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Letter from the Editor

Brethren,

We are pleased to bring you the Fall 2012 edition of The New Jersey Freemason Publication. There was much buzz surrounding the Summer 2012 issue so we know we are on the right track bringing you the information and educational materials you need to be a well-informed Mason. Our plan is to grow with each issue and expand the reporting to topics you'll be excited to read and talk about.

I am both relieved and ecstatic at the amount of submissions we received to be included in this issue. It was a great problem to have so many articles and Lodge events being sent to us that we ran out of room. The Brethren of this great state have once again proven how hungry they are for enlightenment.

The fall season looks like it will be keeping us busy. The 225th anniversary celebration is Saturday September 22nd in Trenton, the Statewide annual "Open House" this year is Saturday October 13th, and the Leadership Conference is October 26-28. These three examples are only a miniscule example of all that will be going on around the state. My question is will your Lodge be actively participating in these events? Are you helping to make New Jersey Freemasonry the best it can be? I have heard from many of you who have told me that you are not receiving the publication in the mail. We are addressing this problem internally to find out why this is happening. In the meantime, please visit the Grand Lodge website where it will be

loaded up for you to download at your convenience.

I end my message by saying that this is a publication for the Brethren. Write to us and let us know what you thought of the articles or stories you read inside. Do you have something you want to share? Send it over we will do our best to get it in.

Yours in the Craft,



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Grand Master's Message

Greetings Brother,

I hope you and your loved ones are enjoying the Fall months. I am so impressed with all the dispensation request I am receiving from Lodges that wish to continue their labors during

the months that are traditionally a little quieter. It seems that there are so many candidates working their way through the Degrees of Freemasonry, the Lodges of New Jersey don't want to sit idle for two months.

Your Grand Lodge has also been busy during the summer. After several months of studying the problems in France, I came to the decision that the time had come to withdraw recognition of the Grand Lodge National of France (Grande Loge Nationale Francaise). This decision was not made lightly and it is hoped that in the not too distant future the situation will be resolved and peace and Brotherly Love will prevail in France. Until that time, we will not interfere with, nor be a party to, their internal fights. This decision brought an unexpected response from the Grand Lodge of Washington D.C., in which their Grand Master accused New Jersey of causing chaos in France. It's a bit odd that he would single out New Jersey when most of Europe and many US Grand Lodges have either withdrawn or suspended recognition of France including Washington D.C.. I penned an appropriate response but decided that he was not worthy of that retort.

Northeast Conference of Grand Masters

I and members of the Elected Line represented New Jersey at the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters which was hosted by the Grand Lodge of New York. This was an opportunity to network with counterparts and discuss the pressing issues in Freemasonry today. Two of the main issues discussed were the situation in France and ongoing issues where a few jurisdictions have withdrawn recognition of the Shrine because Brothers who were suspended from Freemasonry were allowed to keep their membership in the Shrine.As a body comprised wholly of Freemasons and having membership in a Masonic Lodge as a prerequisite, they must abide by and uphold the Constitution, By-Laws, General Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction they meet. One, of the two Shrine jurisdictions, has amended their ways and are once again in the good graces of their Grand Lodge. Hopefully there will be an amicable solution in the other as well.

of the Mystic Shrine and the Islamic **Masonic Charity Foundation** Symbols contained therein. You may Subsequent to a National search, our Masonic Charity also consider the fact that a Jewish Foundation began a new chapter in its long and storied history Brother may wear his yarmulke or a when Cindy Shemansky was hired as the Administrator of Sikh Brother may wear his dastar. Other our Masonic Home. Cindy brings to the team a wealth of religions have their required articles knowledge. Many new programs and procedures are being which as Masons we respect and they may implemented by her, the management team and the Board wear without fear of offending another in >>



of Trustees to insure the long term viability of our Masonic Home. Your continued support of our Home is greatly appreciated and truly helps this mission.

225th Anniversary

In just about a month and a half we will be in Trenton celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The day will start with tours of the Grand Lodge Building, The 1793 Masonic Temple and the Trenton Barracks. In our Museum, which is located on the 2nd floor of the Grand Lodge Building, repairs have been made to the ceiling and new carpet is being installed as I type. In the next week or two, the display cabinets will be moved into the room and then our Library and Museum committee chaired by Right Worshipful Glenn Visscher will be populating the room with the Artifacts from our extensive collection. The Revolutionary War Barracks is not normally open on September weekends, but they have agreed to give tours for us. For those who are not aware the Barracks are directly across the street from the Grand Lodge Building. The days events with maps are contained in this issue to assist all attendees.

Grand Master's Pin

Each year a pin is designed by the Grand Master and sold throughout the State at a nominal fee The proceeds of the sale of the pins are used to fund charitable projects. I am quite surprised by some of the questions I've received regarding my pin and the symbolism contained within it. The design was inspired by a drawing my

Grandfather etched in 1930. He was a member of Bayonne Lodge and placed these

symbols, which are known worldwide to represent faith, hope and charity, in a picture he made for my Grandmother while they were still courting continents apart.

There are many symbols in Freemasonry that are known to have meanings outside of the Fraternity. Unfortunately, there are some who have taken offense to the cross in my pin and have stated so publicly. It seems that they have



forgotten that Freemasonry is a place where all Brothers from any monotheistic religion can meet in friendship and harmony without fear of persecution.

All you need to do is look at the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles



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the Lodge.

Like our craft Lodges, Grand Lodge has its fair share of symbolism one of the more notable is the jewel worn by the Grand Instructor which is the Star of David. We must always remember, Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated with symbols. Some of our symbols have multiple meanings. Like our Brethren of the past who were the freethinkers of their time let us not be

closed minded to the symbolism of today but rather embrace it and respect the views of all Brothers.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Glenn R. Trautmann Grand Master

Interview with the Grand Master

By Bro. Cory Sigler

1. Grand Master, In July you passed an edict that severed ties with the Grand Loge Nationale de Française (National Grand Lodge of France). Can you take us through the process in making this kind of tough decision?

The disharmony in France has been progressively worsening over the past few years. The dysfunctional situation is being played out in both the media and the courts. Prior to coming to the decision to withdraw recognition, I spoke with several of my counterparts throughout the Country and read many of their letters either suspending or withdrawing recognition. I studied the opinion of the Committee on information and Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and spoke with members thereof. I also met with representatives of the Grand Lodge National of France who guaranteed there would be an amicable solution to their problems no later than June. June passed and again there was no peace in sight. To have the Grand Lodge of New Jersey associated with a body that has brought so much shame to our beloved Fraternity is something I had to address.

2. I recently became friends with someone who thought they were in a "regular" Masonic Lodge but turns out they are in a clandestine Lodge. How can I get him brought into my Lodge? Does he have to take the degrees all over again?

Since he was raised in a Lodge we do not recognize, any Degrees he may have taken are likewise not recognized. He would need to renounce his membership in the clandestine Lodge, petition your Lodge and have the three Degrees of New Jersey Freemasonry conferred upon him.

3. Can you explain what the proper protocol is for a Prince Hall Mason to visit a NJ Blue Lodge?

Last year we met with our Prince Hall counterparts and revised the visitation regulations. Any member in good standing of either jurisdiction may visit any Lodge in the other jurisdiction by himself. You do not need to be invited nor do you have to notify the Lodge prior to your visit. The only restriction is that neither jurisdiction is allowed to visit the other during the conferral of the Master Mason Degree. I will

not get into the reasons for this in this article but I am sure in the not too distant future we will extend visitation on Master Mason Degrees as well.

4. Why has it taken so long for recognition to be worked out on both sides? What are the main obstacles that are holding this mutually beneficial relationship up?

Contrary to what some may think, the reason recognition took so long had nothing to do with racist issues. From our perspective, we were aware that there were at least 7 organizations claiming to be the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Once it was ascertained which was the correct Grand Lodge to recognize, regulations had to be worked out which were agreeable to both parties. To insure the long term independence of both Grand Lodges, it was decided that a Brother of one jurisdiction could not take a dual membership in a Lodge in the other jurisdiction. Neither can a Brother demit from his Lodge and join a Lodge in the other jurisdiction.

5. If someone was raised in a Military Lodge overseas what steps can we take to recognize this brother?

If the Military Lodge was warranted by a Grand Lodge we recognize, he is already recognized as a Brother Mason. If it is not from a recognized Grand Lodge, he would follow the steps outlined above for a Brother from a clandestine Lodge.

6. Does another Jurisdictions recognition play any part in how The Grand Lodge of New Jersey weighs a decision like what happened in France or any other country seeking to be recognized?

When making a decision of this magnitude, a Grand Master studies all available resources which would include the decisions made in other jurisdictions. When a Grand Lodge is seeking recognition usually they will be vetted by the Committee on information and Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. At the annual Conference this committee will report its findings to the entire body and more often than not, their recommendations are followed by the member jurisdictions.



As we watched the Olympics, we see the sacrifices that families, friends and loved ones have made for the athletes to be able to try to succeed.Are

we not all sacrificing something Occasionally issues arise that become a disruption. As for ourselves to be able to achieve greatness? Whether it is Masons we address and ultimately restore Peace and in body, mind, or spirit, the goals we reach for are achieved Harmony. Unlike any other organization, we are dutifully through some type of sacrifice. Our fraternity offers to make bound to our obligations. We stand apart from all others us better.We, as Masons, take on the responsibility of service. because of who we are and what we represent. How we We service our communities through events such as fund handle or resolve issues makes us able to get along despite raising, blood drives, visiting the sick and elderly, etc. differences. As issues arise it makes us ponder why we joined Many of us go through the officers' chairs with the hopes our Fraternity. Is the result worth the sacrifice?

of being placed in the Oriental Chair, a place of honor, all attained through hard work and sacrifice. It has often times been heard in our Lodges that family comes first and work next. Freemasonry follows and rightfully so. What we call family is our immediate family. We frequently thank them for their support, which allows us to serve our fraternity in many different ways. Our families continually strive to remain supportive, even when our pursuits separate us.

All of us can relate to the fact that our commitment to Masonry takes time away from family. I can vouch that without a supportive and loving wife, I would not be able to serve this Fraternity in my present position. I encourage you to include your families whenever possible in your



SQUARE & COMPASSES DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Brethren,

Square & Compasses Day 2012 is October 13, 2012. All Lodges will open for a public Open House from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lodges will also hold an open house for invited guests the same day from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Invited guests are friends, families, co-workers, neighbors etc that will be personally invited to attend a program at the lodge. Details on the program will follow shortly.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments but please start planning for this as soon as possible.

Some support documentation is available in the Awareness Committee group which I can forward upon request. A Power Point program for the open houses will be distributed soon.





Masonic journey. Whether sharing your experience with them through daily conversation or inviting them to receptions, banquets, picnics as well as other events. We are, as Masons, a family with a common bond. As with all families we strive for unity.

I urge that each of us take a moment and look again in our hearts and minds for that common thread that binds us together. Utilize our teachings to give us the strength to set aside our differences and strive for Friendship and Brotherhood. We have a lot to offer each other. My Brethren let it happen. Enjoy your Freemasonry.

Fraternally,

RW David A. Dorworth Deputy Grand Master

September To-Do List:

- □ Send out press releases to the local papers announcing your open houses
- Print fliers and distribute
- □ At your first September meeting, gather names & addresses from members for the second half of the open house (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.).

(This new "Renewal" program of formally inviting friends, neighbors, etc. for the second half program is an Order/Request of the MW Grand Master.)

Very Fraternally,

Roger Quintana Awareness Committee Chairman



Grand Secretary's Message

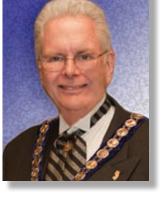
It has been about 3 months since I was elected your Grand Secretary and I have been asked to fill the readers of the Freemason in on what has taken place in the Grand Lodge Office since early April.

Currently we are working on completing the proceedings of the Grand Masters since 2007 when MW Douglas R. Policastro presided over his Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Currently the 2007 and 2008 proceedings have been mailed out to the New Jersey lodges and other jurisdictions in the United States. We are working on MW John M. Colligas' 2009 proceedings and they should be in the mail within a month. Then the concentration will be on the 2010 and 2011 proceedings.

The Constitution and By-Laws was published in 2010 before the Annual Communication, and needed to be updated. This was quite a task since the original document sent to the printer was lost. I have taken a copy of the document in a different format and converted it into a word processing document suitable for editing. Currently the document has been updated with the 2010 and 2011 changes approved by the membership at Grand Lodge Annual Communications. The only item left to tackle is changing the index and when that project is completed and we can publish the changed pages for distribution to the lodges. The new Constitution and By-Laws will also be available on the Grand Lodge Website for all members to review.

The Secretary's Manual has not been updated since 2002. I have revised this manual and it is currently being reviewed by the administrative staff in the Grand Lodge Office. Once this aide for the Lodge Secretaries is completed classes will be held for secretaries, reviewing the data included in the manual. I plan on holding the meetings around the state to allow secretaries easier traveling due to ever fluctuating fuel costs.

Many times new lodge secretaries are thrown into their new position with little or no training. This is very unfair to the secretary and the lodge they are supporting. I plan on having a number of training sessions during the late fall to assist the new secretaries who are coming onboard and those who ask for a little training.Also along with this plan, I will also be creating a Secretaries E-Group where Secretaries around the state can query the Grand Secretary, receive announcement, and find out information from their peers.



We are currently evaluating an internet based program for Lodges and the Grand Lodge to maintain membership records. We currently can have and have had situations were secretaries have quit their positions and not passed on valuable information to their successors. Secretaries have had computer failures and lost valuable information regarding their members. Or the worst, information maintained by the Grand Lodge and the Lodge are not in sync.All of these issues will be eliminated by the internet based system. The system being considered has been utilized for years by the Grand Lodges of New York, Massachusetts, and Wisconsin with great success. The program's license fee is based on membership and we will work on having the cost paid for by the Grand Lodge and Charity Foundation, with little or no cost to the constituent lodges.

I am currently spending two days a week in the Grand Lodge Office learning my new position, and keeping very busy as your Grand Secretary. As little issues arrive we are quickly resolving them and I appreciate the support and understanding of the membership while I continue my learning process.

