviving artifact from that time was a telegram sent to his mother back in Paterson in April announcing that he was missing in action.



Throughout the ordeal, he said Monday, he was confident he would survive.

"We knew that one of these days, we were going to be freed by the Americans," he said.

By the end of April, German forces abandoned the prisoners outside Munich. They were found by U.S. troops April 27.

He returned to New Jersey in June and was discharged from the Army in December. He married, settled back in his hometown, had three children, and worked as a salesman until 1992 - a few years after his wife died.

He moved six years ago to the Masonic Home, where one of his claims to fame is crafting wooden gavels for Masonic leaders.

"After all this is over," he said, looking forward to an afternoon nap, "I'm going to sleep good."



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## Grand Master's 2012 Calendar

<b>MAY</b>	1	GLI 5 <sup>th</sup> District	15-17	Eastern Star Convention
	3-5	Amaranth Convention	16	Masonic Charity Foundation Board Meeting/Deputy School
	6-8	Grand Lodge of New York	17	GLI 12 <sup>th</sup> District
	8	Acacia Lumberton Board Mtg	23	Reception 1 <sup>st</sup> District
	8	GLI 23 <sup>rd</sup> District	24	District Meeting 21 <sup>st</sup> District
	10-13	Tell Cedars of Lebanon - Wildwood Crest	26	Memorial Day Parade Morris Plains
	10	Knight Masons	30	Sons of Liberty Lodge Table Lodge
	12	AASR Reunion - Bordentown	31	GLI 4 <sup>th</sup> District
<b>JUNE</b>	2-3	Masonic Wheelchair Track and Field	12	Reception 17 <sup>th</sup> District
	3	Justice Lodge Scholarship Dinner	13	District Meeting 12 <sup>th</sup> District
	4	5 <sup>th</sup> District Scholarship Dinner	14	GLI 18 <sup>th</sup> District
	5	Reception 24 <sup>th</sup> District	16	Officers' Training Seminar (Masters, Wardens, Deacons) - Burlington
	6	10 <sup>th</sup> District Scholarship Dinner	18	GLI 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
	7	GLI 17 <sup>th</sup> District	19	Reception 18 <sup>th</sup> District
	7	District Meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> District	20	Masonic Charity Foundation Board Meeting/ Deputy School
	8-10	DeMolay Convention - Wildwood	21	District Meeting 5 <sup>th</sup> District
	11	Grand Master's Golf Outing - Sea Oaks Country Club	24-7/1	Grand Master's Cruise to Bermuda
<b>JULY</b>	10	Grand Lodge Trustees Meeting	18	Grand Lodge Trustees Meeting/Deputy School
	13-15	Conference of Northeast GM's	28	AMD Gathering