Before I close I would like to thank Brian, Ginger and Bernadette in the Grand Lodge Office for their understanding and support since taking office.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

MW William L. Morris, Jr., PGM, Grand Secretary



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SUMMONS

To All Brothers Living within the Jurisdiction of New Jersey,

You are hereby summoned to be present for the Gala Celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Date:	Saturday, September 22, 2012
Time:	2:15pm

Place: 205 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey

We will march in procession from 205 West State Street in Trenton to the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple where the ceremonies will take place. The procession route is less than a half mile and is flat. If you cannot walk this distance, the Grand Lodge Trolley will be there for you or you may go directly to the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple which is located at 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

Following the ceremonies there will be a Cocktail Hour and Banquet in the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple. This is not mandatory nor is it part of this summons. If you would like to attend this, please make a reservation (\$50.00 per person) through the Grand Lodge Office by calling 609-239-3950.



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So Ordered,

Glenn R. Trautmann



Parking for 225th Anniversary Gala Celebration

There are several parking lots available for your convenience while attending the 225th Anniversary.

Dinner and Handicapped Parking

Parking for those attending the dinner and those with a handicapped placard will be in Parking Lot A. This is the lot behind the War Memorial. You must have a dinner ticket or a handicapped placard to enter this lot. Busses will be leaving this lot every few minutes between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to take you to the Church. If you do not have a ticket for the Church, buses will be running from Parking Lot A to the start of the procession and the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple between 1:00 pm and 2:15 pm.

Church Parking

If you made a reservation to attend the Church Service, and are not staying for dinner, use Parking Lot F. For those needing transportation, vans will be provided to transport you to the Church. After the Church service, buses will take the Brethren to the start of the procession and the ladies to

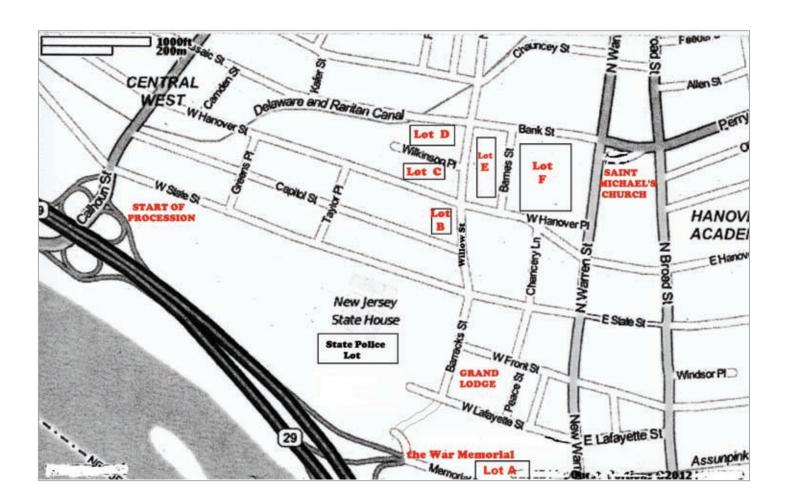
the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple. There will be chairs ready for the ladies as they arrive. The Church service will begin at 1:00 pm so plan on arriving at the parking Lot F no later than 12:30 pm.

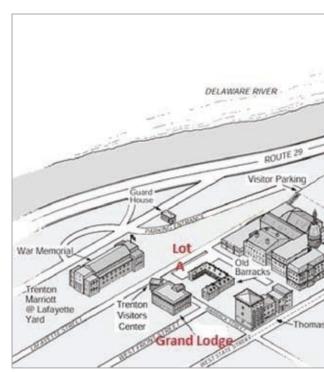
Procession and Ceremonies Parking

Parking for those only attending the procession and Anniversary ceremonies in front of the Trenton Masonic Temple, please use Parking Lots B, C, D or E. There will be buses leaving from Parking Lot E every few minutes between 1:00 pm and 2:15 pm that will take the Brethren to the start of the procession and the ladies to the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple. There will be chairs ready for the ladies as they arrive.

Returning to Parking Lots

After the ceremonies, buses will be running every few minutes to return those who are not staying for dinner to their Parking Lot.





12:00	Opening of Grand Lodge
1:00	Church Service
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A.M.D. In-Gathering Well Attended



By Bro. Mobamad A. Yatim

The New Jersey Statewide Voorhis A.M.D. In-Gathering was hosted by Alexandria Council No. 478 at Madison Lodge No. 93 in Madison, NJ on Saturday July 28, 2012. Our guests of honor this year were M.W. Glenn R. Trautmann, Grand Master of Masons of the State of NJ, M.V. Joe R. Manning Jr. Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America and R.V.

Matthew D. Dupee, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of A.M.D.

Around 90 Allied Masonic Degrees members from NJ, PA, NY, VA, and DC gathered in Madison, NJ for a day full of enlightenment and fellowship. The day started early at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and registration, then Sovereign Master

Henry G.Abel opened Alexandria Council No. 478 and the Statewide AMD In-gathering at 9:30 a.m. S.M. Abel recognized all sitting and past Sovereign Masters, and the visiting brethren. I am very pleased to report that all 12 New Jersey A.M.D. Councils were represented at the in-gathering.V: Abel then presented the gavel to RVB. Mohamad A. Yatim, Grand Superintendent of New Jersey who received and recognized the representatives of appendant bodies, members of the Allied Masonic Degrees, who were present that morning. Afterwards, the S.G.M., MVB. Joe R. Manning Jr. was received officially into the

council along with the following Grand Council Officers:

- **R:.V:. Matthew Dupee** Deputy Grand Master of the GC of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.
- M:.V:. Thurman C. Pace Jr. Past Sovereign Grand Master M:.V:. Douglas L. Jordan Past Sovereign Grand Master

R:.V:. Paul Newhall Grand Marshal R:.V:. Charles S. Canning Grand Superintendent of PA

R:.V:. Paul M. Ferreira Past Grand Superintendent of NJ R:.V:. Charles Wagner Past Grand Superintendent of VA

Finally, RVB. Yatim received officially into the council M.W. Glenn R. Trautmann, Grand Master of Masons of the State of NJ who was accompanied by Past Grand Masters and sitting Grand Lodge Officers, who are also members of the Allied Masonic Degrees. M.W.Trautmann is a Past Sovereign Master of Harold V.B. Council No. 260.

The morning program included 3 very interesting presentations by:

Brother Frank Conway of J. Howard Haring Council No. 116, entitled "The Origin of Blue Lodge Protocol in the Medieval Construction Site"

Brother Michael A. Chaplin of Stuyvesant Council No. 525 on "Walking the Talk: Applied Masonic Exegesis"

Brother Michael S. Neuberger of Da Vinci Council No. 477 on "The Blazing Star"

The work was then called from labor to refreshment at noon time and the brethren enjoyed a delicious lunch together.

At 1:00 p.m., the council resumed its work with the members of Alexandria Council No. 478, the host council, exemplifying the Grand Tilers of Solomon in full costume and from memory. It is worth noting that these brethren have practiced this degree since January 2012 and the execution was flawless and highly appreciated by all the brethren who attended. The degree was followed by one final lecture by

> Bro. John Lawler of Alexandria Council No. 478 entitled "Solomon's Temple or Tammuz Av Elul".

M:.V:. Joe R. Manning Jr. and M.W. Glenn R.Trautmann then presented each of the brethren a Grand Tiler of Solomon lapel pin and a certificate of attendance. Certificates and gifts were then presented to the Grand Council officers and to members of Alexandria Council No. 478 by RVB. Mohamad Yatim and V:. Henry G.Abel. M:.V:. Manning, M:.W:. Trautmann, and R:.V:. Dupee were then all made honorary members of Alexandria Council No. 478.

After a few words from the floor and from our distinguished guests, Alexandria Council No. 478 and the NJ Statewide A.M.D. In-gathering was duly closed at 3:00 p.m. The final gavel rap was sounded jointly by M.W.Trautmann and M:.V:. Manning. The brethren then all retired to the collation room to cut the cakes and enjoy the various desserts and more fellowship.

Next year's New Jersey Statewide A.M.D. In-gathering has been scheduled for Saturday July 20, 2013. Our guest of honor will be RVB. Matthew D. Dupee, who if elected, will be serving as our Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master at that time.

Mohamad Yatim is the Grand Superintendent of New Jersey of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America.

6 Past Grand Masters Together at Euclid Lodge No. 136

Worshipful Master Gary Tiedens of Euclid Lodge No. 136 called for a celebration to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Past Grand Master Otto Gehrig, Jr of his election in 1972. A plaque was created for the event in his honor and presented on June 30th at the annual Euclid picnic.

Also at the picnic to help with the celebration were five additional Past Grand Masters: Mal Wernik ('74), Ken Larsen ('78), Ray Bellini, Sr. ('88), Ray Vanden Berghe, Sr. ('96), and John Colligas ('08). All five had fun reminding M.W.Gehrig that he is the oldest living Past Grand Master of New Jersey.



Grand Master Hosts Cruise to Bermuda

By Bro. Ronald A. Murad

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Glenn R. Trautmann and his lady Stacy, played host to more than 150 Brothers and guests who attended the Grand Master's annual trip - a week long cruise to Bermuda on board the Celebrity Summit. Departing June 24th from the port of Bayonne, NJ, the brethren and guests enjoyed a relaxing 2-day trip at sea before arriving in Kings Wharf, Bermuda.

While at sea, the brethren and guests took full advantage of getting into "vacation mode" in a totally relaxed atmosphere, complete with fine food, entertainment, socials around the martini bar, and of course, the camaraderie and brotherhood which can only come from our great fraternity.

While in port, the brethren and guests enjoyed all that Bermuda offers with trips to some of the most beautiful beaches and coral reefs anywhere, and taking in the sights

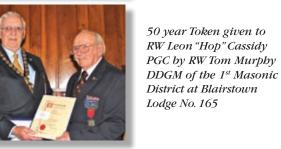


Gold Token Nights Celebrated



Thomas Lynch, 55 years in the Craft. He is a member of Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101, F.& A. M.





Lodge No. 16, a 55 year Gold Token was awarded to Mendel White, PM. WB White requested that DB Carey Carlisle pin bis 55 year token on him. RW Richard Holst, District Deputy Grand Master of the 17th Masonic District presented the token is looking on.







and sounds of the island's two main cities - Hamilton and St. George's.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to Hannibal Lodge No. 224 in St. George's on the east end of the island, on Wednesday evening, June 27th. With bus transportation arranged by Hannibal Lodge, about 45 brothers from New Jersey attended the meeting, where we had the pleasure of witnessing a new brother being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In addition, M.W. Trautmann presented M.W. Robert L. Miller (PGM 2003), who is a dual member of Hannibal Lodge, with his 50-year membership certificate and gold token. After the meeting, the hospitality continued as Hannibal Lodge hosted us with a delicious festive board.

Leaving Kings Wharf at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, we all enjoyed the last two evenings and day at sea, relaxing and enjoying each other's company, just as we had started at the beginning of the week.



Mansfield Lodge No. 36. Pictured L to R: RW Tom Murphy DDGM of the 1st District, Bro. Charles Almer, 55 Years, Bro. Robert Hoser, 65 Years, Bro. Ronald Stevens, 55 years.



May 2012, Presentation of 25 year pin to WB Magnotti of Nutley Lodge No. 25. Currently living in the Cedar Grove Nursing home.



June 1, 2012 at Covenant Lodge No. 161 in Palmyra, NJ. Pictured L to R: Frederick John Schlobohm, IR - 55 Years, RW Kenneth Herbert Luckenbach PGH - 65 Years, Cyril Marc Berkowitz - 50 Years RW Henry P. Fratz, our DRI (19th District), Graham A. Keough, WM (far right of photo)



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Highlighted by a Keynote Presentation and Sunday - this weekend would be well worth it if that was the reprise by author and speaker Cliff Porter from the only result. However there is much more - great food, jurisdiction of Colorado, our NJ brothers will be challenged brotherhood and a great Masonic environment will make to bring home new concepts and ideas to their home for a great time had by all. lodges that should impact them for year's to come. Our RW Roy Kowalski is the Co-Chairman responsible for home-grown talent of WB Mohamad Yatim; RW Edgar Coster; all the operational issues of the conference including WB Cory Sigler and RW Dieter Hees will provide key mate-Registration, Housing, food and Facilities - don't hesitate rial that will help to make every lodge run like a well-oiled to reach out to him at roykowalski13@verizon.net should machine. This year a new concept will be used to help make you have any specific questions about being able to the material become a living document - the conference attend the conference. RW Howie Dumhart is responsible participants will break into facilitated groups to more deeply for developing the education program and will also do a explore the material presented and create an action plan session while in Elizabethtown. to "bring it home". Those groups will be facilitated by NJ Look for a wrap-up of the weekend and more detailed brothers - WB Ric Fernandez is developing the Facilitator's information in the next NJ Freemason and to all those program and is in the process of training our facilitators,WB brothers that have been chosen to attend the weekend -David Blew, WB Jeffrey Hicks, WB Bill Morelli, WB Steven R. we promise a weekend that could very well be one of the Sharp Sr., WB Scott Simmins, RW Wayne Thomas, RW Glenn highlights of your Masonic career.AS OF THE WRITING OF Visscher, WB Roy A. Winter and RW G. Roger Woodman. The THIS ARTICLE THERE A FEW COVETED ROSTERS SPOTS hope is that this concentrated effort will ensure that not LEFT FOR DELEGATES - CONTACT RW KOWALSKI FOR only will brothers leave the conference with a tool bag full MORE INFORMATION.

Central Valley Certified to Confer Second Half of Master Mason Degree in Costume

The Central Valley AASR Master Mason Degree Team has been certified by the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee to confer the second half of the Master Mason Degree in full period Biblical costume. The Team's most recent conferral

was at Central Lodge No. 44 in Vincentown.

The Team consists of members from the Central Valley, which is comprised of the 38 lodges in the center of New Jersey. The cast includes three Past Grand Masters (MW Peppler, MW Wilson, and MW Policastro) and a host of talented Scottish Rite Masons who bring the drama of thelegend of Hiram into sharp focus. It is a singular experience for the brothers who are raised





of valuable ideas, but also have a plan to execute those new concepts within their home lodges.

RW William Anderson team of experienced operators will ensure that the Education Team has all the tools to make them successful while he provides a safe and warm living experience filled with a great menu for the weekend for all conference participants. If you have never been to the PA Youth Foundation facilities or seen the PA Masonic Home

by the Team. For information on having the Team confer the Degree, lodges should email the director, WB Rick LaBaw at rflabawjr@comcast.net, or the Central Valley at valleyofcentralnj@comcast.net.



By Bro. Matt Korang, Staff Writer

There are a few words in Masonry that cannot be found elsewhere. Cowan and cable-tow being two of them. Some words are so common to us, and yet, if you asked anyone outside the Lodge, they wouldn't know what you were talking about. The names of the two pillars in the porch of Solomon's Temple, for example. Only a Freemason and a learned bible scholar would know these two names. Some Masonic terms have become commonplace in our vernacular such as giving someone the "third degree".

There are also many words used in Freemasonry that have totally different meanings when not used in the context of the Lodge such as landmark and craft.As I sat at a recent table Lodge another word came to me - *fellowship*.

This word can be used in many contexts. You can receive a Fellowship from a University. If you're a member of an association, you could be named as a fellow, and thus, a member of a Fellowship. The members of a company or small group with a common end goal are known as Fellowship, such as Fellowship of the Ring, the Tolkien classic.

But in Freemasonry, fellowship takes on a special meaning That evening I sat and watched undertaker converse with laborer, lawyer with veteran, computer tech with prison guard.All had such varying backgrounds, likes and dislikes, pasts and presents.Yet, they were all sitting there, enjoying the fellowship that comes with being on the level with your fellow man.

In the context of this table Lodge and most Masonic Lodge settings, members sit and converse without the context of competition. No one is out to better the other or prove their worth over everybody else. We may exchange stories of our lives but never with the negative goal of bettering a Brother Mason's story. "One-upmanship" has no place in our fraternity. This is fellowship as accepted and expected by Masons.

In today's society, we are taught from the beginning that losing is the enemy. From our youth we are told that we need to be winners. Winners get the better jobs, cars, homes etc. If you do not win you are nothing. This thinking has led to a natural competition within our everyday lives that pits us against each other.

Freemasonry is structured to not allow competition among its members. By removing political and religious discussion within the Lodge, Masonry takes away two volatile subjects that would naturally lead to competitive/ combative discussion. The Worshipful Master is taught to stop any discussion he feels is getting too heated. Peace and harmony being the strength and support reminds us to not be combative or competitive with each other.

Even our election of officers has devolved into the least of competition. Most Lodges have a line of succession that is expected to move its way up to the East without interruption or challenge. The Grand Lodge, for the most part, is the same way; the most disputed office being that of Grand Junior Warden. Even competition for this esteemed position rarely sinks to the level of mudslinging. The gentlemen vying for the Grand South usually have the utmost respect for each other's position within the institution. That is not saying they like each other, only that they respect each other as Masons and try to win the election on their own merits instead of debasing the other publicly.

Competition has been weaned out of our organization. This is Freemasonry today.

I was reading an article on the Internet the other day entitled Marriage is for Losers. It was written by Dr. Kelly Flanagan a noted clinical psychologist specializing in relationships. I recommend you Google Dr. Kelly to view his very interesting web site.

Dr. Flanagan explained how there were three types of marriages. The first type is where the two spouses are constantly competing against each other to win. Be it arguments, the kids, money, food, whatever; both spouses are always right in every disagreement.

The second kind is one where one spouse dominates the other. One always wins every argument no matter what. These can sometimes be dangerous and abusive relationships.

The third kind of marriage, the one that he sees working the best, is where neither spouse wins. As quoted by Dr. Kelly Flanagan "The third kind of marriage is not perfect, not even close. But a decision has been made, and two people have decided to love each other to the limit, and to sacrifice the most important thing of all—themselves. In these marriages, losing becomes a way of life, a competition to see who can listen to, care for, serve, forgive, and accept the other the most. The marriage becomes a competition to see who can change in ways that are most bealing to the other, to see who can give of themselves in ways that most increase the dignity and strength of the other. These marriages form people who can be small and humble and merciful and loving and peaceful."

While reading this article, I thought of my marriage and saw a little bit of this. My wife and I have "healthy" competitions and arguments but when it comes to the important things we wholly support each other and remove competition from the equation. If arguments become too heated, one of us always backs down for the sake of the relationship. This has helped us stay together for over 20 years.

I then thought of Freemasonry and the Lodge environment. It seemed to me that a similar train of thought could be extended to Masonry. Our rules already dissuade competition and stress peace and harmony. In order for we as members to ensure this ideology, we need to be "losers". We need to accept that the person sitting next to us "wins". In order for our fellow member to get the most out of his Lodge experience, we have to make sure that if he voices an idea or opinion that we accept it as just that, his opinion, idea, feeling, desire, etc. without reproach.

We all bring our opinions and ideas to the Lodge.We all know the best direction for the Master to take, what that Brother next to us should do next, or how Lodge money should be spent. But we must accept that our position could

Happenings at West Hill

By Bro. Joe Rival, PGM

On July 31, 1799 a young family moved into their new home, a recently constructed 3 story brick house in Burlington, New Jersey. They were prosperous Quakers named Samuel and Susanna Emlen who were trying to escape the Yellow Fever Epidemic in Philadelphia. In 1814, Susanna made history by becoming one of the first women to survive breast cancer surgery in the United States.

About 50 years later, another woman resident of this house by the name of Eliza P. Gurney, would also make history by meeting with President Abraham Lincoln at the White House and subsequently

corresponding with him during the course of the Civil War. When he died as a result of being assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, her first letter to him was in his jacket pocket. Sound like an interesting story? These were two of the residents of West Hill, the impressive brick building on the grounds of the Masonic Charity Foundation campus and, until recently, was also known as the Grand Lodge



The Speculative Mason: Masonry is for Losers continued —

be wrong. What we know is best may not be what others think is best.

Even the Worshipful Master, who has the ultimate power in our craft (and thus the ultimate responsibility), should accept all the opinions of all the members of his Lodge. He must value all these opinions and then humbly make his decision. The Master who rules with an iron fist (or even a heavy hand) is usually frowned upon and his term in the East is usually forgotten quickly.

So we as Masons must be losers. Sounds strange, huh? Could you accept yourself as a loser? Freemasonry demands that





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Office. It sits next to Fellowship Center and has recently begun a renovation project to restore it, as much as possible, to its former glory, and to make it a functional part of the Foundation. Rumors that it was part of the Underground Railroad have not been able to be proven, nor have they been able to be disproven! It was initially thought that slaves had been kept there, but the Quakers, being anti-slavery in nature, this is very doubtful. One thing that seems to keep popping up is the ghost. That's right, I said "the ghost". Several people have borne witness to this phenomenon. Fortunately, it seems to be a "friendly" ghost.

The MCF is now in the process of creating a separate 501(c)(3) to be known as "Friends of West Hill". This organization will be responsible for raising the money to make necessary repairs, restorations and to maintain this

historic structure. Hopefully, it will soon be included on the National and State Historic Registers. Each upcoming issue of the Freemason will include an update of what is happening at "West Hill".



you have your opinion but that sometimes it will not be accepted. Sometimes another's opinion is the better choice. You lose.That's it. Can you accept that? If not you are not accepting the precepts of the fraternity and bettering yourself.

If you really think about it and take the oaths of the three degrees seriously, this should make sense to you. If you let your ego get in the way, this will be hard to accept. If you respect your Brother Masons, value their opinions, and put the Lodge before yourself, you are a loser and that is not bad! If we all became losers, we would be winners in the long run. For Freemasonry, that is a good thing.

The Creation of an American Tradition

Education

By Bro. Raymond C. Thorne, Staff Writer

In the history of unexpected consequences one of the strangest is how someone who wanted to make a few bucks exposing the Masonic ritual led to a series of events that ultimately resulted in an American tradition of how political parties nominate their presidential candidates.

In 1826 William Morgan, with his wife and two infant children arrived in Batavia, N.Y. In 1825 he had been exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Western Star Chapter, No. 33, in nearby LeRoy. When, where or even if he received his Blue Lodge degrees is a matter of speculation. But he attended meetings of Batavia Lodge, No. 433.

He apparently spent more time in taverns than anywhere else. When he did work it was as a stone or brick mason. He had a chronic inability to hold onto money and seemed to be in debt to a great many.

That summer notices appeared in the local paper that soon would be published a book authored by William Morgan exposing the rituals and lectures of Freemasonry.

Almost immediately Morgan started experiencing petty legal hassles. Back then in New York state it was legal to imprison debtors. On July 25 he was arrested for failing to pay a debt. Bailed out, Morgan was confined to Batavia until his hearing. But conditions were not pleasant for him there as some Masons (a vocal minority) were becoming openly hostile towards him. Mrs. Morgan and the children had to move to another part of town for their own safety.

In August Morgan was again arrested for debt and bailed out.A newspaper in Canandaigua, 50 miles away, editorialized against him. On September 11, 1826, the constable of Canandaigua, armed with an arrest warrant for theft and assisted by five others, all but one a Mason, arrested Morgan in Batavia and escorted him to Canandaigua, even though Morgan was still under court order to remain in Batavia.

The party arrived in Canandaigua that night and Morgan was at once tried and found not guilty. He was immediately arrested for failing to pay a previous debt to a Canandaigua tavern keeper. The following night three of those who brought Morgan to Canandaigua bailed him out and took him to the street. There was a carriage waiting and Morgan yelled "Murder!" He then entered the carriage without assistance and along with his escort left town. Depending on who did the telling, this was either a way of getting Morgan out of Batavia and away from those who could hurt him or it was part of a plot to kill him. Two days later Morgan arrived at recently abandoned Fort Niagara, where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario.

That night Morgan and party went to Canada, but certain Masons who were supposed to meet them never showed, so the group returned to Ft. Niagara. On the night of September 17, 1826 William Morgan disappeared.

Almost immediately antiMasonic meetings started popping up in Batavia and soon throughout western New York state. Many such meetings posted a reward for information on the whereabouts of Morgan. But most antiMasons knew the answer: the kidnappers–Masons–had bound Morgan, rowed him out to Lake Ontario, weighed him down and threw him overboard. More probable was that the Canadian Masons showed up and took Morgan north of the border.

AntiMasons were outraged that the murderers were not brought to justice and the reason for that, so they claimed, was that all the powerful officials were Masons. For example DeWitt Clinton, Governor of New York, was Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons.

The fire of antiMasonry was fanned in church pulpits, by traveling lecturers, an increasing number of antiMasonic conventions and by antiMasonic newspapers and other propaganda publications. Just about everyone involved in Morgan's abduction were arrested and tried. (A few fled the state.) Their trials kept the Morgan Affair in the public eye and even helped spread the anti-secret society message. Those found guilty were given sentences ranging from one to twenty-eight months.

But no one was tried for Morgan's murder. The fact that there was no proof of a murder was a detail lost on antiMasons. They just knew powerful Masons were protecting the guilty.

"Illustrations of Masonry," copyrighted under Morgan's name, went on sale in December, 1826. The original publisher sold very few copies. Despite its copyright, many printers reprinted it. It was basically a rehash of an earlier Masonic expose.

The AntiMasonic Party grew by leaps and bounds, populated by true believers, "seceded" (dimitted) Masons and political opportunists. Party members included William H. Seward, Thaddeus Stevens, Thurlow Weed and Millard Fillmore.

In 1828 party members were elected to the N.Y. state Senate and Assembly. But M.W Andrew Jackson, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, was elected President of the United States. The AntiMasonic Party grew stronger when it merged with the anti-Jackson movement. In the next few years Anti-Masonic Party candidates were elected to other state legislatures. In Vermont, the governor was an AntiMason and both houses were under the control of the AntiMasonic Party.

On September 26, 1831, the first political convention for the purpose of nominating a President and Vice President of the Unites States convened in Baltimore with one hundred sixteen delegates from 13 out of 24 states (including New Jersey). Party leaders felt their movement would gain credibility if they nominated a well-known figure not associated with the AntiMasonic Party.

There were several potential nominees for President going into the convention, but all declined. William Wirt, U.S.Attorney General for 11 years, finally accepted. Amos Ellmaker, former Pennsylvania state attorney general and party official, was nominated Vice President. In his formal letter of acceptance, Wirt admitted he was initiated a Mason and had nothing against the fraternity.

Opposing Wirt were Brother Henry Clay of the National Republican Party, who was actually a favorite of many

Building the Future from our Past

By Bro. Martin Bogardus

Taking items one step removed from the landfill and breathing new purpose into them is something I enjoy; so when my good friend Bro. Sal Corelli emailed me about some Masonic stadium seats in Woodbury, NJ, that were being put up for auction, I knew I wanted to preserve a part of their history by creating a two-seater bench with a marble table in-between. The stadium seats were from Florence Lodge No. 87, who had held their regular communications at 48 North Broad Street in Woodbury, NJ from 1926-2011 until merging with Paulsboro-Swedesboro Lodge No. 157 to become Clarksboro Lodge No. 87. Unable to bring these stadium seats with them to their new lodge, various items were put up for auction to raise money for the new facility.



These wooden seats were initially built and installed in 1926 when the new lodge building on Broad Street was completed. Heywood-Wakefield, a well-known manufacture of auditorium furnishings and other furniture, was the manufacturer. Designed for comfort during regular communications and other emergent meetings, the unique shape of these chairs came from being steam-bent. The wooden back-rests and seats were placed into a steaming box for approximately twenty minutes to an hour then pressed and heated using hydraulic presses to give the stadium seat its desired appearance.

My mother lodge, Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101, has
a special relationship with Florence Lodge No. 87. Benjamin
W. Cloud, originally from Camden Lodge No. 15, became its
first Worshipful Master. Later, Cloud Lodge No. 101, for whom
Cloud Lodge is named, would merge with CollingswoodTo see more examples of Bro. Bogardus' and other brothers'
Craft preservation efforts, login to Facebook and search for
Freemason Craftsmanship Club. It provides a forum for people
to meet, post, and discuss Masonicly themed projects. Bro. Martin
Bogardus is at labor in Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101.

The Creation of an American Tradition continued –

AntiMasons and seriously considered as a nominee for their party, and President Jackson of the Democratic Republican Party running for reelection. The National Republicans held a convention that December and the Jacksonians the following May. The political party has become a quadrennial American tradition.

Of the 286 electoral votes cast in 1832, Wirt received the seven Vermont votes. John Floyd of Virginia, not a candidate, received South Carolina's 11 votes. Clay received 49. Jackson received 219, a very clear majority.

The AntiMasonic Party collapsed almost faster than it rose. Its avowed hatred of Masonry had virtually vanished and with it its reason to exist. Infighting by party leaders prevented a political focus and eventually party officials drifted away and joined other parties.



Lodge No. 210, to become Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101 in 1994. Florence Lodge was named for the daughter of Worshipful Brother Cloud. Given the unique relationship between our lodges, I wanted to make something our own brothers' could appreciate and enjoy for years to come.

To make the new two-seater bench, I need two cast iron end seats, a left-handed end seat and a right-handed end seat. Picking the best parts I had available, I choose the best pieces and made two good wooden chairs with a white marble table top in the center. I added a second marble shelf below the first to make it look more like a piece of furniture and also mounted the seats on a piece of finished plywood so it could be moved around rather than just bolted to the floor. We hope all who come will find it a comfortable, convenient place to sit and chat when visiting.

Our Lodge's physical possessions are a tangible reminder of our shared common Masonic heritage and can provide a sense of solemnity equal with the ritual that unites our great Fraternity.As we look at these items with a sense of pride and connection with our storied past, with a little imagination and elbow-grease, we can also re-purpose other less glamorous items to be cherished possessions for years to come.



But the antiMasonry fervor had taken a toll on the fraternity. Many lodges, especially in the Northeast, ceased to function, at least for a span of years. At the 1842 Grand Lodge of New Jersey communication 33 lodges were stricken from the register, leaving only eight. The surviving lodges were renumbered. A few of the stricken lodges gradually were restored with new numbers.

The AntiMasonic Party is remembered as the first "third party," the first party to have a national convention and the first to hold a convention to nominate a Presidential and Vice Presidential candidate. The party was born of hatred for secret organizations, specifically Freemasonry. And Freemasonry, notwithstanding the virulence of the AntiMasonic Party's true believer's propaganda, has still survived.



By Bro. Ben Hoff, Staff Writer

The Officers' Duties catechism, which we perform as part of the opening ceremonies these days, preserves a number of curious hints about lodge procedure as it used to be performed. The obvious example that comes to mind is that the Deacons are supposed to carry messages or orders among the principal officers, although nowadays all they ever carry is a word. (The word "Deacon" derives from the Greek diaconos, meaning a "runner," "messenger," "servant.") A more interesting and subtle anomaly, however, concerns the Junior Warden. He professes that it is his duty to "call the craft from labor to refreshment", and then to "call them on again." But in our normal lodge room procedure, it is the master himself who performs these duties, leaving only the intervening supervision to the Junior Warden. Something of his older role is yet preserved at a single point at the end of the first section of the MM degree where the Junior Warden puts the lodge on refreshment "for the space of one hour, unless sooner convened...". But it is doubtful whether this is "real" refreshment (does he raise his column?), since as soon as the Candidate leaves the room, the Master typically puts the lodge on "real" refreshment by the usual method. And even with that, there is no instance of the JW actually "calling them on again in due season..."

It is little wonder that such an antique practice survived as it did when isolated as part of a degree ceremony, even when it did not survive as part of lodge operating procedure. But there are palaces where this usage does, in fact, survive. Our brothers in neighboring New York still have the JW raise and seat the lodge on the master's orders on most occasions, and not just surrounding periods of refreshment. Likewise, most English lodges observe similar practices in communicating orders to the brethren by way of the Wardens. Having the Wardens act as intermediaries between the Master and his lodge is one of those elegant niceties so frequently employed by our forbears in embellishing our ceremonies and procedures. This particular embellishment also survives in our opening ceremonies, when the master's order is relayed to the wardens and thence to the brethren. But this procedure could be still more complicated. Recall that the Deacon's duties include carrying orders and messages. In some jurisdictions, the master's orders are whispered to the Senior Deacon, who repeats them in a whisper to the Senior Warden, who may announce the master's orders, or may in turn convey them to the Junior Warden by way of the Junior Deacon for announcement to the lodge. But why would such a cumbersome and time consuming extravagance in procedure, which only survives in a very few places, ever be adopted in the first place? The Officers' duties catechism again provides the answer:"That the Worshipful Master might have honor".

This is not the only embellishment that exists in New Jersey ritual. The extravagant procession involving the candidate, Marshal, Senior Deacon, Masters of Ceremonies, and Stewards replaced the simple circumambulation involving just a candidate and his conductor. The Senior Deacon's attendance at the altar is its own separate mini-ceremony, less complicated than that practiced in some places, but more than in others. The Deacons' picking-up of the word is another procedure intensive bit of floor work, that when viewed against the background of three centuries of worldwide practices, can only be considered an interesting but timeconsuming option. None of these procedural decorations have much, if any symbolic significance. Masons of old developed them simply because they had pleasure - if not profit - thereby. It added luster to our ceremonies, and gave ritual instructors something to teach and fret over. But one generation's luster is another generation's annovance. Having Deacons carry messages became largely obsolete almost as soon as it was established. Likewise, we long ago dispensed with having the Wardens repeat the Master's orders to each other - except in a very few cases - in favor of having the Master communicate directly with his Lodge. Whether for better or worse, the process continues today. Within living memory we have decided to streamline the changeover of labor from one degree to another, as well as further simplify the refreshment procedures.

Speaking of refreshment procedures, however, there is one last historical relic embedded in the Junior Warden's duties that we have not yet touched upon. Notice that he is supposed to "call them ON again in due season." In New Jersey, we generally prefer to use the preposition "at" to refer to labor, and "on" to refer to refreshment. But here the JW is calling the Craft ON Labor. That usage is preserved in some other places where the terms "calling off (labor)" and "calling on (labor)" are used in reference to periods of refreshment, and not just to overnight adjournments, as the Grand Lodge does at its annual meetings. So it appears that the word "from" was substituted for "off" in the Junior Warden's duties catechism at some remote period, even though we kept the word "on".



Solomon's Seal

By Bro. David Daebnke

Solomon's Seal (genus *Polygonatum*) is a medicinal herb that is native to North America, Europe and Asia. Gardener's



and nature lovers know the plant well, for it is easily identifiable and easily cultivated. This hardy perennial has stems of three feet that gracefully curve downward, light green leaves and white bell-shaped flowers

which are followed by bluish-black berries. It thrives in a light, well drained, humus rich soil in partial shade. Some gardeners look at Solomon's Seal as invasive, but it is easily controlled by splitting with a spade.

Solomon's Seal is a very hardy plant. It prefers a light soil and a shady situation, being a native of woods. If grown in a suitable soil and place and not crowded by shrubs, it will thrive and multiply very rapidly by the creeping rootstocks. It will be better for occasional liberal dressings of leaf compost, or an annual top dressing of decayed manure in March.

Seeds, sown as soon as gathered in the autumn, germinate in early spring, or the roots may be divided to any extent. The best time to transplant or part the roots is in autumn, after the stalks decay, but it may safely be done at any time, if taken up with plenty of soil, until they begin to shoot in the spring, when the ground should be dug about them and kept clean from weeds. They should also have room to spread and must not be removed more than every third or fourth year.

The creeping rootstock, or underground stem, is thick and white and is lifted in autumn and used in herbal medicine. Because of the creeping rootstock, the plant multiplies very rapidly.The plant's botanical genus, Polygonatum, refers to the "many-angled" knots on the root or the numerous joints on the stems. Its English name is believed to refer to the flat, round scars on the rootstocks, resembling the impressions of a seal; and when the root is cut transversely, it resembles Hebrew characters, giving rise to the legend that the wise King Solomon, who knew of the virtues of the roots, set his seal upon them.

You can estimate the plant's age by examining the rhizome. Each year the stem leaves a scar, or "seal" on the rhizome. Counting these will give you an idea of how long your plant has been alive.



King Solomon, the son of King David, established Jerusalem as the city of justice and peace. His name reflects the original name of the city, Shalem. Solomon is said to have been given both wisdom and knowledge, this is usually taken to mean wise government, the ability to distinguish morally between



good and evil, and a thorough understanding of the universe. "Behold I have given you a wise and understanding heart; there has been none like you before you, nor after you shall any arise like you." (Kings 1, 3, 12)

The legend of King Solomon's Seal, of the wondrous signet ring that he received from heaven, is common to Judaism, to Christianity and to Islam. King Solomon's Seal, whose base is on the ground and whose tip reaches heaven, symbolizes a harmony of opposites, whose significance is manifold as much as it is multi-cultural. It reflects the cosmic order, the skies, the movement of the stars in their spheres, and the perpetual flow between heaven and earth, between the elements of air and fire. The Seal, therefore, symbolizes super-human wisdom and rule by divine grace.







The symbol of the hexagram, the star-like figure formed by two triangles, has many connotations, especially when it is enclosed by a circle; super-natural powers have been attributed to it in many parts of the world since ancient times.

Through geometry, in which the Pythagoreans and their followers saw cosmic symbolism, the hexagram and the pentagram became an expression of heaven and its reflection on earth, the divine and its reflection in creation and of the connection between heaven and earth, between the macrocosm and the microcosm, and between spirit and matter.

King Solomon's Seal combines strength and beauty, symbolism and illustrative quality and all within a geometric figure, the most important characteristic of Islamic art. The Moslem artist's love of geometry allows the true essence of King Solomon's Seal as a symbol of the connection between the two worlds to be expressed; in this context, it symbolizes the link between science, beauty and metaphysics, with elements of medicine and magic, astronomy and astrology, the art of irrigation and its influence on the garden, and the symbolic connection between pleasure gardens and the Garden of Eden, between the sky and architectural domes and on traditional cosmology and its connection to religion.

Solomon's seal can be found in garden centers throughout the state and will be a graceful addition to any shady garden. It also works well as a contrasting plant to shade loving hosta.

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Scripture Passages in the 3 Symbolic DegreesTheir Meanings as they Relate to Freemasonry

By Bro. Thomas Winter

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE Psalm 133

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the bead, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

It is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell or meet together in unity. This verse states that as brothers, we are joyful and at ease when we are meeting together. Brethren who are thus joined together receive the benefits of the goodness and pleasantness that unity produces.That is why we should yearn for this unity, because it is right, good, and fitting and because it is lovely, attractive, and appealing.

Verse 2 and 3 offer two examples of unity. Aaron was Moses's older brother and spokesman. He was consecrated Israel's High Priest. The precious ointment or sacred oil used in the consecration ceremony was infused with many spices and aromatics thus giving off a very pleasant aroma, The oil was only used in this one ceremony; that of anointing the high priest. A small amount of this precious oil was enough to drip from his forehead, through his beard and enter the cloth of his robe overpowering earthly aromas down to the bottom or skirt of his garment. If one were to smell that aroma again, it would bring back memories of a pleasant, happy ceremony.

The dew of Hermon would never reached the mountains of Zion at Jerusalem as it is too far away. Thus, we must view dew as the giver of life in an arid region, symbolically, by comparing unity to dew, this togetherness was declared to be conducive to growth and prosperity. Dew is one of the sources of nourishment for strong and healthy plants. As such, unity promotes strong, healthy growth, and prosperity. Therefore, the Lord commanded that it is vital the brethren

live in peace and happiness with each other. By extending the fellowship of a lodge communication it makes it sense the feeling of Masonic brotherhood will never end.

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE Amos 7: 7-8

"Thus be shewed me: and, behold, the LORD stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his band.And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the LORD, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more."

In construction, the plumbline tests whether what was erected is perpendicular to the square, that is, if it is straight up and down; if it is upright. It provides a standard against which one can measure what he has built. Metaphorically, when God draws near with the plumb line, He is looking for those people who are living and abiding in His grace and His law.As Freemasons, we treat the plumbline as the emblem of truth and right.

God was very disappointed with the Israelites. He and He alone delivered the nation of Israel from Egyptian slavery to freedom. Through his many miracles, He continued to prove his love for His Chosen People, yet the Israelites continued to be stubborn and disobedient. On numerous occasions, God tried to bring his people into fellowship with him but the Israelites always fell back into their bad behavior. Through the prophet Amos, God chose to give Israel one more chance by describing Him standing on a wall made with a plumbline. This wall represented the founding of the just and upright nation of Israel. However, the plumbline in his hand represents God's strict view of the judgment He will use when judging the Israelites inequities. Further by stating that he is setting the plumbline in the midst of his people, he is stating that he will be judging their actions not from afar but in their midst. There will be no mistake. God will be with them, viewing their

behavior, determining their righteousness.

Plumbs, squares and levels are all used in building temporal edifices and must be accurate for the building to stay erect. As Masons, we are taught to use them symbolically to keep our moral building erect. The plumb is specifically used to judge our own moral work and the work of others.As Masons, we must judge our work by our own plumbline, not using another's plumb. If our moral edifice is raised by our plumb, square and level; in other words, by our own moral standards, then we will be favorably judged by the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe.

MASTER MASON DEGREE Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

In the day when the keepers of the bouse shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low:

Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

The author of Ecclesiastes never mentions his name but identifies him-

self as " the son of David, King of Jerusalem.As Solomon was both David's son and the King of Israel, one can safely assume that he was the author of this book.

This verse takes more study than the others as its meaning for Masons does not come easily. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I *bave no pleasure in them.":* This alludes to the fact that as we grow older, each of us fondly remembers the glorious days of our youth when all things were possible. With the hindsight of age and experience, advice is given to youth to gather the harvest while they are young. As we age, we change and are not able to enjoy things with the same lightness of heart. In advanced age, tasks that were easy in our youth take longer or are impossible to do.

"While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain" refers to the beginnings of the aging process. Failing eyesight is one of the first signs of aging. Also, as we get older, the cloud and rain reference alludes to a longer period of rest and recuperation after activity.

"In the day when the keepers of the bouse shall tremble" refers to the hands, arms and legs that tremble with age. "and the strong men shall bow themselves, "As we age, our spine contracts and as the result, we tend to stoop and are no longer able to stand tall. "and the grinders cease because they are few," refers to tooth loss, common in old age. "and those that look out of the windows be darkened," which is another reference to failing eyesight. "And the doors shall be shut *in the streets, when the sound of the* grinding is low," refers to hearing loss. The elderly can no longer hear the noisiness of life. "and be shall rise up at the voice of the bird," means that a long period of sleep is no longer necessary and rising early becomes the norm. "and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;" Age brings on

changes to the vocal chords making them thicker. The elderly voice is no longer melodious, sounding more guttural.

"Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high," In youth, we easily scaled heights that in age, we are afraid to attempt. "and fears shall be in the way," Elderly are often more timid and apprehension is a common trait. "and the almond tree shall flourish," The almond tree's blossoms are white flowers which refers to our hair becoming white or gray as we age. "and the grasshopper shall be a burden," In our youth, hope springs eternal. Farmers during the time of Solomon were fearful of a plague of grasshoppers. The effort to rebuild after a catastrophe is not that easy with the elderly. Also, as we age, muscle tone is often lost and lifting even small amount become an effort. "and desire shall fail" In our youth, we often dream and have an expectation that some of them will come true. Becoming older, we realize that our time is rapidly coming to a close. *"because man goeth to bis long" bome,*" refers to the grave "and the mourners go about the streets." Ancient people often had official mourners making public proclamations about the deceased.

"Or ever the silver cord be loosed," refers to the spinal cord. In age the muscles of the back can no longer support the body. "or the golden bowl be broken," The golden bowl refers to the human skull. The broken reference alludes to diminished mental capacity. Senility and Alzheimer's disease is common in the elderly. "the pitcher be broken at the fountain," or having the desire to urinate but being unable to do so. "or the wheel broken at the cistern." The wheel refers to the heart and the cistern refers to the blood. If the wheel (heart) is broken, then the cistern (blood), the giver of life can no longer circulate. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave *it.*"Adopted from the Book of Common Prayer, the interrment passage we Masons use in the funeral oration is





"Earth to Earth, Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust". As the body decomposes, our earthly remains return to earth and our spirit is returned to God who gave it.

As the candidate for the Master Mason Degree hears Ecclesiastes 12 he might believe that this section of Master Mason Degree is very sad. The piece of scripture describes how the physical body ages and fails. Hopefully these accurate descriptions will make the candidate carefully consider the choices he made thus far.

While the passage accurately describes the deterioration of our physical "temple", as we travel through life's joys and tears, we must remember that our ending is the same as our beginning. The Lord created us, gave us His Commandments of Law and it is to Him that we return.....which is the final triumph.....the one treasure in life that cannot be taken away.

Masonry encourages you to live your life properly. Brotherhood and the unity it provides makes living worthwhile. Living a moral life not only creates a happy life but is also pleasing to our Great Creator. We are able to view old age as no longer being "the evil days", but reminds us of the harvest.....the love, the friendships, the experiences and the fond memoriesthe true cornucopia of receiving the "plenty".

When our toils of Earth shall have ceased and all our chastening sorrows have been done away, may He raise us to the enjoyment of fadeless light and immortal life in that heavenly kingdom where faith and hope shall end and love and joy prevail forever. SO MOTE IT BE.





By Bro. Ricardo Fernandez

On July 4th, 2012 we celebrated the 236th anniversary of our country's independence from Britannia. Yet perhaps more importantly, few people know that on September 17, 1787, eleven years after our independence, at the same location, Independence Hall in Philadelphia, forty-two of the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention held their final meeting and signed the Constitution of the United States of America.

We celebrate July 4th with great fanfare but not many are cognizant of an equally important date. On that date in 1787, we founded our operative government as a *constitutional* one, allowing Americans the right to vote, to have freedom of speech, religion and press; the right to peacefully assemble and petition and many other rights we take so for granted. Let me tell you a story of that which once was lost.

May 10, 1962: Five frightened and weary persons boarded a plane headed for the land of freedom, exiles from their homeland. Those five individuals

settled in their new homeland, the United states of America. I am a member of that family and this Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary living in this great country that adopted us. Both my parents have died. Only my brother, sister and I remain.

I will share a tale of a family's struggle to regain that which once was lost: The *liberty* they once had, and, unknowingly, never fully cherished. It is my hope is that in reading this article, you will take a moment to reflect and appreciate the liberties we take so for granted in this wonderful republic. This is the story of immigrants, of the land of liberty... a lesson in one of our most basic Masonic principles...to be free.

Escaping tyranny is ageless. From the beginning of time, man has sadly manifested a capability for forceful oppression and, just as fiercely, battled against that subjugation. Freedom, of mind and soul, is the keystone of our Masonic superstructure, our first priority, "Being a man free-born..."

Within our great craft, a great many of our brothers have fought, and often died, in the hard and sometimes vicious struggle for this treasure we call "liberty". To name but a few: Brother Giuseppe Garibaldi in Italy, Brother Simon Bolivar, South America, Brother Lajos Kossuth, Hungary, Brother Jose Marti, Cuba, my native country and, of course, this nation's very own Brother George Washington.

Brother Marti believed that freedom is an innate right of every human being. With his two main revolutionary generals,

Antonio Maceo and Maximo Gomez, also said to be Freemasons, they led the battle for the successful independence of Cuba from the colonial powers of Spain. Brother Marti died at the young age of 42, a martyr in that struggle.

When this nation's Founding Fathers wrote these immortal words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness", they threw down the gauntlet to Great Britain, willing to sacrifice their own

> existence in signing that precious document known now to us as "The Declaration of Independence."

There are few beliefs I would give my life willingly for but, with mind and soul, I truly understand their willingness to risk life and limb for this precious gift called Freedom. This as a result of my family's experience with oppressive communist tyranny, treacherously enacted in my country of birth, Cuba.

In early 1950's Cuba, a young revolutionary, Fidel Castro, began his attempt to unseat the then ruling dictator,

Fulgencio Batista. By January of 1959, Batista fled Cuba leaving Castro as our new "liberator". Young and liberal in thinking, my young, middle class parents innocently believed that under Castro, a new, freer, and better Cuba would arise.

Not long after, Castro began appropriating private property and nationalizing foreign-owned assets. As my parents watched in horror, the truth emerged about our so called "liberator": Mr. Castro was a communist.

By the early 1960's, Castro had nationalized billions in private property. With all their property confiscated and no meeting locations, in 1959 the Grand Master of the recognized Grand Lodge of Cuba, Juan Jose Tarajano-Gonzalez, ordered a General Recess thereby and thereon ending all Masonic activities in Cuba.

Interestingly, Cuba is the *only* communist country where Freemasonry has never been completely outlawed. There are stories that Fidel Castro's father was a Mason and this may explain his "sparing" of Cuban Freemasonry. Cuban freemasonry is now again active and growing and is the ONLY place in Cuba where the right to vote still exists in the form of the lodge ballot.

Other transgressions shortly followed. Public elections were permanently canceled. People mysteriously disappeared from their homes or businesses, replaced by Castro sympathizers.

Religion was prohibited, leaving only room for the

enforced idolatry of Castro. History books were edited and distorted, reflecting the "Marxist" nature of previous national heroes.

CDR's (Committees for the Defense of the Revolution) were placed in appropriated houses in every neighborhood watching for "counter revolutionary" activity. The CDR on our block was in our next door neighbor's home after they exiled. Maintaining "surveillance for suspicious behavior", the CDR's kept the citizenry terrorized of what they said or did.

I was just a child but I still remember my parents turning off the lights, pretending we were not home, and listening in on the CDR meetings next door. One of those nights they heard them talking about a brash 15 year-old potential "counter-revolutionary" living on our block. Those of you with children, imagine my parents' horror as they realized the boy being discussed was my brother.

My family knew they had to leave Cuba. Once our intention to depart became known, everything we owned became state property, an Inventory Agent scheduled to come into our home to catalog every item. Anticipating his arrival, my brother and father worked secretly and feverishly each night, silently taking apart appliances, furniture and other items so that they could sneak them out and give them to those we loved. You see, brethren, we were not permitted to sell or give away our own personal property to anyone, including relatives. Imagine having to steal your own personal belongings?

May 10, 1962, the day of our departure. Being exiled with basically the clothes on our back, my father hollowed the heels of his shoes, filling them with as much jewelry as they could hold. My mother replaced the plastic pearls on my young sister's fancy doll with real ones hoping that customs would not detect them. They headed for the airport with our pitiful three changes of clothing, all that was allowed to departing "Gusanos" (worms), the shaming label given to anyone escaping Cuba.

Strip searched, sitting in a completely enclosed glass room,

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"La Pesera" ("The Fishbowl"), we suffered a long and frightening day. It appeared my mother would not be permitted to leave due to "visa problems". Finally, through the intervention of my mother's adopted brother, now a high level official in Castro's government, she was cleared to depart. An adolescent street urchin, taken in and reared by my mother's family, he had now returned the kindness of a simple act of selfless love and charity from so very long ago.

We landed in our new home destitute refugees, but free. Free to again express our minds. Free to make a life for ourselves. Free to keep what little we had. Free to worship. Free to vote. Free air is so much more the sweeter after breathing the toxic fumes of captivity.

This country provided and supported us as we struggled up the economic ladder. With few *bandouts* but many *handups*, this nation took previously good citizens and made them better, just as we do with our brothers in the Craft. We began a new life as "freemen", like our ancient brother Freemasons, traveling at will and without restriction to practice our God-given rights. My brother became a lawyer; I became a physician and my sister, a business owner. I wonder in how many other places on this heavenly orb could all of this have been possible.

I wear a Forget-Me-Not pin to remind myself, and you,

of how Freemasonry has ALWAYS stood against totalitarianism and inhumanity and will FOREVER stand for freedom and liberty. God bless America. Brethren, do not to take your precious freedoms for granted. Guard them zealously; with your life if you must. My gratefulness to your country, my country, holds no bounds.

"...and crown thy good with brotherbood from sea to shining sea."

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Masons in Action

As part of their ongoing commitment to higher education the Brethren of Hawthorne Fortitude in conjunction of the Leon Muller Scholarship foundation has awarded Bryce Bauer of Glen Rock, NJ a scholarship of \$12,000. Bryce plans on attending Western New England University to study Mechanical Engineering in the Fall.



Building Strong Foundations: Knight Masons Constitute Jersey Shore Council, No. 107

By Bro. Robert B. Maynard

"Cyrus the King made a decree: 'Concerning the House of God at Jerusalem, let the bouse be builded, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid." - Book of Ezra 6:3

This verse from the scriptural book that inspires the degrees of the Order of Knight Masons underlies the importance of strong foundations, and so it came to be on May 17, when Most Excellent C. Michael Watson, Great Chief of Knight Masons of the United States of America, continued the work of Zerubbabel by visiting New Jersey and constituting Jersey Shore Council, No. 107, the first Council of Knight Masons in the Garden State in more than forty years.

An honorary and invitational Order in the York Rite of Freemasonry, Knight Masonry is Irish in origin, and works the "Green Degrees," based on the building of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Membership is offered to Royal Arch Masons.

After spending a day touring the Jersey Shore, including lunch and sightseeing on the Point Pleasant Beach boardwalk, local Knights accompanied M.E.Watson to Sea Oaks Country Club in Little Egg Harbor, the home of the new Council, for a banquet befitting the occasion. The dinner was accented with a reading of Bro. Robert Burns' poem "John Barleycorn," with an interpretive talk by John D. Barnes, Excellent Chief of the new Council, explaining its relevance to Masonry.

The constituting ceremony ensued. Great Chief Watson, bearing the Council's Signet, was joined by Grand Steward Robert Maynard, bearing the Trowel; Grand Superintendent of New Jersey Richard Hammill, bearing the Sword; and Excellent Chief Barnes, serving as Priest. In full ceremonial form, they consecrated the implements of the Council with Corn, Wine, and Oil, setting the Council to labor. While it was M.E. Watson who cemented the formal creation of Jersey Shore Council, he actually completed the work commenced by M.E. Kevin B. Sample, Past Great Chief, who visited New Jersey last October to issue the charter.

Completing the ceremony, M.E. Watson presented his allocution, reminding us always to emulate Zerubbabel's zeal and perseverance. He then accepted Honorary Membership in Jersey Shore Council, from grateful Knights.

The Knights then adjourned to their business meeting, where M.E.Watson was received formally with Grand Honors and was tendered the Trowel and Signet of authority. Later. V.E. Hammill informed the Great Chief that the three New Jersey Councils will confer the degrees of Knight Masonry in tandem to encourage inter-council visitation.

The Knights then rejoined their Ladies in the banquet hall, continuing the evening, and then slowly, like the evening tide going out to sea, said their farewells from a second floor balcony.

As a cool evening mist descended upon us, I overlooked the remote shoreline, content that we, like Zerubbabel, had built strong foundations to preserve for future generations an Order fostering the ethos of Masonry - "that Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God."

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Bearing the elements of consecration and the working tools of Knight Masonry, Most Excellent C. Michael Watson constitutes Jersey Shore Council, No. 107 on May 17. From left: Very Excellent Richard Hammill, M.E. Watson, V.E. Robert Maynard, and John Barnes, Excellent Chief of the new Council.



Hightstown Apollo Lodge No. 41 Supports Summer Program

Submitted by Bro. James L. Mount

WB Russell Beaulieu, Hightstown Apollo Lodge No. 41, presents a check to the RW Larry Gunnell, Princeton's Aaron Lodge No. 9. Hightstown Apollo Lodge continues to support the Dawes Park Summer Recreation Program of which Brother Gunnell has served as Director for the past forty-six years.

Pictured L to R: WB Russell Beaulieu, Hightstown Apollo Lodge No. 41, RW Larry Gunnell, Princeton's Aaron Lodge No. 9.

Being our Brothers' Keeper

Submitted by Bro. Jason A. Vigorito

It was a privilege watching Masonic Brethren in action on Saturday. June 2, 2012. On that evening, over 60 guests converged onto Division Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, and crowded into Euclid Lodge No. 136's banquet hall. It was a night of laughter and tears devoted to a very special little boy, the son of an upstanding Brother.

The boy is Liam Torres, son of Bro. Luis Torres, Jr. - Junior Deacon of Euclid Lodge - and Ana-Maria Nova Torres, Associate Conductress of Eclipse Chapter No. 226 of Eastern Star. Little Liam is diagnosed with cerebral palsy and hip dysplasia, among other disabilities. Consequently, Liam requires a special bed to sleep in. It is a KayserBetten medical bed. and it would keep Liam in a comfortable sleeping posture while making sure he doesn't roll out and onto the floor. KayserBettens are very, very expensive. Luis and Ana-Maria made repeated requests to the government, insurance companies, and charitable organizations, all of whom refused to offer the requisite financial aid, thus leaving Liam no recourse but to remain in his mechanized wheelchair 24/7

Finally, Luis and Ana-Maria turned to our Fraternity. After making presentations at the 4th District's DLI and several individual lodges, a charity banquet was set up to raise the necessary funds. And the Brethren certainly did not disappoint!!! The list of donors included: Adoniram Lodge No. 80, A.T.&T. Lodge No. 77, Boiling Spring Lodge No. 152. Clifton Lodge No. 203, Eclipse Lodge No. 259, Euclid Lodge No. 136, Little Falls Lodge No. 263, the 4th District Masters & Wardens Association, Eclipse Chapter No. 226 of O.E.S.,

Olive Branch Lodge No. 16 Bus Trip to George Washington Masonic Memorial Museum

Submitted by Bro. Ed Keller

The Brethren of Olive Branch Lodge No. 16 hosted an overnight trip down to Alexandria VA to the George Washington Masonic Memorial on June 23rd and June 24th. Saturday the Brethren and family members enjoyed a group tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Museum. The evening was spent with a self-guided tour of the Nation's Capital seeing the Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial and the Washington Monument. On Sunday the Brothers and family members spent the day at the Smithsonian American History, Air and Space, and Natural History Museums. The trip was a great bonding experience with the Brethren and their families. Everyone had a wonderful fun time at the Nation's Capital.





Masons in Action

St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Providence, RI, Prince Hall's Shiloh Lodge No. 53, Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction, Supreme Council 33rd Degree, Royal Arch's Ark of the Covenant Chapter No. 11, and the Square Club of Maywood. And, of course, there were individual Brothers too numerous to list who personally opened their wallets, whether they attended that evening or not.

Bro. Torres, WM Gary Tiedens, and WB Jose Perez gave emotional presentations, as attendees gave a delighted Liam hugs and kisses of support and encouragement. This extraordinary, adorable little boy was able to receive the bed he so desperately needed. Here was an example of the heart and soul of Masonic principles on full display. When others turned a cold shoulder and blind eye, the Brethren opened their hearts and gave of themselves - giving as far as our Brother's necessities required and our ability to give permitted. What makes our Fraternity so special??? Here's an answer...



Photos were courtesy of Brother Dan Santos from Caesarea Lodge No. 64



Andrew Prescott Elected as DeMolay IMC

Masons in Action

Outgoing NJ DeMolay State Master Councilor Andrew Prescott was elected as the 46th International Master Councilor of DeMolay at the International DeMolay Congress held in June in Louisville, Kentucky. Andrew was one of five candidates and won a majority of the delegates votes on the second ballot. And rew's proud father, Thomas Prescott, is the Junior Warden of Clifton Lodge No. 203. Andrew's home Chapter is Phoenix Chapter, which meets at Genesis Lodge No. 88.

Andrew will serve this year representing DeMolay at many DeMolay events in many states, as well as major national Masonic functions such as the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Session and the Conference of Grand Masters, in his role as the ambassador for DeMolay. He, and the International Congress Secretary, Carl Wesley Wunsche, Jr., of Texas, will preside at the 46th DeMolay Congress to be held in Minneapolis, MN, June 12-16, 2013. The DeMolay Congress gives active DeMolay's from various states and countries an opportunity to give input to the entire DeMolay program.

New Jersey was represented at the Congress in Louisville by Chris LaBaw, State Master Councilor; Frank Cason, Deputy State Master Councilor; Ryan VanderHorn, State Senior

Councilor; and Steve Field, State Junior Councilor. Frank Cason was elected as the Region 2 Cabinet Member for the ensuing year, where he'll represent the Mid-Atlantic States.

Prescott becomes the sixth International Master Councilor from New Jersey since the founding of the Congress in 1967. The other IMC's from New Jersey are William J. Heller, 1973; Richard J. Olson, 1974; Michael S. Cueva, 1997; Christopher G. Elko, 2002; and Stephen M.Ashman, 2005. Brother Heller (Clifton No. 203), Executive VP and General Counsel for the NY Giants, will be inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame in Minneapolis in 2013.

The International Supreme Council met in conjunction with the DeMolay Congress in Louisville, with a delegation from NJ headed by RW Patrick C. Weisgerber, Sr., Executive Officer. The following Brothers were elected to Supreme Council membership:

RW Alex S. Dakak (Clifton No. 203) Active Member WB Matthew S. Golway (Vineland No. 69) Active Member **RW Paul E. Mossberg** (Bredeblick Lodge, NYC) **Deputy Member**

MW William H. Berman, PGM (USS New Jersey No. 62) Honorary Member

Masons Support Public Safety Families



Pictured L to R: MW William H. Berman, C.C.H.S.F. Board of Trustees, Bro.Keith Josepayt, Junior Deacon, Mozart Lodge No. 121, President, Gene Dannenfelser, Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, WB George Niessner PM, Secretary, Mozart Lodge No. 121, WB David J. Lane Sr, Worshipful Master, Mozart Lodge No. 121

In May, representatives of Mozart Lodge No. 121 presented the board of trustees of the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund a check for \$800, which was obtained from the profits of a "Texas Hold Em Poker Night" the lodge sponsored.

The President of the Board, Gene Dannenfelser, stated that the funds would be used to continue the mission of the association, which is to provide tuition for children of police officers, fire fighters, and emergency response personnel who are killed or severely injured in the line of duty.

The Worshipful Master of the lodge, W.B. David J. Lane Sr., is a retired police officer and has adopted the C.C.H.S.F.as his charity for his year. He said that another Texas Hold Em Poker Night is in the planning phase for the fall and that profits from that night will also be donated to the C.C.H.S.F

Livingston Lodge: Dinner/Bingo to Vietnam Veterans



Submitted by Bro. Ira Drucks

On Monday, June 11, 2012, in conjunction with the Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 510 and Livingston Lodge No. 11 F&AM

arrangements were made to have a bus full of disabled veterans from the VA Hospital in East Orange, NJ visit our Livingston Lodge No. 11 F&AM for a dinner and bingo. Dollar chit books were given as bingo prizes to be used in the VA store at the VA Hospital. (No pictures of disabled veterans can be taken.)

Bro. Manny Armental prepared dinner, bingo games arranged by DB Sanford Drucks and visitation arrangements by Bro. John Vesta.

Pictured L-R: Bro. John Vesta, Bro. Jay Schwartzapfel, VVA 510, Paul Maretzky, DB Sanford Drucks, WM Russell Henderson

Wyckoff Lodge Raises in Excess of \$4000

Submitted by Bro. Eugene Margroff

Wyckoff Lodge No. 287 held their 1st Annual Charity Golf Outing on July 23rd, 2012 at Black Bear Golf Course in Franklin, New Jersey and raised in excess or \$4000.00 for Charity. This year's beneficiary was John Pakosinski, whom on Nov. 5th 2011, suffered a rare and almost fatal medical condition known as volvulvus without malrotation. The monies will go to offset some of the medical expenses incurred by a hospital stay of over 5 and a half months and ongoing needs. It was a fun filled day with great weather. In attendance were Brethren from around the state especially from lodges in the 2nd District as well as Grand Lodge officers. Special mention goes to: MW John Colligas, MW Bob Feilbach, RW Anthony Montuori, JGW, RW Dave Tweed SGM 2015 whose foursome had the lowest score for the outing and to a youth baseball league from Wyckoff who sponsored a hole.

It was a great day and fun was had by all especially when there was a hole in one shot during the outing. Afterwards a barbeque lunch was served and enjoyed by all at Crystal Springs CC which ended the fine day.

Genesis Lodge Recognizes Scouting Achievements



Submitted by Bro. Steve Wendowski

Kiernan Boone presented with a US Savings Bond on behalf of Genesis Lodge No. 88 and Award of Accomplishment Plaque on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Pictured L to R: Brother Thomas Galan, Genesis No. 88 Senior Deacon, Eagle Scout Kiernan Boone, proud Father - Brother & Rev. David Boone, Little Falls No. 263 and Worshipful Brother Steven Wendowski, Genesis No. 88 Past Master & Treasurer.

Masonic Money Meaningful in Maywood

Begun in 1921, "The Square Club of Maywood, NJ" has been a benefactor to various Maywood intuitions over the years, such as the Boy Scouts of America, Activities of Local Church, the Fire Department and the Police Department.

With President Daniel J. Schultz's, PGH, in office the past The Club intends to continue its good works under RW few years, the club continues its work helping the local food Bro. Schultz's leadership. pantry, the Masonic Charity Foundation, Masonic District Events, and scholarships awarded to Maywood students graduating high school.





Genesis Newest Mason presents Pompton Lakes Newest Eagle Scout.

Pictured L to R: Brother Zackary Martin, Jr. Master of Ceremonies, presents a US Savings Bond and Award of Accomplishment Plaque to Jeremy Wasserman on behalf of Genesis Lodge No. 88.

Most recently, the Club made a large donation to the Maywood Public Library to allow it to create or improve two new spaces. The Club also contributed generously to the George Washington Masonic Memorial.



Fraternal Snapshot

Newly Raised Brethren April - June 2012

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Name	Lodge	Lodge #
Benjamin Mendez	Alpha	116
Antoine F. Badawi	Alpine Tilden-Tenakill	77
Marc A. Lewis	Alpine Tilden-Tenakill	77
Michael A. Shanahan	Alpine Tilden-Tenakill	77
Stephen JP Sicheri	Alpine Tilden-Tenakill	77
Mario Yazidjian	Alpine Tilden-Tenakill	77
Joshua G. Vreeland	Atlantic	221
Joshua A. Berkman	Atlas Pythagoras	10
Nathan C. Englis	Atlas Pythagoras	10
Andres Kim	Atlas Pythagoras	10
Deepak J. Panjwani	Atlas Pythagoras	10
Thomas S. Rota	Atlas Pythagoras	10
Joel Lebowitz	AzureMasada	22
MIchael H. Walton	AzureMasada	22
Matthew Longo	Boiling Spring	152
Cesar Reynoso	Boiling Spring	152
Daniel Rominiski	Boiling Spring	152
James N. Barnes	Burlington	32
George F. Davis	Burlington	32
Thomas S. McKeon	Burlington	32
Jonathan M. Mellodge	Burlington	32
Adam E. Rickard	Burlington	32
Gary W. Coleman	Cape Island	30
Joshua R. Coleman	Cape Island	30
Ryan K. Buchanan	Central	44
Adam P. Cardillo	Central	44
Christopher J. Cregan	Cincinnati	3
James G. Deacon	Clarksboro	87
Kyle V. Snyder	Clarksboro	87
Jose A. Martinez	Covenant	161
Brett M Nath	Covenant	161
Lester E. Richter	Covenant	161
Charles J. Chipman	Durand	179
Thomas A. D'Amore	Durand	179
William Findlay	Durand	179
Kevin A. Henry	Durand	179
Wilfred J. Perono	Durand	179
Austin B. Caple	Elmer	160
John L. Exadaktilos	Elmer	160
Daniel R. Rowson	Elmer	160
David Kalmus	Gothic-Fraternal	270

Name	Lodge
Abraham Jacinto	Harmony
Scott T. Kearney	Harmony
Luke F. Wikander	Harmony
Harold G. Boxill	Harmony
William J. Crump	Harmony
Anthony C Scrofine	Harmony
Jonathon M. Flegel	Hiram T. Dewey
Victor J. Petrilli	Hiram T. Dewey
Aaron S. Ammazzalorso	Keystone
Henry D. Schwartz	Keystone
Brian J. Clouse	Kittatinny
Douglas C. Greenberg	LaFayette
Thomas Simpson	LaFayette
Mathew D. Hall	Laurel
Fred H. Hurlburt	Laurel
Michael P. McKenney	Laurel
William E. Roche	Laurel
Thomas D. Walsh	Laurel
Robert D. Henderson	Livingston
Andreas N. Hoeverman	
Raymond J. Mulvey	Livingston Livingston
Steven C. Sandor	
Frank A. Curcio	Livingston M.B. Taylor
Marco E. Galli	M.B. Taylor
Robert F. Dunn	M.B. Taylor
	Madison
Randy C. Lovgren	Madison
Conor T. McGee	Madison
Rigil K. Abellanosa	Medford
Edward M. Blankley	Medford
John D. Jarrell	Medford
Zachary A. Safos	Medford
Antonio L. Martinez	Merchantville
Roswell Perez	Merchantville
ElDonaldo F. Vidal	Merchantville
Kenneth Cohen	Milltown
Erik S. Ruczynski	Mount Moriah
William E. Wentzien	Mount Moriah
Csaba Joseph Gal	Mount Zion
Raymond Ortiz	Mount Zion
Thomas K. Romano	Mount Zion
Joseph Valenzuela	Mount Zion
Alberto Gonzalez	Mozart
Joseph E. Heintz	Mozart
Jessel K. Subero	Mozart
Michael Yerardi	Mozart

Lodge #	Name	Lodge	Lodge #
8	Jonathan R. Carr	Ocean	89
8	Robert E. DePetro	Ocean City	89
8	Peter W Hall	Olive Branch	16
18	Jeffrie L. Sanzi	Olive Branch	16
18	Steven S Wetzel	Olive Branch	16
18	Jesus Soto	Palestine	111
226	Scott A. Anderson	Pemberton	199
226	Ryan A. Collins	Pemberton	199
153	Kevin L. Lockett	Pemberton	199
153	Arnel B. Binlayo	Peninsula	99
164	Daniel Hundley	Peninsula	99
27	Jose Santiago	Peninsula	99
27	Mark S. Carter	Penns Grove-Excelsior	54
237	Don R. Cooper	Penns Grove-Excelsior	54
237	Donald K. Painter, Jr.	Penns Grove-Excelsior	54
237	James A. Peel, Jr.	Penns Grove-Excelsior	54
237	Vernon L. Stoms	Penns Grove-Excelsior	54
237	Mohammad A. AlZubaidi	Philo	243
11	Joseph P. Aiello	Pitman	197
11	Vincent L. Baehr	Pitman	197
11	Michael A. Harverson	Pitman	197
11	Robert A. McAuley	Pitman	197
141	Theodore F. Zimmer	Prospect	24
141	Joseph K. Barbara	Raritan Valley	46
93	Christopher J. Kechula	Raritan Valley	46
93	Stephen M Schwartzer	Rising Sun	15
93	Josiah A. Santamaria	Saint Stephen's	63
178	Robert Gerald	Samaritan	98
178	Carl J. LaStella	Samaritan	98
178	Michael J. Sharpless	Shekinah	58
178	Roy J. Becker-Rowley	Sunrise	288
119	William H. Cooper	Sunrise	288
119	Jakob Weingroff	Sunrise	288
119	Frank D. LaBaw	Trenton Cyrus	5
294	Donald B. Kurczewski	Tuckerton	4
28	Robert J. Pinto	Tuckerton	4
28	John T. Tuck	Tuckerton	4
135	Eric D. Johnston	Unity	96
135	David L. Schoch	Unity	96
135	Michael J McCarthy	William F. Burk	230
135	Jeffrey L. Walker	Williamstown	166
121	Charles J. Bedrosian	Wyckoff	287
121	Robert Cankes	Wyckoff	287
121	Joseph F. Wiercinski	Wyckoff	287

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April - Noven	nber 2012		Firman H. Abdill, Jr.	Beverly Riverside	107	Charles Ronk, Jr.	Durand	179
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Name	Lodge	Lodge #	Robert W. Jobes	Beverly Riverside	107	John F. VanEtveldt	Eclipse	259
Edwin R. Cardinal	Acacia	20	John J. Pennell	Beverly Riverside	107	Henry Vonderosten	Eclipse	259
James F. Hale	Acacia	20	Harold H. Wilmerton	Beverly Riverside	107	Thomas S. Watt	Enterprise	31
William J. Kehoe	Acacia	20	Dorson D. Benson	Blairstown	165	John H. Buschman	Essex	7
Robert L. Miller	Acacia	20	Walter H. Hufford	Burlington	32	William T. Collins	Evening Star	97
George P. O'Brien	Acacia	20	Willard H. Noble	Burlington	32	Donald I. Sherman	Fulton Friendship	102
William W. Perkins	Acacia	20	Earl J. Nielsen, Jr.	Caesarea	64	Frederick Feld	Genesis	88
Donald A. Scott, Sr.	Acacia	20 20	Guy Jensen	Cape Island	30	Fred Gresovic	Genesis	88
John R. Tasin	Acacia	20	John R. David	Central	44	Richard H. Riley	Genesis	88
William E. Bullard	Adoniram	80	Alexander A. Laurie	Cincinnati	3	Hugh J. Black	Gothic Fraternal	270
Arnold E. Dworkin	Adoniram	80	Neil McLaughlan	Cincinnati	3	Richard A. Johnson	Gothic Fraternal	270
Warren E. Holck	Adoniram	80	Charles D. Visscher	Cincinnati	3	Elmer R. Potent	Gothic Fraternal	270
John W. Pickup	Adoniram	80	Eugene A. Abbate	Clifton	203	William E. Gwyer	Harmony	18
Richard R. Beecker	Amwell	12	Andrew Exarchos	Clifton	203	Kenneth R. Robinson	Harmony	18
Norman A. Mirne	Asbury Jordan	142	Omar J. Crawford	Collingswood Cloud	101	Robert H. Corby	Jerusalem	26
Allan J. Clelland	Atlas Pythagoras	10	Thomas H. Mott	Collingswood Cloud	101	Jene F. Hendershot	Jerusalem	26
Donald G. Tisch	Atlas Pythagoras	10	Stanley W. Steigerwalt	Collingswood Cloud	101	Thomas R. Mayer	Jerusalem	26
Thomas S. Clendining	Audubon Parkside	218	Arthur A. Arntz	Colonial	24	Harry Brown	Justice	285
George F. Corkery, Jr.	Audubon Parkside	218	Malcolm Lines	Colonial	24	David Leavy	Justice	285
Robert P. Hawkins, Jr.	Audubon Parkside	218	E. Haas Gallaway, Jr.	Congdon Overlook	163	George E. Engelbrecht	Keystone	153
Percy G. Sussex	Audubon Parkside	218	Kenneth E. Simone	Congdon Overlook	163	Roy E. Aber	Kittatinny	164
Robert H. Peterson	AzureMasada	22	Herbert D. Vollers	Congdon Overlook	163	Robert Burke	Lafayette	27
Robert E. Shapiro	AzureMasada	22	Henry D. Girdwood	Copestone Ophir	108	James R. Decker	Lafayette	27
Paul Williams	AzureMasada	22	Jack Palmer	Copestone Ophir	108	Wilbur G. Mulhollem	Lafayette	27
Steve M. Zimmerman	AzureMasada	22	Richard D. Fausch	Covenant	161	Walter R. Rodgers	Lafayette	27
John S. Keenan	Belcher	180	Richard A. Gant	Durand	179	Irwin Roff	Lafayette	27

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Roger W. Kemp

Fraternal Snapshot

50 Year Members January - April 2012

January - Apr		Joseph A. Schneider	
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Name	Lodge	Lodge	Charles D. McNear, J
Richard Samer	Lafayette	27	Aubrey V. Adkins, Sr.
Alexander Zlata	Lafayette	27	Arthur R. Atwater
Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr.	Laurel	237	Ronald N. Cook, Sr.
Fred J. Maiden, Jr.	Laurel	237	Remsen Hunnewell
John B. Mumie	Laurel	237	Herbert Watkins
Alfred W. Strater	Laurel	237	Stewart T. MacFarlar
Milton Brown	Lessing Passaic	67	William Spaar, Jr.
Gary B. Fieman	Lessing Passaic	67	Archie H. Gifford
Leonard G. Rosenberg	Lessing Passaic	67	
David Smith	Lessing Passaic	67	James B. Kirk
Charles J. Flannagan	Little Falls	263	William J. Rohaly
Jack C. Chaiklin	Livingston	11	Sidney J. Aumack
Richard Gillman	Livingston	11	Lester Carlsen
Russell N. Jones	Livingston	11	Harry Sandvik
Richard H. Kunz	Livingston	11	Jerome Schneiderma
Ralph G. Scannelli	Livingston	11	Robert Gollob
Richard T. Scannelli	Livingston	11	Arthur J. Hendra
Frederick W. Hettenbach	Lovalty	33	Henry J. McKernan
George Jamieson	Loyalty	33	Nicholas J. Milos
Bruce A. Nelson	Loyalty	33	David J. Denelsbeck
Edward Wales	Loyalty	33	Dale Van Osten, Jr.
Ronald C. Weiss	Loyalty	33	John R. Streader
Allen L. Lewis	Mansfield	36	John H. Wilton
Norman H. Dupont	Mariners	150	Raymond W. Groff
Robert O. Krampetz	Mariners	150	William J. Shaw, IV
Lewis K. Thorn, Jr.	Mercer	50	Charles L. Suplee, Jr.
James J. Walton	Merchantville	119	James B. Wolffbrand
Gerald G. Broxmeyer, Jr.	Milltown	294	William A. Hunter
Robert W. Olson	Milltown	294	Richard M. Dixon
John A. Van Dyke	Milltown	294	Leonard B. Galyean
Jack Kwitchoff	Mosaic	194	William J. Gross
Ernest J. Laios	Mosaic	194	Alf H. Rix
Robert McLellan	Mosaic	194	William H. Bromley
Clayton W. Bailey	Mountain View	154	Roger B. Brown
Joseph S. De Vries	Mountain View	154	William B. Chain
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In Memoriam April - June 2012

Douglas M. Kansky

Michael W. Parchuc

Ralph W. Dryden, Jr.

Walter M. Southard

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William R. Bennett

Frederick C. Winkler

Donald M. Legg

Samuel E. Elvert

John J. Angier

Claude Neilson

Robert J. Tillson

Thomas R. Luce, Jr.

Raymond G. Neveil

Cornwell D. McKnight

Ronald F. Brown

Eugene A. Field

David T. Tribbett

Donnell B. Davis

Donald R. Mead

Elmer R. Potent

John Steiner

William H. Reppert

Joseph G. Andreas

John Orr

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Beverly-Riverside Burlington

Copestone-Ophir

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	James V. Higginbotham	Had
	Charles E. Lewis	Had
	James A. Wright	Har
Lodge #	Donald W. Capper	Hos
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77	Warren C. Mair	LaFa
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10	John Monchak	Less
10	John Vatasin	Less
10	Henry M. Goldsmith	Liviı
10	Carl A. Kluge, Jr.	Livii
218	Max B. Kutcher	Liviı
107	Basil Marmaras	Liviı
107	Leo Perez	Livii
32	Lewis H. Masters	Loya
104	Robert R. Kornberger	Mar
30	Maloney Morgan	Mar
30 44	Preston W. Person	Mar
44	Joseph E. Doll	Mat
108	Earl E. Ewers, Jr.	Mer
108	Harold B. Gilpin	Mer
161	John T. Plasket, III	Mer
7	Charles Vrana	Mer
7	Thomas Gunther	Mill
7	William E. Gilfillan	Miz
97	Martin M. Glassman	Miz
97	Manuel N. Ross	Miz
113	Martin Surkin	Miz
87	Harry N. Christiansen	Mos
87	Carl W. Weber	Μοι
88	Carmen V. Mauro	Μοι
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Lodge	Lodge	Name
Mountain View	154	Edward L.
Mt. Zion	135	Edward W.
Mt. Zion	135	Walter W. I
Musconetcong	42	Elwood Ke
Musconetcong	42	Rodger Lin
Navesink	9	Steven L. Sl
Navesink	9	Glenwood
Navesink	9	Daniel Bor
Navesink	9 9	Robert Det
Navesink	9	Curt Kelley
Nutley	25	George Car
Nutley	25	C. Randall
Ocean	89	Kurt W. Bra
Ocean	89	Harold R. I
Olive Branch	17	John R. Ma
Palestine	111	George L. I
Palestine	111	Frederick 1
Palestine	111	Clinton J. J
Palestine	111	Milton F. Sl
Peninsula	99	James L. Sp
Peninsula	99	Carl C. Ster
Peninsula	99	Irving N. Is
Peninsula	99	John J. Mc
Penns Grove-Excelsior	54	Clifford L. 1
Penns Grove-Excelsior	54	James R. D
Phillipsburg	52	Bernard W
Philo	243	Russell N.
Pitman	197	Andrew A.
Pitman	197	Frank A. D
Pitman	197	Thomas C.
Pitman	197	Richard Be
Princeton	38	Wayne A. F
Pyramid	92	Platte M. Tr
Raritan Valley	46	Ernest J. W
Raritan Valley	46	Frederick A
Raritan Valley	46	Louis E. Ne
Rising Sun	15	Walter P. C
Rising Sun	15	Robert Q. I
Rising Sun	15	

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ward L. Fayer	Rising Sun
ward W. Flowers	Rising Sun
lter W. Haswell, Jr.	Rising Sun
vood Keating, Jr.	Rising Sun
dger Lindsay	Rising Sun
ven L. Shapiro	Rising Sun
enwood R. Bath	Samaritan
niel Borstad	Samaritan
bert DeGraaff	Secaucus Hudson
rt Kelley	Sextant
orge Carty	Shekinah
Randall Quay	Shekinah
rt W. Braun	St. Johns
rold R. Buchanan	St. Johns
in R. Marra	St. Johns
orge L. Bratsano	St. Stephens
derick D. MacDonald	St. Stephens
nton J. Johnson	Sunrise
ton F. Showell	Sunrise
nes L. Sprague	Sunrise
1 C. Sterling	Sunrise
ing N. Isaacs	Theodore Roosevelt
in J. McGrath	Theodore Roosevelt
ford L. Deaner	Trenton Cyrus
nes R. Deaner, Jr.	Trenton Cyrus
rnard W. Epstein	Trenton Cyrus
ssell N. Gilmore	Trenton Cyrus
drew A. Kmiecik, Jr.	Trenton Cyrus
nk A. Diefenbeck	Trinity
omas C. Keck	Trinity
hard Berry	Tuckerton
yne A. Frenzel	USS New Jersey
tte M. Trevito	USS New Jersey
nest J. Wilhelm	William F. Burk
derick A. Ewell	Williamstown
us E. Neirle	Williamstown
lter P. Chapman	Wyckoff
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Masonic Home Residents Visit War Memorials

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On June 2, 2012, approximately 80 WWII and Korean War veterans and a guardian for each veteran made the Honor Flight trip to Washington, DC to see the war memorials that honor their contributions and their service to our country. Veterans in advance ages and some in wheel chairs were escorted and celebrated the entire day. Eleven (11) residents of the Masonic Home made the trip and one veteran who is being serviced by Acacia Hospice was also able to make this trip.

This trip was free to all veterans and a minor donation by the guardians. The day started at Williamstown High School which is the Honor Flight South Jersey hub where they were treated to a huge breakfast and music of all the old songs from their era. This was courtesy of Fralinger String Band. The buses took off at 8AM with a police and motor cycle escort to the Delaware Memorial Bridge. The motor cycles were driven by Vietnam Veterans who escorted us all the way to Washington, DC and back to New Jersey.

Upon arrival at the World War II monument, the veterans were greeted with a tremendous applause and were individually thanked by the hundreds of people who were also visiting this monument. It was a very uplifting and humbling experience for all. The accompanying ROTC Honor Guard from Williamstown High School marched with the veterans to the New

Jersey pillar where there was a short ceremony. We then spent about one hour tour and experiencing this beautiful memorial.

They were then were treated to a delicious box lunch courtesy of Arby's - in a field with a canopy of shade trees. Snacks and water were available all day courtesy of WAWA, Philadelphia Soft Pretzel Company to name a few.

After lunch we went to the Korean War Memorial to lav a wreath of remembrance. There was then some time available to visit the Vietnam Memorial and see the Lincoln Memorial.

Prior to departing for home we drove to the Iwo Jima Monument - what a sight to see - our flag flying high and swaving in the breeze.

We departed Washington D.C. at approximately 4 p.m. with tired legs and backs for those who were pushing wheel chairs but also hearts full of gratitude and pride in the spirit of the American people both veteran and civilian.

Upon arrival back at Williamstown High School, there was a dinner provided with all the trimming to give one more salute to our veterans. The veterans and guardians all received small remembrances of the day as they left to go home.





In Memory of Brother Frederick C. Winkler

By Bro. Christopher S. Abbott

Dir.of Development, Masonic Charity Foundation of NJ

With sadness we note the passing of Brother Fredrick C. Winkler at the Masonic Home on June 12, 2012. As reported in the last issue (Summer 2012) of the New Jersey Freemason, Brother Winkler was made a "Mason on Sight" on February 27, 2012 by then Grand Master, William L. Morris, Jr., with the assistance of the elected officers of Grand Lodge and the officers of Central Lodge No. 44, F. & A.M.

Brother Winkler had said that becoming a member of our Fraternity was the culmination of a life's dream. It was the answer to the question "How can I become a Mason," which he asked his table mate and fellow resident Bob Higgins shortly after they first met. Seventeen members of Central Lodge travelled to Egg Harbor City to conduct Brother Winkler's Masonic Funeral Services on June 16. Our most sincere sympathies go out to Brother Winkler's family and friends.

Masonic Home Has New Administrator



The Board of Trustees recently appointed Cindy Shemansky, MEd, RN-BC, LNHA, FNGNA as the Administrator for Long Term Care. Cindy has been an employee at the Masonic Home for over 27 years. She began her career at our Home working as a nursing assistant while attending Mercer Medical Center School of Nursing. Upon

graduation, Cindy worked as a Staff Nurse and Preceptor at Mercer Medical Center in Trenton, NJ. Missing the interactions she experienced working with older adults, Cindy rejoined the Masonic Home team in 1985 as a Charge Nurse and Relief Supervisor.

Cindy served as the Director of Education until August 2011, when she was promoted to the Director of Clinical Informatics and Education in order to start our transition process to electronic health records at the Masonic Home.

Cindy earned her Bachelor's degree in Adult Education and a Master's degree in Educational Technology while working at the Home. She completed her Administrator-in-Training program at the Masonic Home under the direction of Administrator Rick Small. She was afforded the opportunity to work in every department of the facility during her training which has provided her with a unique insight into the operations of our Home.

Cindy has provided numerous presentations to healthcare organizations at the local, state and national level on topics such as education in the long-term care setting, pain management, care at the end-of life issues, abuse prevention and culture change. She is a published author, and the recipient of multiple awards. Cindy served as President of the National Gerontological Nursing Association, (NGNA)

Masonic Home Resident Gets Wish Fulfilled

Submitted by Tammy L. George, Assitant Director of Activities Medical Center. Masonic Home of NJ

Bro. James Hall, 85 is a resident of our Masonic Home and a disabled World War II Veteran. His wish is to attend the reunion of the 6th Marine Division in September in Portland, Oregon. Brother Hall is one of only two surviving platoon members, and feels this is his last opportunity to attend the Marines' reunion. Purchased already are hotel and train tickets but help was needed with additional travel expenses to get him to the reunion.

The Twilight Wish Foundation interviewed Jim about 2 weeks ago to raise Funds for his wish and received word that the funds have all been raised. Jim is a member of Keystone Lodge No. 153, Linwood, NJ. Past Master 1971. Past Grand Chaplin 1977, Patron for Eastern Star 1972-1973, 1978-1979.

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and was appointed to several National Advisory Boards. She currently serves as a National Advisory Committee Member for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Northwest Health Foundation's Partner's Investing in Nursing's Future and is a member of NGNA's Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes Task Force.

Cindy developed our Family Matters newsletter but is probably best known as our "Tricky Tray" Coordinator and Chair of our Special Events Committee, which has raised over \$50,000 for the Masonic Home. The proceeds from these special events are directed at purchases that benefit our residents.

Cindy states, "I am deeply bonored to have been selected to serve as the Administrator by the Board of Trustees. I am committed to our community and look forward to working with all of you on our journey to continually enhance the quality of care and the quality of life of our residents."

Family Support/Information Meetings

The Social Services Department will hold quarterly family support/information meetings with the families. These meetings will be held in the evening and will be on various topics of interest.

Families will be given the opportunity to have input and ask questions while in attendance. The Social Services Department is always open to suggestions. Our next meeting will be held on

September 26, 2012 at 6:00 PM in Grow Memorial Hall

We hope to see you there!

Cindy A. Shemansky Administrator, Masonic Home of NJ (609) 239-3924





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By Bro. Christopher S. Abbott Dir.of Development, Masonic Charity Foundation of NJ

This year marks the first time that the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersev has awarded a new scholarship. The Foundation is pleased to announce that Ryan Paulik is the 2012 recipient of the Serewitch Family DeMolay Scholarship. The scholarship will provide \$5,000 per year for up to four years toward Ryan's higher education costs. Given the cost of pursuing higher education, this scholarship award will help this graduating high school senior achieve his goal of obtaining a college degree.

Ryan Paulik has just graduated from Wallkill Valley Regional High School in Hamburg, New Jersey. He is an active member of Skylands Chapter, Order of DeMolay. During high school, Ryan participated in soccer, skiing and tennis. He tutored underclassmen, served as an usher for his church, and volunteered for the Special Olympics and Salvation Army. Ryan also worked as a lifeguard at his local YMCA. He will be attending Stonehill College this fall, and plans to major in statistics. In his personal statement on his application, Ryan noted that he hopes to use his degree in statistics to become an actuary.

The Serewitch Family DeMolay Scholarship was established through a generous donation to the Charity Foundation from Theodore I. Serewitch. Ted became a member of Belcher Lodge No. 180 in 1962, and served as Master in 1971, 1977, 1983, 1989 and 1990. He currently

serves as the Lodge's Secretary. Ted has been very active in Masonry, and also served as Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 23rd District in 1979-82, and as Secretary to the Grand Master in 1999.

Ted Serewitch himself holds a B.S. degree from Temple University. Ted went on to become a teacher, and taught for 32 years at Pennsauken High School. During all of those years, Ted observed that there are many students with promise who need assistance in financing their studies after high school, and that not every student is best served by obtaining a college degree. For this reason, he set-up his scholarship to assist with not only college and university costs, but also accredited trade and technical schools.

Ted had originally planned to fund the scholarship program through a bequest directed to the Charity Foundation under his Will. However, when his father Solomon Serewitch passed away last summer, Ted felt that funding the scholarship now would serve as a fitting tribute to his Dad.After reviewing matters with his financial advisor, Ted determined that his current cash flow was sufficient to begin to fund the program now. Upon his death, the remainder funds will be distributed from Ted's estate to the Charity Foundation to endow the scholarship program.

For more information about funding a scholarship program, contact Christopher Abbott, Development Director at the Foundation. Join Ted Serewitch in helping to provide for future generations.

Masonic Charity Foundation Scholarship Awards for 2012

On Thursday, April 5, 2012 during the Masonic Charity Foundation Report to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of NJ in Atlantic City, R.W. Gerald Sharpe, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, made the announcement of the scholarship recipients for the year 2012.

The following scholarships totaling \$86,000.00 were awarded: Lillian M. and Frank M. Taylor Scholarships (\$1,000 per year for four (4) years) were awarded to Jenna Caputo of Toms River, NJ and Jamie Cary of West Deptford, NJ. The Joseph N. Culver DeMolay Scholarships (\$1,000 for four (4) years) were awarded to Ashley Thomas of Little Falls, NJ, Jason Rudich of Hillsborough, NJ and Joseph Zaccaria of Burlington, NJ.

Serewitch Family DeMolay Scholarship (\$5,000 per year for four (4) years) was awarded to Ryan Paulik of Sussex, NJ. James Patterson Engineering Scholarship (\$4,000 per year for four (4) years) was awarded to Russell Archer of East Orange, NJ.

Chairman of the Board Scholarships (\$2,500 per year for four (4) years) were awarded to Matthew Eckart of Hainesport, NJ, Laura Kircher of Clark, NJ and Jennifer Kircher of Clark, NJ.

Congratulations to all of the recipients and we wish them every success in their future academic endeavors.

ALL LODGE SECRETARIES ASSISTANT SECRETARIES... & PAST SECRETARIES

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

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

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

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 at 9:30 am

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

> For further information contact: Wayne Thomas, Unit 308, 21 W. Black Horse Pike Pleasantville, NJ 08232 Phone: 609.641.5722

> > Annual Dues \$10

Inaugural Patterson Engineering Scholarship Masonic Home

By Bro. Christopher S. Abbott Dir.of Development, Masonic Charity Foundation of NJ

This year marks the first time that the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey has awarded a new scholarship. The Foundation is pleased to announce that Russell Archer is the 2012 recipient of the James Patterson Engineering Scholarship. The scholarship will provide \$4,000 per year for up to four years toward Russell's college costs. Given the cost of pursuing higher education, this scholarship award will help this graduating high school senior achieve his goal of obtaining a college degree.

Russell Archer has just graduated from East Orange Campus High School in East Orange, New Jersey. His scholarship application was sponsored by Lester Smith of Alpha Lodge No. 116. Among his many after-school interests, Russell participated in soccer, marching band, track and field, and concert as well as jazz bands. Russell was among 60 students in New Jersey to receive the New Jersey Rising Scholar Award. He will be attending Princeton University this fall. In his personal statement on his application, Russell noted that he hopes to use the knowledge gained by obtaining a civil engineering degree to help society in various ways through structural improvement and environmental protection.

The Patterson Engineering Scholarship was established through a generous donation to the Charity Foundation from James Patterson. Jim became a member of Haddonfield Lodge in 1961, and served as Master in 1970, Secretary from

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN Most Worshipful Glenn R. Trautmann

would be pleased to have you join him for one of the 2013 Florida receptions.

PALM BEACH GARDENS

Friday, January 25, 2013 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Hilton Garden Inn 3505 Kyoto Garden Drive (561) 694-5833

Saturday, January 26, 2013 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Radisson University Hotel 1724 North Alafaya Trail (407) 658-9008

TAMPA

Sunday, January 27, 2013 11:00 AM-1:00 PM DoubleTree Suites Tampa Bay* 3050 N. Rocky Point Drive West (813) 888-8800

Monday, January 28, 2013 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Crown Plaza Fort Myers 13051 Bell Tower Drive (239) 482-2900

For more information, please contact the Development Office at (609) 239-3999. * indicates NEW location

1972-1992, and Secretary Emeritus from 1993 to the present. Through mergers and consolidations, his mother lodge is now Rising Sun Lodge No. 15, in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Jim Patterson himself holds an engineering degree from Drexel University, which he obtained by attending night classes over the course of eight years, just after serving in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. At the time, Jim recalls that his resources were limited, and he needed to work full-time to cover his expenses and to support his mother. It was only through his access to education funding from the G.I. Bill that Jim says he was able to pay for his classes at Drexel.

In establishing his scholarship, Jim's goal was to give something back to future generations of students. He always felt very fortunate that he received assistance with funding his college education, and believes that it made all the difference in helping to achieve success during his life. He set up his scholarship to help deserving students with promise have access to higher education.

Jim Patterson's donation to the Charity Foundation to fund the scholarship was a financially savvy move as well. It generated a significant charitable deduction for him; and, because the donation consisted of highly appreciated stocks, Jim also avoided paying a sizeable capital gains tax. For more information about funding a scholarship program, contact Christopher Abbott, Development Director at the Masonic Charity Foundation. Join Jim Patterson in helping to provide for future generations.

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Grand Master's 2012 Calendar

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 9 Marshal's picnic
- 10 GLI 15th District
- 11 District 2 Meeting
- 14 Hasbrouck Heights Learning Ctr Ball
- 19 Deputy School
- 20 Reception: 11th District
- 22 225th Anniversary Celebration
- 27 GLI 21st District
- 30 GM's Trap Shoot

October

- 7 5th District Hispanic Day Parade
- 9 Reception: 10th, 12th, and 15th Districts
- 10 AASR NJ 33rd Society Dinner
- 12 Brearley Colonial Table Lodge
- 13 Grand Lodge Square & Compass Day Masonic Home Holiday Bazaar
- 14 DeMolay Legion of Honor Investiture
- 18 PV of GM Clifton Lodge MM Degree on Sr. DeMolays
- 22 District Meeting 8
- 25 District Meeting 21
- 26-28 GLNJ Leadership Conference
 - 30 Table Lodge at Mariners

November

- 1 Mosaic TL GM PV
- 2 AASR Deputy's Charity Ball
- 4 GM's OV to Menlo Park VA

November

- 5 GLI 11th District (OV)
- 8 District Meeting 24
- 9 Reception: 19th District
- 10 AASR Reunion (No. & Cent.) Honoring GM Trautmann
- 12 Red Cross of Constantine Honoring GM
- 14 Mt. Moriah Table Lodge
- 15 District Meeting 17
- 17 Grand Lodge of Maryland
- 18 Boiling Spring 100th Break Anniversary Cornerstone
- 19 Reception: 20th and 23rd Districts
- 21 Deputy School
- 26 Reception: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 8th Districts
- 28 District Meeting 10

December

- 1 Feast of Sts. John
- 3 BSMTMD Installation GM in East
- 8 Acacia Installation GM in East
- 12 Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
- 13 Peninsula Lodge Installation GM in East (PV)
- 14 Tentative Nutley Installation (PV) 12:00 PM Cincinnati Installation - GM in East
- 15 Staff Holiday Party
- 16 Knights Templar Christmas Observance at Masonic Home Durand Lodge Installation, GM in the East (PV)
- 19 7:00 PM Deputy School
- 20 TrentonCyrus Installation and 225th Anniversary
- 27 Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania