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TO: All Lodge Secretaries

RE: GRAND LODGE BANQUET - ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The following is to be published in your Trestleboard and read at every regular communication of the lodge between now and the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in April.

Most Worshipful Glenn R. Trautmann, Grand Master extends a cordial invitation to our Brethren and their Ladies to attend the Grand Lodge Banquet at the 226th Annual Communication in Atlantic City. Details are as follows:

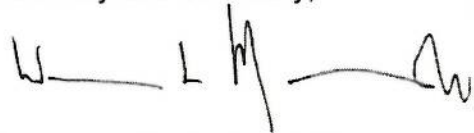
Place: **Ocean Ballroom, 6th Floor, Bally's Hotel & Casino**
Park Place and the Boardwalk
Date: **Wednesday, April 24, 2013**
Time: **Social Hour – 6:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)**
Dinner – 7:00 P.M.
Menu: **Chicken Marsala or Prime Rib or Maryland Crab Cakes**
Price: **\$ 50.00 per Person**
Entertainment

For tickets, please forward your check made payable to the **Grand Lodge of New Jersey** for the number of tickets needed and the meal choice, along with a **self-addressed stamped envelope**, to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608. **The DEADLINE for reservations is Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Tables of 10 can be reserved. We must have the name and meal choice of every person for whom a ticket is purchased.**

To pay by credit card, call the Grand Lodge office.

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

Sincerely and fraternally,



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Letter from the Editor

Brethren,

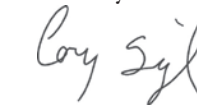
This issue wraps up my first year as the Editor of The New Jersey Freemason and it has been so rewarding for me to have been given the chance to take the wheel and drive. The team of Staff Writers and Brethren who have sent submissions have been crucial to the success of getting each issue into your hands, without them none of this would be possible. The talent found throughout our fine state is second to none.

Some highlights of the past year:

- Taking the average number of pages to thirty-five
- Lowering cost per issue mailed
- Incorporating our Masonic home into each issue
- Incorporating Appendant body information into each issue

I have some new ideas planned for our ensuing Masonic year which I hope enlightens you even more. Please keep sending us emails so we can continue to improve and serve you well.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



Cory Sigler, Editor
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Fraternal Feedback

I just received a copy of the winter edition of The New Jersey Freemason and I wanted to say I loved the article "Know Him by a contemplation of His wondrous works" by Bro. Franklin Melnick. I would love to see more articles like that in these magazines!!

Bro. Bob Olkowitz


The issue referenced above contains an error that I believe should be corrected. As you are aware, in 2010 three lodges of the 18th Masonic District were consolidated. The consolidated lodge is now known as "Rising Sun Lodge #15" and not "Haddonfield - Cherry Hill Lodge #15" as stated on page 4 of the magazine. Could you, at your convenience, have this corrected for the next time this graphic is used in the publication?

Bro. Dan Weiner, Chaplain

I was quite saddened to find that Musconetcong Lodge #42 was removed from the first district map. Just to set the record straight, we are still here and thriving. I believe that the confusion may have come from Independence #42 joining Musconetcong to become Musconetcong #42 instead of 151. I hope that the correction will be made and in the next issue a withdrawal of information that will set the record straight.

WB David John Rush, PM 1990-2000

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Grand Master’s Message

My Dear Brother,

As I think back on the events of the last few months and how the Brothers from all over the world reacted, I am reminded of lyrics penned by Bill Withers

who in 1972 wrote these beautiful words;“Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow but if we are wise we know that there’s always tomorrow. Lean on me when you’re not strong and I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry on fore it won’t be long, till I’m going to need somebody to lean on.”

Such is the nature of our gentle Craft.When one of our own or a member of their family is suffering from the vicissitudes of life, we pray that there is always a Brother by his side to aide in whatever way that is needed with no thought of what his benefit will be. What an absolute godlike society we have entered and that each Brother perpetuates in his own way.

As Grand Master I too have been fortunate to have the support of so many Brothers, without which I could not have made it through this year. It has been a fast paced year full of many many activities designed to better our Fraternity. Some of the year’s highlights have been; the celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey back in September.The Strategic Planning Committee designed a very successful amnesty program to help Brothers back into the fold.A One Day Class that was held on March 2nd and we welcomed Lazarus Lodge into the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.We signed a contract to sell Acacia Lumberton Manor which ensures the financial wellbeing of our Grand Lodge for the next century.We are implementing the most modern Secretaries program for the Lodges and Grand Lodge. Our Grand Chaplains had one of the best years ever as they traveled their Districts bringing aid and comfort to Brothers in need.We updated many of the Materials used in our Lodges, giving them a more professional appearance. Though I was hoping to have the five unprinted Grand Lodge Proceedings completed, it looks like I will fall short by one set. Without the support of the Brethren none of these projects would have been brought to fruition.

There have also been issues to deal with that every man who ever served as Grand Master hoped he would never have to face. Often Brothers and friends would comment that it is such a shame that I had to deal with such un-Masonic problems.Through it all, I kept a positive attitude. My philosophy has been that Freemasonry is perfect but it is comprised of men and no man is perfect. If it were not for these situations, we would not need a Grand Master.The Elected Grand Line, in particular our Deputy Grand Master, Dave Dorwoth, has been by my side through every decision, the joyous as well as the difficulties.

It has been a long journey to the Grand East and one that I will always cherish. I still vividly remember climbing the long stairways up to Jephthah Lodge on a cool Tuesday night in April of 1991, eagerly anticipating what was about to take place. Little did I know the profound impact it would have on the rest of my life. Stacy and I have been privileged to meet so many good Brothers and their wives from all over the world and they will always be a part of our lives.

To be blessed with such a loyal Grand Staff is the lot of few. My Inner Staff and Chaplains have been all over our State performing whatever duties which were asked of

them. My District Deputies lead their respective Districts with dignity to the craft and honor to the Grand Master. My District Ritual Instructors spread the knowledge entrusted to them like the beam of light shines from the lamp of knowledge they wear as their jewel of office. My Grand Marshal Butch Elliott did a yeoman’s job of keeping the entire staff informed and organized. My Secretary, Ron Murad performed marvelously keeping me and the entire State on the same page.As a Staff, we conferred two Gold Collar Degrees and eagerly await a third scheduled for March.

I am Blessed to have such a supportive wife and daughters, without which, I could never have taken on the responsibilities of serving as your Grand Master. During this year there have been many personal milepost reached not just by me but Stacy and our daughters as well. Early in the year for those who don’t know I suffered a heart attack (if you weren’t aware, you’re not alone, I didn’t know until a few months after). I was then fitted with two stents to open blocked arteries. Following the May wedding of our daughter Karli, she recently gave us our first grandchild, Nicholas. They and my daughters Leah, Taylor, Jodi and Heather have endured so many nights and personal events that I could not be at. I thank them so much for their understanding and support. I love them so much.

I do not look as the coming days as the end of the story rather I am looking forward to the next chapter.A chapter filled with time spent with Stacy, the girls and our Grandson, time on my boat and time in the deer woods. Of course, I will enjoy spending Wednesday nights with the Brethren of Acacia Lodge and supporting my successors to the best of my ability.

The road has been long with many winding turns but now as I fade into the background I am filled with a sense of peace and joy.I wish the Brethren Godspeed in all their Masonic and private endeavors. God Bless each and every one of you, God Bless Freemasonry and may God continue to Bless this the greatest Country the world has ever known.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Glenn R. Trautmann
Grand Master

May

- 4 32nd Degree Conferral
- 5 Grand Lodge of New York
- 7 GLI 5th District
- 9 GLI 22nd District
- 11 Grand Master's Reception
- 14 GLI 23rd District
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June

- 6 GLI 17th District
- 7-9 NJ DeMolay Conv
- 11 Past Grand Master's Meeting
- 12 GLI 18th District
- 17 GLI 2nd District
- 19 Deputy School

July

- 12-14 NE Conference of Grand Masters
- 17-20 Burl. CO. Farm Fair & Shrine Circus



Grand Lodge

**Grand Master's
2013 Calendar**

Deputy Grand Master's Message

Another Annual Grand Lodge Communication is upon us. This is the time to renew old friendships, meet new friends, and pay respect to those have left us to be with the Grand Architect of the Universe. We are honored to hear from our Grand Master who has kept order and will impart Masonic Light in his closing address. Trustees of the Grand Lodge, Masonic Charity Foundation and Historic Trenton Masonic Temple and committee chairmen will have a moment to give us updates on their activities, this past masonic year, with their various reports. We will exercise our right to vote for those Brethren running for various positions in our fraternity and vote on the latest proposed legislative changes. We can all agree that we have fun and fellowship when we are off labor and on refreshment. What a wonderful opportunity to step away from some of the formalities of our lives to attend The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in Atlantic City.

We should take a moment to examine the number of Lodges and the Officers of many Lodges that do not attend The Annual Communication with their Apron and Jewel of Office.

This is one of the only times your voice can be heard and your vote counts. This year off site voting is not available to officers of our respective Lodges. Off site voting will be available to Past Masters that register. Every year a random roll call of Lodges is called and we listen to hear as some of our Lodges have no representation. Fifteen Lodges must be represented before The Annual Communication may commence. It is always disturbing to me how many Lodges are missing during the two days. This year the Grand Master has a full agenda for both days, so let's see if we can't get together and all be present.



David A. Dorworth
Deputy Grand Master

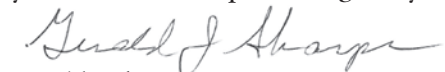


Senior Grand Warden's Message

As I sit down to compose this article, I am struck by the speed at which the time seems to be flying by. Wasn't it just yesterday

that I was holding my breath waiting for the votes to be totaled in the Junior Grand Warden race? Then I realize that was almost two years ago and I am now a candidate for Deputy Grand Master. My Brothers, I have never taken your trust for granted. On many occasions I have awakened somewhere in the middle of the night and can't get back to sleep because I start thinking about the craft and what we must do to move forward. I haven't forgotten that when it is my turn to lead the fraternity, I vowed to be proactive. Moving through the ranks of the Elected Grand Line and visiting other jurisdictions has given me the unique opportunity to discuss the state of our Craft with the leadership from all over the country and beyond. I never miss the chance to engage in these discussions. In my last article, I discussed fraternalism and friendship and the role they play in retention of membership. I encouraged the lodges to invite candidates to dinner and/or lodge events before he was voted on. I still believe we should get to know a man well before we make the decision as to whether he should become a brother among us. Once he is voted in, he is a rough ashlar. How we go about the task of taking off the edges and making him a true Mason is referred to as mentoring. This is another make or break step as to whether the newly made Brother blossoms into an active mason or withers on the vine. The lodges doing the best job mentoring have turned the retention rate, which has been 20%, to 80%. The Grand Lodge has designed a solid program as to how the mentoring should progress and it won't be rehashed here. I would however, like to make some observations. One is, the Master sometimes has to take a willing Brother rather than the best Brother to be a mentor. I would ask all learned and knowledgeable Brothers to consider volunteering and helping a new Brother understand who we are and what we are. In teaching the candidate, it is my suggestion you order one of the old exam books and teach him how to read the code and discuss what is contained therein. First, it is the best way to review what he has just gone through and second, it also teaches him how

to read the code which will be a valuable asset should he decide to be an officer. That being said, I want to state that I am in complete agreement with the shortened form exam currently being used. Being able to memorize large pieces of masonic dialogue does not, in any way, make one a better Mason. Understanding who we are and what we are about, does. Understanding that we all have an inner temple that is incomplete and helping the new Brother to recognize the tools that the fraternity provides to begin working on his temple, that my Brothers, makes better masons. As stated in my last article, men come to us for the three F's, fellowship, friendship and further light. In all three areas we can do better. I have given my thoughts on how to improve fellowship. As for friendship, when we improve our attempts at fellowship, the friendship will strengthen. Once we get to know our newly made Masons and once we include them in our circle, they will surely become our friends. Look at your own life, I would venture to guess that almost all of your friends are Masons. We don't plan it, but that is the way it works out. Our new Brothers will fit nicely into our circle once we get to know them. As for further light, there is much room for improvement here. Many men come to us seeking light. We, as a Grand Lodge, have not provided enough leadership in this area. We are not like many of the other fraternities out there. We have a philosophy, we have deep symbolic meaning, we have a tie to the ancient mysteries, and we have a tie to great truths. While I believe every Brother must, in some way, work on his unfinished inner temple, they may not be interested in the deeper meaning of Masonry. I understand that men come to us for many different reasons and I respect that. However, it is my feeling that all Masons should be exposed to the deeper meaning of Masonry and that we should provide a forum and guidance for those who are interested in digging further. Time and space prohibit going into lengthy detail in this forum but I intend to address these topics in more detail as my journey continues. Thank you for your attention. I hope I have given you food for thought.



Gerald J. Sharpe
Senior Grand Warden

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You may select **1 or 2 candidates for Grand Lodge Trustee**, by pressing the candidate's picture a Check Mark will appear in a box below to the left of their picture, if you change your mind press the picture again and the Check Mark will disappear and select another candidate.

Once you have completed your selections **Press the Green Arrow** and the bottom right of the screen to **Cast Your Vote**.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
CANDIDATE SELECTION

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Notify the Grand Secretary at **WLM@NJMasonic.Org** or Fill Out and Mail the tear-off below to register for Remote Voting

Return this form to: **Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of NJ, 100 Barrack St, Trenton, NJ 08608**
Return this form by **April 15, 2013**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Member No: _____

Lodge Name: _____ Number: _____



Grand Secretary's Message



My Brethren,

This year we are making a few changes in Registration and Balloting for Grand Lodge Officers. We have two candidates for Junior Grand Warden, one

of whom will eventually become your Grand Master. We also have three candidates for two positions on the Board of Grand Lodge Trustees. These two contested offices will be voted on by anyone who is a Past Master, Worshipful Master, Senior or Junior Warden of your lodge in Atlantic City. In order to vote, you must have in your possession a 2012 or 2013 dues card. Registration will start on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at noon in the Fairmont / Monticello room on the 6th Floor of Bally's and run until 6:00 PM that evening; registration will reopen on Wednesday at 7:00 AM and run until 7:00 PM. The Grand Lodge Session will be held on Wednesday, April 24 from 9:00 AM until noon, then reconvene at 2:00 PM until 4:30 PM. Legislation will be voted on during the afternoon session.

Balloting will begin at noon on Wednesday, April 24th until 7:00 PM and reopen on Thursday, April 25th from 7:00 AM until all Proxy votes are cast at approximately 10:00 AM.

If you are a Past Master and cannot make it to the Annual Communication in Atlantic City on April 23rd to 25th, we are setting up Internet Voting to afford you the opportunity to vote for the Elective Offices of Grand Lodge. This voting will take place only on Wednesday, April 24th from 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM that evening. Here is the way it will work: as a Past Master and you do not have email but have access to a computer, you will fill in the form in this issue of the Freemason

and return it to my office no later than April 15th. We will contact your lodge secretary to verify that you have paid your dues for 2012 or 2013, upon notification from your lodge secretary we will send you a voting card with instructions on its use. If live near the Masonic Home in Burlington, New Jersey, we will allow you to vote there, but you must present your voting card and a 2012 or 2013 dues card, to the staff member present to assist you.

If you have an email address, you can reply to me at: **WLM@NJMasonic.org** giving the following information: In the subject line please use the subject of: **Past Master Voting**. Include from your Dues Card: **Full Name, Membership Number and Name & Number of your lodge**, this is your mother lodge, where your vote will be counted from. I will also require that you provide your home address and email address. This email request, I must receive by April 15th. We will contact your lodge secretary via email to verify that you have paid your 2012 or 2013 dues. Once that information is returned to us we will reply to you with instructions and your registration code.

Please be assured that by entering your ballot number in Atlantic City and your membership number and ballot number during the internet session, our system does not record how you voted only that you had voted. This is to eliminate duplicate votes.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

PAST MASTERS CAN NOW VOTE ONLINE

If you can't be at the Annual Communication, register to vote using the form attached to the Grand Secretary's letter in this issue

You must register by April 15, 2013

For more information go to the Grand Lodge website
newjerseygrandlodge.org

Get to know the candidates
Watch the **March 27th Candidates Night** on the Grand Lodge website

To Vote in Atlantic City you **DO NOT** need to register prior to arriving



Grand Lodge Agenda

Grand Lodge

Tuesday

- 12:00 pm Voting Registration opens in the Fairmont Room
- 6:00 pm Cocktail Hour Ocean Ballroom
- 7:00 pm Grand Master's Banquet Ocean Ballroom

Wednesday

- 7:00 am Voting Registration resumes in the Fairmont Room
- 9:00 am Call to Order 226th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Grand Ballroom
- 12:00 pm Balloting Open, Fairmont Room
- 12:00 pm Call Off for lunch
- 2:00 pm Resume Labor of Annual Communication, Grand Ballroom

Voting on Legislation will begin during this afternoon session you'll need to have registered and picked up your voting packet prior to the afternoon session.

Wednesday

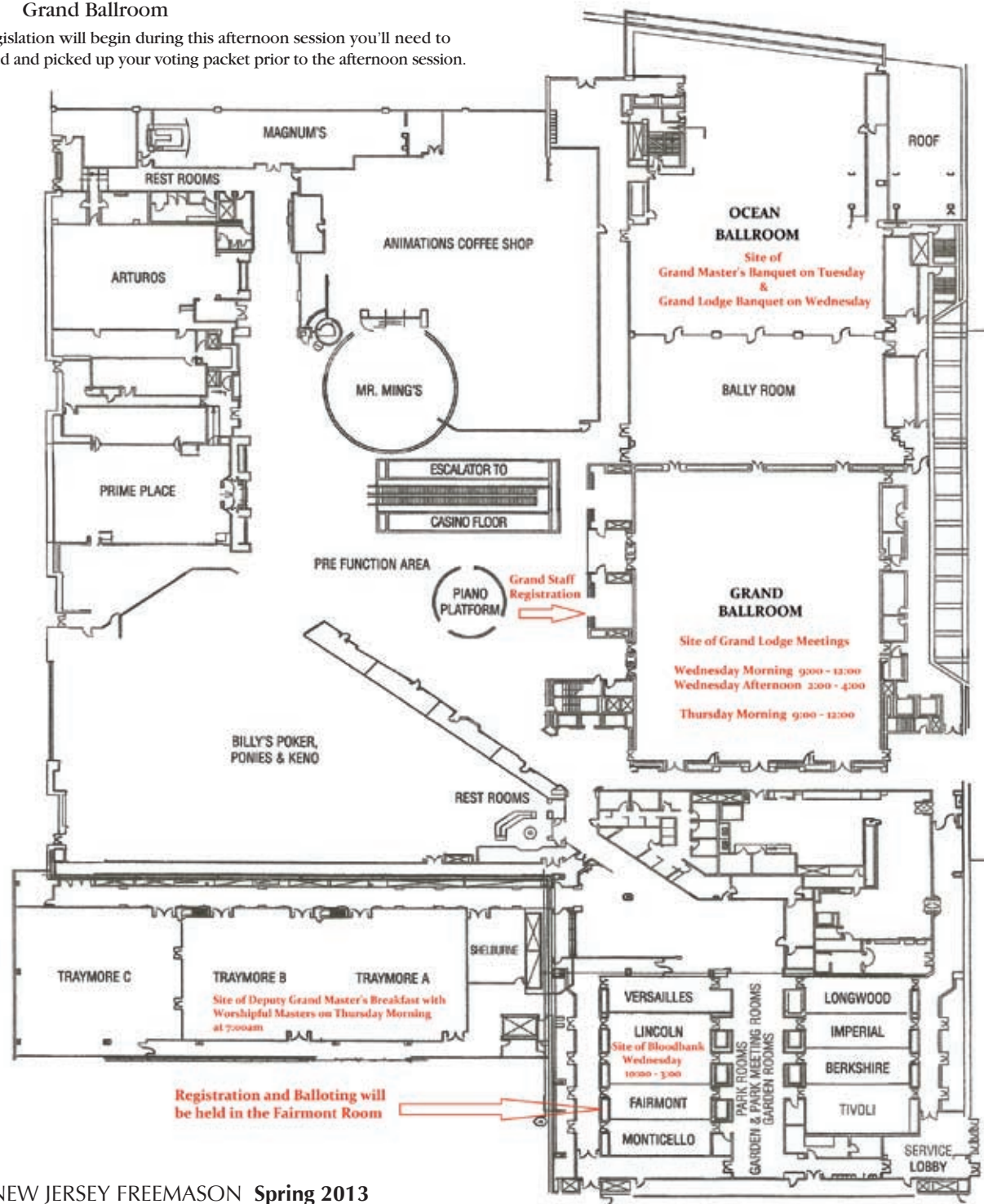
- 4:00 pm Call Off
- 6:00 pm Cocktail Hour Ocean Ballroom
- 7:00 pm Grand Lodge Banquet Ocean Ballroom, Balloting suspended for the evening

For tickets contact the Grand Lodge Office 609-239-3950

Thursday

- 9:00 am Resume Labor of Annual Communication, Grand Ballroom
- 12:00 pm Closing of 226th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey

Map of 6th Floor in Bally's Atlantic City
All events are being held on the 6th floor.



Uncontested Nominees for Office



Grand Lodge



Grand Master
David A. Dorworth
Covenant Lodge #161
19th District



Deputy Grand Master
Gerald J. Sharpe
Keystone Lodge #153
23rd District



Senior Grand Warden
Anthony W. Montuori
Madison Lodge #93
11th District



Grand Treasurer
Robert J. Sheridan, P.G.M.
Atlantic Lodge #221
23rd District



Grand Secretary
William L. Morris, Jr.
Loyalty Lodge #33
10th District



Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee
Lawrence D. Thoma
Loyalty Lodge #33
10th District



Masonic Charity Foundation
Edgar M. Coster
Madison Lodge #93
11th District



Masonic Charity Foundation
Joseph T. Mezzina
Sextant Lodge #286
20th District



Masonic Charity Foundation
Gregory J. Scott
Peninsula Lodge #99
5th District



Renew Your Spirit Officers Day Saturday May 18, 2013

The Grand Master is inviting all Lodge Officers to attend

Personally meet and greet the Grand Lodge Elected Line.

Time: 7:30am - 8:30am Registration
8:30am - 8:45am Grand Masters Address
8:45am to High 12 - Mini Seminars

Place: Fellowship Hall, Burlington
Cost: Free to all Officers

We will have several mini seminars to help you become the best WM in your year. The themes will be a continuation of those established at the last Masonic Leadership Conference in Elizabethtown. These are *Money, Management, Morale and Memories*.

Pre-registration special offer for this years Masonic Leadership Conference Oct 25-27, 2013
You will receive a free copy of THE PERFECT ASHLAR if you sign up and make payment May 18th.
MLC cost 2013 \$200 Please have your Lodge make check out to Grand Lodge of New Jersey

Questions? Contact RW Dieter Hees 732-300-4860 dhees@mac.com

RW Walter R. Kaulfers



Personal: I have resided in Ramsey, NJ for 42 years. I have two married daughters, Gwen Pra and Christine Vonderhaar as well as two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Education:
Graduate: Bergen County Vocational/Technical High School as a Journeyman Machinist.
Certified: Electromechanical Engineering and Drafting Design.
Certified: Electrical Lineman.
Newark College of Engineering: HVAC Design.

Occupation:
Lineman Electrician Local #164 IBEW: 1967- 2001.
Operations and Maintenance Electrician: Meadowlands Race Track 1976-2001
Superintendent: Redeemer Cemetery Mahwah, NJ 1997 - present
Staff Member: Vanderplaat Funeral Home, Wyckoff, NJ 2001 - present

Masonic History:
Raised: Mosaic Lodge #194, Ridgefield Park, NJ 1968

- Worshipful Master: Mosaic Lodge #194 1973, 2005
- Worshipful Master: Hawthorne-Fortitude Lodge # 200, Ramsey, NJ 1998
- Lodge Trustee: Mosaic Lodge #194 2005 - 2008
- Lodge Trustee: Hawthorne-Fortitude Lodge # 200
- Past President: Mosaic Lodge Square Club
- Past President: Hawthorne-Fortitude Fellowcraft Club
- Past President: 3rd District Masters and Wardens Association
- District Deputy Grand Master 3rd Masonic District: 2000-2003

- Grand Orator: 2005-2009, 2012-2013
 - Recipient: Meritorious Service Award 2007
 - Grand Lodge Trustee: 2010 - present
 - Grand Lodge Representative: Grand Lodge of Mississippi
- Masonic Affiliations:**
- Past President: The Society of Saints John
 - Past President: Bergen County Court House Square Club
 - Member: North Jersey Past Masters Masonic Association
 - Member: South Jersey Past Masters Association
 - Member: The Valley of Northern NJ, A.A.S.R.
 - Member: Salaam Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.
 - Member: Pyramid No. 1, 2, Ancient Order of Sciots
 - Member: Washington Association of Masons

- Grand Lodge Committees:**
- Masonic Resource Committee Chairman: 2006 -2008
 - Masonic Leadership Conferences: 2007 - 2009
 - Grand Lodge Committee on Ritual: 2009-2011

Statement:
Forty-four years ago I was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in Mosaic Lodge, Ridgefield Park, NJ. Present that evening was my grandfather, Fredrick G. Reynolds, Tyler of Mystic Tie Lodge, Union City, NJ. It was he who arranged for me to receive a petition and upon being raised, expressed extreme pride my attaining his lifelong dream of seeing a grandson initiated into the Fraternity. I was so impressed with the ceremony and my grandfather's emotions, that I was eager to complete my three degrees and become active in my Lodge. After being raised, I was asked to assume the duties of Chaplain for the remainder of that Masonic year. After serving my Lodge as an appointed and elected officer, I was elected Worshipful Master in 1973.

I have spent many years laboring in the quarries of Freemasonry. My various Masonic offices and committee memberships have presented me with many circumstances where I had to make plans, solve problems and offer solutions.

For the past several years, I have been visiting Lodges and Districts to speak about the Mentoring Program. This is a proven system of retaining new Masons. While we continue to see growth in Lodge membership, we must continue to mentor new members as this process will guarantee that our future will have enthusiastic, well educated Freemasons.

In the past, the Masonic Home has experienced financial difficulties. The decisions made by the Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Trustees and our elected Grand Lodge Officers have greatly reduced the withdrawal of Foundation funds needed to operate the Masonic Home. Because of fraternal care, the Masonic Home costs the Charity Foundation several million dollars a year. Our leaders are presently searching for ways to continue to cut costs and raise revenue. As your Grand Master I will continue this course of action to insure financial stability for its future.

I intend to continue the practice of open and transparent communication with individual Lodges using town meetings at District Lodge of Instructions to share concerns and ask for input.

Masonic ritual sets us apart from other fraternal organizations. We must strive for perfection in our ritual with the dedication and persistence of our members. The members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Ritual are some of the best ritualists and teachers in our Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Instructor along with this Committee are charged to conserve, in its purest form, the Grand Lodge's standard ritual work. I intend to maintain this valuable part of our Fraternity.

My service as a Worshipful Master of two Lodges, three years as a District Deputy Grand Master, five years as the Grand Orator and three years as an elected Grand Lodge Trustee has given me the experience, insight and knowledge to perform all the various duties required to lead New Jersey Freemasonry. As Junior Grand Warden, I am confident that I will be a valuable addition to guide this great Fraternity. Further, as your future Grand Master, I will always be conscience of our past, live in the present and embrace our future.

Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote 1 of 2)

RW Glenn C. Wilson



Personal: I have been married to Elizabeth for 33 years. We live happily in Belvidere and have been blessed with two wonderful children. Our son and Brother, Glenn Jr., is married to Jennifer and coincidently, their home is Mason, Ohio.

Our Daughter, Theresa, is a public school teacher and resides in Edgewater, N.J..

Professional:
I am employed as a N.J. Certified Fire Official/ Inspector in Bridgewater Township on a full-time basis and part-time as the Fire Official for Knowlton Township.

- Lodge Service & Affiliations:**
- Raised in Warren Lodge # 13, Belvidere on December 16, 1977
 - Worshipful Master in 1984
 - Warren Lodge Ritual Instructor currently and many other years
 - Lodge Secretary 1994-1998
 - Lodge Blood Bank Co-Chairman 1984-1989
 - Lodge Trustee 1985-1990
 - President 2012 of the First District Masters, Wardens & Past Masters Association
 - Member North Jersey Past Masters Masonic Association
 - Member South Jersey Past Masters, Masters & Wardens Association
 - Honorary Member of Kittatinny Lodge # 164
 - Honorary Member of Harmony Lodge # 8
 - Honorary Member of Samaritan Lodge # 98
 - Honorary Member of Blairstown Lodge # 165
 - Honorary Member of Mansfield Lodge # 36
 - Honorary Member of Musconetcong Lodge # 42
 - Member Baldwin Chapter No. 17 Royal Arch Masons
 - Member AASR Valley of Central Jersey
 - Member of The Society of the Saints John
 - Founder of the New Jersey State Fire Fighters Degree Team
 - Volunteer Worker at N.J. Masonic Wheelchair Track & Field for the past 15 years

- Grand Lodge Service:**
- Daniel Coxe Medal Recipient 2008
 - District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Masonic District 2002 - 2008
 - Grand Orator 2009 - 2011
 - District Ritual Instructor 1995 - 1997
 - Grand Sword Bearer 1987
 - Member Grand Lodge Unity Committee 1984, 85, 86
 - Member Grand Lodge Awards Committee 1986
 - 1st District 200th Grand Lodge Anniversary Commemorative Sales Chairman
 - Chairman Grand Lodge Masonic Resources Committee 2009
 - Member Grand Lodge 225th Anniversary Committee
 - Grand Lodge Representative to Austria since 2008
 - District Deputy Grand Master of the Year 2007

- Community Service:**
- Member, Good Will Fire Company, Belvidere, 1969 to Present
 - Fire Chief 1980 through 1983 and 1995 through 1999, elected annually
 - Fire Company President 3 years
 - Fire Company Treasurer 4 years
 - Fire Company Financial Secretary 2001 through 2010
 - Fire Company Trustee for 5 years, now in my second 5 year term
 - Belvidere Firemen's Relief Association 1972 to Present
 - Local Relief Association Treasurer 1984 to Present
 - Life Member N.J. State Firemen's Association
 - Life Member N.J. State Exempt Firemen's Association
 - Former Delegate N.J. State Volunteer Firemen's Association
 - 5 Year Trustee of N.J. State Volunteer Firemen's Association
 - Past President Warren County Firemen's Association
 - Past Vice President Warren County Fire Chief's Association
 - Warren County Fire Marshal 1990 to 2002
 - Warren County Fire Academy former Board of Directors Member
 - N.J. State Firemen's Home, Warren County Board Manager 2008 to Present
 - Finance Committee of the N.J. State Firemen's Association, 2007 to Present, currently Committee Chairman
 - Former Belvidere Town Councilman
 - Former Belvidere Board of Adjustment Member
 - Former Belvidere Board of Education Member
 - Sons of the American Legion Member for 20 Years
 - Chapel of Four Chaplains - The Legion of Honor Award, 2010

Statement:
One of the first things I came to appreciate when I became a District Deputy Grand Master was that not everyone was happy with our leadership all of the time. As I travel our Grand Jurisdiction I have been repeatedly asked many questions by our Brethren:

- Are we still making Masons or are we only making "members"?
- Are we truly teaching our newly initiated Brothers what we were taught as we learned our proficiencies of the three degrees?
- Are we teaching them to build the Temples in their hearts as we built them in ours?

I am sorry to say that the short answer is "NO". These men did not come to us just so that they can carry a membership card and wear a cool ring. They come because they are searching for a group or fellowship that they have not been able to find anywhere else. They also know that they must prove themselves worthy by passing through the Work of the three degrees that they have heard and read so much about.

I have come to believe that maybe, just maybe, too many of us have forgotten the hunger for Masonic Knowledge that drove each of us to complete that Work. And why did we all go through them "in the same way and manner"? We did it to be Accepted by men we Respected,

the men we came to join. We did it because we wanted to become better men and Masons are, by definition, good men striving to become better men.

I believe we need to return to the basic instruction that comes with each degree. We have to give our candidates what they came to Masonry to get. It worked for us or we would not be here, would we?

My Brothers, when you think about it, not so long ago our Grand Lodge officers were the officers of our Lodges. We elected them because we believe they will do the best job they can in leading our Fraternity. I am asking for your vote because I know that I can help our Elected Line to lead our Craft.

As your next Junior Grand Warden, I understand that we must make sure that our newly initiated brothers do not lose their enthusiasm as they progress to the Fellowcraft and ultimately to the Master Mason Degree. We can never forget that these new brothers are the future of Freemasonry. Without them we cannot continue to grow and, ultimately, neither will we survive.

My 7 years as DDGM of the 1st Masonic District were a wonderful time in my life. I loved being able to successfully guide when guidance was requested and lead when leadership was required. I look at the Junior Grand Warden's job as doing much the same thing, but on a state-wide level. I see one of my jobs as helping to continue the evolution of our Fraternity, while at the same time making sure that we do not lose those basics that make us different from every other fraternity in the world.

After my service as Deputy came to an end, I was fortunate to do 3 additional years of Grand Lodge service, this time as the Grand Orator. I was able to mentor the entire Deputy Corps. It was another wonderful job and it helped me to get a much deeper understanding of the workings of our Grand Jurisdiction.

The responsibility and duties of these Grand Lodge positions have laid a solid foundation in preparing me as your next Junior Grand Warden and ultimately, to serve as your Grand Master. I am ready to serve. This is why I am asking for your vote.

My Brothers, the past decade has shown the resilience that has led us through the worst of times. We are still doing what we must do and we owe both our current and past leadership our undying thanks and gratitude for their resolve.

As a member of our Elected Line, I will use my years of Masonic and professional experience to guide our Grand Lodge on a path of continuity and growth. No one expects our leadership to conform to every new idea or fad. We all know that our greatest strength lies in being able to evaluate and re-evaluate our situations, both immediate and future and to take the decisive actions needed to ensure our Fraternity's continued prosperity.

I will win this election with your vote and your support.

Thank you

ALL LODGE SECRETARIES ASSISTANT SECRETARIES... & PAST SECRETARIES

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

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

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

Saturday, MAY 18, 2013 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: 609.470.1591



The Grand Lodge Education Committee presented a half day seminar this past Ground Hog Day. Brethren from around the State attended, which was held in the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple. WB James Choyinski and WB David Tucker presented the Memorization Skills section and RW Joseph Herx and WB Keith Herman delivered The Art of Public Speaking.



A Seminar will be held again Ground Hog weekend 2014



WB James Choyinsky



WB Keith Herman









Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote 2 of 3)

RW Andrew Freda



Personal:

Born December 24, 1962 and raised in New Jersey. Married to Lisa on June 7, 1997, the proud parents of three children, Drew, Grace and Glenn (ages 10, 9 & 8 respectively).

Education:

- Dwight-Englewood High School, Englewood, New Jersey
- Syracuse University, A.B. in Economics & Political Science, 1985
- American University, Washington College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1989

Professional:

Attorney at law since 1990. Employed by the American Stock Exchange (New York City) from 1990 to 1995. In private law practice in New Jersey from 1995 to the present. Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 2004. My professional experience is a diverse transactional practice including: corporate and commercial business transactions, investment and securities regulation, estate planning, commercial real estate investment and development, and debt

and equity finance transactions.

Masonic History:

Raised in Alpine Tilden Tenakill Lodge No. 77 in 1991, serving as Worshipful Master in 1996, 1997 & 1998, and Lodge Trustee 1999-2002. Past President, Tenakill Square Club. Past President, 3rd District Masters & Wardens Association. Member, Warren Point Paramus Square Club. Honorary Member, Temple Lodge No. 173, Westwood, NJ.

Grand Lodge Offices:

- President (current), Grand Lodge Board of Trustees
- Trustee, Grand Lodge Board of Trustees 2010 - 2013
- District Deputy Grand Master, 3rd District, 2009 - present
- District Ritual Instructor, 3rd District, 2005-2008
- Chairman, Grand Lodge Committee on Constitution and Laws 2012 - 2013

Community:

Board of Trustees, 32nd Degree Children's Learning Center of Tenafly, 1999-2002. Member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood, NJ, served as Senior High Youth Group Leader from 2002-2005, and elected as a Deacon 2006. I have been an active community volunteer, having worked on projects for Rebuilding America (revitalizing the homes of senior citizens); Shelter Our Sisters (providing safe haven for abused women & children), and the Junior League of Bergen County

For a period of 10 years while teaching at both the high school and collegiate level, I owned my own cabinet making business. I taught high school for four years before joining the faculty at Montclair State University. I eventually retired as Professor Emeritus after 32 years there as a teacher, counselor, department chairman/ administrator, a coordinator of graduate study and University Representative. As a Department Chairman I was responsible for two buildings housing nine laboratories and four class rooms. The value of the facility was between 1 and 1.5 million dollars. I was also responsible for the supervision of 12 full-time faculty members and an average of 6 to 8 adjunct faculty members annually. The creation, justification, and administration of the department's budget of between 4 and 5 hundred thousand dollars annually not including faculty salary was one of my prime responsibilities. During my tenure at the University, I also chaired two of the most important university committees. The first being the General Education Committee for two years which selected those courses to be used by all university students regardless of their major to meet the basic or general education requirements for graduation, and the Faculty Promotions Committee for three years which had the responsibility of selecting from all submissions those to be recommended for promotion.

I have served as a consultant to industry and education. On the industry side, I have in the past worked for such companies as Dixie, Bell Telephone (Verizon) and several others. I continue to do so, although at present on a very much more limited basis due to other personal and especially masonic commitments. This I do/have done

(community charitable organization). I served as a Project Leader for Rebuilding America for two years.

Statement:

Having over twenty years experience as legal counsel and having served on numerous Boards of Directors and Boards of Trustees, I have a very thorough appreciation of the fiduciary duty which obligates those who serve. As an attorney, I am well acquainted with the responsibility of upholding the rights and interests of others, whether for individuals, businesses, or Boards of Trustees. Such service necessarily requires integrity, prudence, sound judgment, and steadfast dedication towards achieving goals.

The skills I have developed in handling diverse and sophisticated business matters include: the ability to analyze financial statements, assessment of the risks of particular business strategies and investments, negotiation and structuring of transactions, and the development of long range business plans. All of these skills would be beneficial to our Board.

Our Grand Lodge Trustees are charged with the long-term safeguarding of our fraternity. Being entrusted with the preservation of our institution, service on the Board engenders an obligation of the highest responsibility to the Craft. If elected, I will employ all my knowledge, skills, industry and resolve, for the benefit of our fraternity..

through TAECON (Technical And Educational Consultants), my consulting business of over 30 years. I have also in the past worked as a member of an International Consortium of Professionals in the Plastics Industry called IPIC (International Plastics Industries Consultants) serving as one of three educational specialists in the United States.

In the educational arena, I have performed consultation services for the public school districts of Perth Amboy, Livingston, and East Hanover. The same was done at the collegiate level for CCNY now the City University of New York and New York University. During my tenure as Chairman of the Department of Industrial Education and Technology at Montclair University from 1976 to 1986 I had the pleasure of seeing the first female students accepted into what was originally a male program only. In addition during that same time the department moved from a strictly teacher education program only by creating an additional program for first level supervisors and managers in industry. I was elected to serve on the New Jersey Chancellor of Higher Education's Advisory Board on Post High School Vocational and Technical Education representing Montclair University for four years. I was reelected three additional times for a total of 15 years on that board. During that time I was elected by the council members to serve two terms of two years each as Secretary, and one term of two years as President of the Council reporting directly to the then Chancellor of Higher Education.

Masonic History:

- Raised in West Orange Lodge #205 - 1959
- Affiliated Hope Lodge #124 - 1981
- Worshipful Master 1987

Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote 2 of 3)



RW George A. Olsen, PDDGM

Secretary 1988 to 2000

- Merger with Genesis Lodge #88 - 2000
- Secretary 2001 to the present
- Grand Chaplain: 1991 - 92
- District Deputy Grand Master: 1994 - 2000
- Secretary to the Grand Master: 2000 - 01
- Grand Lodge Ritual Committee: 2001 - Present
- Continuing to serve as Secretary/Recorder
- Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee: elected in 2005 serving two terms
- Served on the Budget, Audit and Scholarship Committees Chairman of the Scholarship Committee
- Presented with the Meritorious Service Award in 2011
- Masonic Community Charity Fund: 2001 - present
- Currently serving as Chairman
- Other Grand Lodge Committees both Past and Present: Education and Service

Masonic Affiliations:

Valley of Northern New Jersey, AASR; Union Chapter #7 RAM; Quayle Council #17 RSM; North Jersey Past Masters Association, Past President (2006); Past Member Board of Directors of the Tenafly Child Learning Center six years; Tall Cedars of Lebanon Forest #33; Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots, Pyramid # 2: Charter Member and Past Trustee; The Philaethes Society, Southern California Lodge of Research, Scottish Rite Research Society, Texas Lodge of Research; Charter Member

RW Glenn T. Visscher



Personal:

Born June 6, 1967 in Morris Plains, New Jersey, where I currently reside. I am engaged to be married to Amy Butler in May 2013.

Education:

- Graduated from Morristown High School: 1985
- BS in Chemistry (Bucknell University): 1989
- PhD in Materials Chemistry (Penn State University): 1994
- Post-Doctoral Studies in Industrial Chemistry (Polymer Chemistry Innovations, State College, Pa): 1995

Professional:

I am currently a Project Manager/Associate Principal Scientist with Mondeléz International in the area of Confectionary Development (Gum and Gum Base Development). My career has spanned 16 years in the Plastics and Confectionary businesses, primarily in the areas of R&D, Project Management and Business Development. In my current position, I am responsible for management of global research projects which include budget development/ oversight, research, problem solving, adherence to timelines, personnel management, and reporting results to Senior Management on a timely basis. I have represented Mondeléz International

Masonic Secretaries Association; Member of Lincoln Chapter #95 Order of the Eastern Star, three times Past Patron; Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Order of DeMolay Past Master Councilor (1948) and State Sentinel (1949); Chevalier 1957; Legion of Honor 1997; Senior DeMolay (67 years); DeMolay Alumni Association; and former Advisory Board Member, Lincoln Park (Phoenix) Chapter, ODM.

Community:

My community involvement has been as, Cub Master, Scout Master, Troop Committee Member, and presently the Institutional Representative to the Scout Troop which my church sponsors. I was also a Little League Coach for three years. Being elected to the local Board of Education in 1972, I served as the Vice-president and Chairman of the Negotiations Committee as Chief Negotiator. I served on the Facilities Committee of the board as the Chairman during two major remodeling projects. I have served in the past as a Church Elder for 35 years and over a period of 30 years served either as Chairman of Buildings and Grounds for a total of 18 years or Chairman of Finance for a total of 12 years. Elected by the congregation of my church to Chair the Pastoral Search Committee during 2000/2001, 2007/2008, and again in 2011.

Statement:

Brethren, for the past 54 years, I have derived great satisfaction from being a New Jersey Freemason, especially the last 26 years as an active member of the Grand Lodge, especially during

on the International level for the ICGA (International Chewing Gum Association).

Masonic History:

- Raised in Cincinnati Lodge No. 3 in 1998
- Worshipful Master (Cincinnati Lodge No. 3): 2002 & 2003
- Lodge Trustee (Cincinnati Lodge No. 3): 2003 - 2006
- President of the 11th District Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Past Master's Association: 2003
- Grand Soloist: 2003 - 2007
- Grand Marshal: 2011 - 2012
- Dual Member of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge #10
- Awarded Meritorious Service Award: 2009
- Awarded Daniel Coxe Award 2011
- Grand Lodge Committees
- Museum & Library Committee: 2011 - Present; Current Chairman
- Masonic Resource Committee

Masonic Affiliations:

- Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (Valley of Northern New Jersey): Most Wise Master: 2009; Coroneted 33rd: 2007
- Royal Arch Masons (Adelphic Chapter #33)
- Royal and Select Masters (Quayle Council #17)
- Knights Templar (Melita Commandry #17)
- Salaam Shrine: Oriental Band - President (2005) & Asst. Director (2000-Present); Deputy Director General: 2003-2011
- Allied Masonic Degrees (Harold Van Buren Voorhis Council #260): Sovereign Master - 2012
- Order of the Eastern Star (Atlas Chapter #99)
- Red Cross of Constantine (St. Joseph Conclave)
- Knight Masons (Northern New Jersey Council #10)

my six years (2005-2011) as a Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee, and most surely during the last 13 years on the Ritual Committee as its Secretary/Recorder. I believe the experience I have gained as a Professional Educator and Administrator, a business person and consultant to both industry and education and a Marine Corps Officer; has uniquely qualified me to serve our Grand Lodge as a Trustee. To the best of my ability, I will represent you in the duties and responsibilities laid out in Title Four - Section 2 - Part 3 of our Constitution and Laws. I will bring to the Board of Trustees a broad and diversified background. We are a corporate entity and as such have a corporate responsibility to those who comprise the corporation. The Grand Lodge Trustees need to have the perseverance to constantly strive to do what is best for the fraternity within the realm of their responsibilities. We must always maintain a threefold balance; remaining mindful of the direction in which the Grand Master and the Elected Grand Lodge Officers are leading our Grand Lodge, what the desires and needs of the membership are, and lastly the circumstances which today's economy creates for our fiscal resources.

Brethren, I earnestly solicit your support and especially your vote in April at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge and that you will give me the opportunity to represent and serve you for the next three years as a Grand Lodge Trustee.

- Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (SRICF) (NJ Council)
- Society of Saints John
- Royal Order of Scotland
- Awarded DeMolay Legion of Honor (Honorary): 2005

Community:

- Eagle Scout (1981) / Past Assistant Scoutmaster - Troop 39 (Morris Plains, NJ)
- Morristown Presbyterian Church: Board of Deacons, Lay Reader
- Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade Committee: 2005 - Present

Statement:

Our Constitution and By-Laws require the Trustees to manage the fiscal and material aspects of our Grand Lodge, while still preserving its history and well-being. Throughout my masonic and business career, I have always employed enthusiasm for my work, good planning and responsibility to achieve my goals. As a Project Manager I have worked with multi-million dollar budgets and successfully directed the work of my team members. As a Scientist, I am trained to identify a problem and then develop and implement the optimal solution in a timely and responsible manner. As a Masonic Museum Curator and Historian, I believe in caring for our Past and Present Grand Lodge Assets so we can learn from the past and guide our future decisions. I value all that I have learned from Freemasonry and have incorporated it into my life. This foundation, coupled with my experiences, will allow me to be a real asset to our Grand Lodge Trustees and to make the proper choices which will help our Craft to grow and prosper.



226th Annual Communication Legislation

Current: TITLE THREE, ARTICLE II, Section 1, Part 1 Part 1. Members. All elected Past Grand Officers and Past Masters, while they remain members of regular warranted lodges in this jurisdiction, and all Masters and Wardens for the time being of said lodges.

Proposed: TITLE THREE, ARTICLE II, Section 1, Part 1 Part 1. Members. All elected Past Grand Officers and Past Masters to include all Distinguished White Aprons Brothers, while they remain members of regular warranted lodges in this jurisdiction, and all Masters and Wardens for the time being of said lodges.

Statement: Whereby Distinguished White Apron Brothers, being recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Their Districts and their Blue Lodges be included in the membership of Grand Lodge, as their service has brought great credit upon our fraternity and Freemasonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Wayne E. Hackney, PM Keystone Lodge #153
Gerald J. Sharpe, PM Keystone Lodge #153
Joseph R. Avanti, PM Belcher Lodge #180
James C. Gaul, PM H.T. Dewey Lodge #226
Gary Postsch, PM Justice Lodge #285
John J. Percy, III, PM Unity Lodge #96

New Section: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE II, Section 1, Part 2(a) Part 2(a). Grand Marshal. The Grand Master shall have power to appoint a Grand Marshal. The title of Right Worshipful shall be accorded to past, present and future Grand Marshal's, provided that said Grand Marshal is a Past Master.

Joseph H. Rival, Jr.
Laurel Lodge No. 237

Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE II, Section 2, Part 4 Part 4. Compensation of Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, *Deputy Grand Secretary while serving as Acting Grand Secretary*, and Grand Instructor may receive such stated compensation for their services as *may be provided by resolution of* the Grand Lodge

Proposed: Title Four, Article II, Section 2, Part 4 Part 4. Compensation of Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Instructor may receive such stated compensation for their services as may be determined from time to time by the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees.

Joseph H. Rival, Jr.
Laurel Lodge No. 237

Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE III, Section 3, Part 3(e) Part 3(e). On vs. Offsite Balloting Procedure. Ballots shall be cast by those present at the annual communication by use of voting machines that shall be present for that purpose. Voting members present shall register with the balloting committee members charged with said registration and shall be provided with ballot packages. They may then proceed to vote at the voting machines. Ballots may also be cast by Past Masters who are not present at the annual communication, electronically, via an Internet connection that shall be established by the Grand Lodge for that purpose. Said electronic balloting shall be subject to the security procedures implemented by the Balloting Committee in conjunction with the Office

of the Grand Secretary, with the appropriate interlocks to prevent an electronic ballot and a personal ballot by the same member. All ballots shall be cast, and all balloting closed no later than 11 a.m. on the second day of the annual communication. All ballots cast shall be tabulated by the tellers who shall be members of the Balloting Committee under the direction of the Grand Secretary.

Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE III, Section 3, Part 3(e) Part 3(e). On vs. Offsite Balloting Procedure. Ballots shall be cast by those present at the annual communication by use of voting machines that shall be present for that purpose. Voting members present shall register with the balloting committee members charged with said registration and shall be provided with ballot packages. They may then proceed to vote at the voting machines. All ballots shall be cast, and all balloting closed no later than 11 a.m. on the second day of the annual communication. All ballots cast shall be tabulated by the tellers who shall be members of the Balloting Committee under the direction of the Grand Secretary. .

Statement: The current law permits Past Masters to ballot anywhere in the world. Opens this up to disruption of the balloting process and possible delays in declaring and announcing the result which could cost the Grand Lodge unnecessary expenses.

Joseph H. Rival, Jr.
Laurel Lodge No. 237

Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE III, Section 4, Part 4 Part 4. Amendment of Grand Lodge By-Laws.

(a) Required Procedure. No alteration or addition shall be made to Title Two, Articles I through XII of these By-laws and Regulations unless proposed in writing, signed by a member of the Grand Lodge, and published in the New Jersey Freemason, and shall require a majority vote for adoption.

(b) Procedure Without Publication. An amendment to Title Two, Articles I through XII, which has not been published shall require a two-thirds majority to be adopted at the same communication at which it has been made

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Statement: This amendment is correct a typographical error in the 2010 version of the Constitution and Laws which referred to the Grand Lodge By-Laws as “Title Two” instead of “Title Four”.

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Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 1(f) *Rewording of Existing Provision to Improve Clarity*

Deleting: Article VII, Section 5, Part 1(f) Part 1(f). Return of Election. Each lodge shall, within one week after the annual election of said lodge, deliver to the Grand Secretary an exact return, signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the lodge, of the names and titles of the officers, and the names of those who have become members since the last return; the dates of initiations, affiliations and rejections of candidates; the birthplace, age and occupation of candidates initiated or admitted during the year; the deaths, dimissions, suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements of members, and its usual time and place of meeting.

Adding Two New Sections: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 9, Part 1(f) Part 1(f). Return of Election. Each lodge shall, within one week after the annual election of said lodge, deliver to the Grand Secretary an exact return, signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the lodge, of the names and titles of the officers.

AND TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 9, Part 1(g) Part 1(g). Lodge Annual Return. Each lodge shall, by February 1st of each year, submit on the prescribed form the names of those who have become members since the last return; the dates of initiations, affiliations and rejections of candidates; the birthplace, age and occupation of candidates initiated or admitted during the year; the deaths, demits, suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements of members, and its usual time and place of meeting.

Statement: This amendment is not intended to change the substance of the section, but rather to clean-up in artfully written sections for the purpose of greater clarity.

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Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 2 Part 2. Nominations. In the absence of a by-law bearing on the subject, the permitting or forbidding of nominations for office rests in the discretion of the Master.

Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 2 Part 2. Nominations. We propose that this rule be eliminated.

Walter Seidel, PM Fulton Friendship Lodge No. 102
Leonard Bogert, PM Fulton Friendship Lodge No. 102

Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 8(b) Part 8(b). Time of Installation. The Annual Installation of officers shall be held during the month of December, on or before December 27th. In the event the election of officers is held in November, the Installation Officers shall be held at the December communication as the sole purpose of that communication with no other business being transacted. Qualification of the incoming Worshipful Master may be held at the same communication as elections, just following elections, or at the same communication as installations, just preceding installations. In the event the election of officers is

held in December, the Installation of Officers may be held at the Annual Meeting or at an emergent communication of the lodge called for that purpose. In the event that the bylaws of any lodge within this jurisdiction shall provide for a regular communication to be held between the communication at which the annual election of officers takes place and the Feast of St. John (December 27), then by virtue of these bylaws, such communication is hereby declared to be emergent, at which no business of the lodge other than the Installation of Officers or the conducting of degrees, shall take place. Further, the Secretary of such a lodge is directed to place a copy of this Section 5, Part 8(b) in the bylaws of the lodge, and to mark the section of the lodge's bylaws regarding communications to refer to this section. If the warrant of a lodge requires the installation of the officers to take place “on or near St. John's Day,” such installation, to comply with the warrant, should be not later than the first regular communication succeeding St. John's Day.

Proposed New Sections: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 8(b) Part 8(b). Time of Installation. The Annual Installation of officers shall be held on or before December 27th. If the warrant of a lodge requires the installation of the officers to take place “on or near St. John's Day,” such installation, to comply with the warrant, should be not later than the first regular communication succeeding St. John's Day.

TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 9(c) Part 9(c). Time of Qualification Ceremony. Qualification of the incoming Worshipful Master may be held at the same communication as elections, just following elections, or at the same communication as installations, just preceding installations.

Statement: This legislation accomplishes two things: First, the existing provision provides that if a lodge holds its' annual election in November, that no other business may be undertaken at the Annual Meeting in December. The provision places an undue burden on lodges which may only have one meeting in December, and need to be able to transact business in the ordinary course during that month. This proposal would eliminate that restriction. Second, the remaining provisions which deal with the timing of installation and qualification ceremonies would now be grouped in the sections addressing those two subjects.

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New Section: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 7, Part 17(a) Part 17(a). Disposition of Lodge Assets Following Arrest or Surrender of Warrant. In the event that the warrant of a lodge is permanently arrested or a lodge surrenders its' warrant voluntarily and permanently, then the provisions of this part shall govern the disposition of the assets of the lodge, which shall be referred to as the dissolved lodge. The dissolved Lodge's affairs will be administered by the Grand Lodge Trustees. The assets of the dissolved lodge, after payment of any obligations outstanding, shall be distributed to the



lodes in the State of New Jersey which the members of the dissolved lodge shall affiliate with.The members of the dissolved lodge shall notify the Grand Lodge of their succeeding membership no more than six months following the arrest or surrender of the dissolved lodge’s warrant.”

Statement: This legislation provides for the orderly division of assets of a lodge following the permanent arrest or surrender of the warrant, in the absence of a merger or some other distribution of assets at the direction of the members of a lodge.

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Current: **TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 8, Part 1**
Correction of Existing Provision to Improve Clarity

Part 1. Formation of a New Lodge.The proper construction of Title Two,Article VII, Section 1, is, that the lodge therein referred to recommends the applying brethren as persons proper to constitute a lodge, and as having secured a proper room in which to hold a lodge; not that they recommend the formation of the proposed new lodge. But the recommending lodge may, if it sees fit, express its opinion as to the advisability of forming such new lodge.

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New Section: **TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 8, Part 1 (g)**
Part 1(g). Special Purpose Lodges. In addition to the power granted under Part 1(a) of this Section, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to constitute new lodges with limited objectives which shall be known as “Special Purpose Lodges”. Special Purpose Lodges may be formed as provided under Part 1(a) of this Section, following consideration of the proposed Lodge’s objectives by the Strategic Planning Committee. Specific Purpose Lodges shall have the ability to open and close regular and emergent communications as regular lodges.

- (a) Specific Purpose Lodges shall not be permitted to do the following:
- (i) Qualification of Worshipful Masters
 - (ii) Confer degrees upon candidates.

- (b) Special Purpose Lodges shall be required to submit to an annual Official Visit for the purpose of the examination of books and records, but not for the purpose of demonstration of ritual proficiency.
- (c) Membership in Special Purpose Lodges shall be obtained under the same procedure as Dual Membership under Title Four,Article IX, Section5, except for those who seek membership at the time of formation as provided for under Title Four,Article VII, Section 8.”

Statement: These lodges would be for a specific purpose such as support of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. They could be also be used to support a particular function such as conferring the master mason on degree on Senior DeMolay as was the original purpose of Jacque DeMolay Lodge when it was created.

Joseph H. Rival, Jr.
Laurel Lodge No. 237

Current: **TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE IX, Section 1, Part 2(a)**
Part 2. Petitions.

- (a) Age. A petitioner for the three degrees of Masonry must be at least twenty-one years of age.

Proposed: TITLE FOUR,ARTICLE IX, Section 1, Part 2(a)
Part 2. Petitions.

- (a) Age. A petitioner for the three degrees of Masonry must be at least eighteen years of age.

Statement: Prior to 1895 there was no set age of admission to petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry in New Jersey. It is time that we in New Jersey return to the original intent of admitting men at the age of maturity.At 18 years of age a Man can join the armed forces and risk his life defending each of us. He can vote for the Politicians who govern us. It is time we allow these Men in our Lodges.

Glenn R. Trautmann, PM
Acacia Lodge No. 20

New Section: **TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE IX, Section I, Part 19(d)**
Part 19(d). Post- Membership Requirements. No Master Mason, until he shall have satisfactorily passed the Master Mason examination and at least six (6) months shall have elapsed after having received his degree, as such, shall apply for or accept membership in any body, order or organization in which a prerequisite of membership is that a person (or each male member thereof) be a Master Mason.

This legislation shall not apply to Masonic Clubs, Craftsmen’s Clubs and Masonic Temple Associations.

Statement: The foundation of our Gentle Craft is formed at the Blue Lodge level.This legislation does not deter any Master Mason from joining any other appendent body, but rather gives him a foundation on which to build his Masonic Education for the betterment of the entire Craft.

Robert L. Miller, PM Acacia Lodge No. 20
George T. Gordon, PM Philipsburg Lodge No.
Dennis R. Winters, PM Williamstown Lodge No.

Current: **TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE IX, Section 8, Part 1 (a)**
Part 1(a). Grounds for Suspension.Any member of the lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who shall be in arrears for dues twelve months, and who shall refuse or neglect to pay the same within three months after demand thereof shall have been made by the Secretary of the lodge to which

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the same are due and payable, may be suspended, after due and timely notice of a regular communication of the lodge at which he may be heard in regard to his proposed suspension.

(Gen Reg. Paragraph 14 below; repeated here for references purposes)
General Regulation 14. Any member of the lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who shall be in arrears for dues twelve months, and who shall refuse or neglect to pay the same within three months after demand thereof shall have been made by the Secretary of the lodge to which the same are due and payable, may be suspended, after due and timely notice of a regular communication of the lodge at which he may be heard in regard to his proposed suspension.

Proposed: TITLE 4,ARTICLE IX, Section 8, Part 1(a)
Part 1(a). Grounds for Suspension.Any member of the lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who shall be in arrears for dues twelve months, and who shall refuse or neglect to pay the same within three months after demand thereof shall have been made by the Secretary of the lodge to which the same are due and payable, may be suspended, after due and timely notice of a regular communication of the lodge at which he may be heard in regard to his proposed suspension. *Said letter of demand to be sent by the Secretary of the lodge during the twelve month period the member is in arrears and at least ninety (90) days, or during the first week of August during suspension year; and prior to the suspension action taking place.Said Suspension of member being reported on the Annual Report dated December 31st, of said suspension year.A member who is re-instated following the suspension year and who has paid his dues and assessments of that suspended year; the Grand Lodge Assessment for the Suspended year must be paid to the Grand Lodge.*

(Gen Reg. Paragraph 14 below; repeated here for references purposes)
Proposed General Regulation 14: Any member of the lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who shall be in arrears for dues twelve months, and who shall refuse or neglect to pay the same within three months after demand thereof shall have been made by the Secretary of the lodge to which the same are due and payable, may be suspended, after due and timely notice of a regular communication of the lodge at which he may be heard in regard to his proposed suspension. *Said letter of demand to be sent by the Secretary of the lodge during the twelve month period the member is in arrears and at least ninety (90) days, or during the first week of August during suspension year; and prior to the suspension action taking place.Said Suspension of member being reported on the Annual Report dated December 31st, of said suspension year.A member who is re-instated following the suspension and who has paid his dues and assessments of the suspended year; the Grand Lodge Assessment for the Suspended year must be paid to the Grand Lodge.*

Statement: Passage of this Amendment would allow the Blue Lodges to pay the Grand Lodge Assessments on only those regular members who are in good standing as of December 31st and would prevent the Blue lodge assessment payments on a member who is suspended three months into the following year from the notification letters that are sent three months past the December 31st date.Annual dues are due, on or before, January 1st of each year and the December 31st Annual Return allows the member 365 days (366 days during Leap Year) to pay his dues during the one year period the member may be suspended if so approved by the lodge.

Raymond W.Taylor, Sr., PM, Merchantville Lodge No. 119
Saul M. Tischler, PM, Rising Sun Lodge No. 15
Glenn E. Latshaw, PM, Maple Shade-Moores town Lodge No. 281
Bernard J. Madgey,V, PM, Laurel Lodge No. 237
George W. Niessner, PM, Mozart Lodge No. 121

Current: **TITLE 4, ARTICLE IX, Section 8, Part 2(a)**
Part 2(a). Suspension. For the suspension from membership of a member, either of the Grand Lodge or of a lodge, two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be required, by ballot. Suspension of a member takes effect immediately upon the announcement of the requisite vote, without reference to approval of the minutes.

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Statement: Passage of this Amendment would allow the Blue Lodges to suspend a member for Non-Payment of dues after one-year and on December 31st at the end of said year, 365 days (366 days during Leap Year) with reference to approval of the minutes of which the suspension date was approved by the members of the lodge.

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Current: **TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE XII, Section 1, Part 5**
Part 5. Regalia of the Distinguished Service White Apron Award.A lambskin apron with a blue seal of Grand Lodge, approximately 3 inches in diameter on the flap thereof may be presented by the Grand Master to one brother in each Masonic district during each Grand Lodge year, and be accompanied by a Lapel Pin with a Blue Seal of the Grand Lodge and the words “Distinguished Service”. It shall be designated as the Grand Master’s Distinguished Service White Apron Award and shall be for a brother who had rendered distinguished Masonic Service.The recipient of this award shall thereafter be accorded the title of “Distinguished Brother”.

Proposed: TITLE 4,ARTICLE XII, Section 1, Part 5
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Statement: As Dues Cards at the present time contain the letters PM (Past Master) Grand Lodge Titles as they apply to present and/or Past Grand Lodge Officers, and the Lodges are now required to list all Distinguished Brethren on their Trestle Boards, it is only appropriate that their Title of D.B. (Distinguished Brother) be listed on their Annual Dues Cards recognizing them as such.

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Proposed Grand Lodge Budget 2013-2014

Membership Base = 21,552

	Budget 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014		Budget 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014
OPERATING REVENUE			GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES		
Grand Lodge per			Annual		
Capita Assessment	\$307,944.00	\$312,504.00	Communication	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00
Blue Lodge Insurance Assessment	76,986.00	75,432.00	Emergent		
Acacia Lumberton Management Fee	68,300.00	66,500.00	Communications	1,000.00	1,000.00
Staff Contribution to			Northeast Conference		
Annual Communication	35,000.00	35,000.00	of Grand Masters	5,000.00	5,000.00
Annual Communication	15,000.00	15,000.00	Conference of Grand		
Sale of Supplies	15,000.00	15,000.00	Masters of N.America	20,000.00	15,000.00
General Fund Interest			Feast of St. John	4,000.00	9,000.00
and Dividends	9,000.00	3,000.00	Past Grand Master's Jewel	10,000.00	12,000.00
Permanent Fund Interest			Awards and Certificates	5,000.00	5,000.00
and Dividends	72,000.00	72,000.00	Table Lodge	0.00	1,000.00
Digitized Proceedings (.50)	10,998.00	10,776.00	225 th Anniversary	22,000.00	0.00
Trenton Temple Assessment (2.00)	43,992.00	43,104.00	TOTAL GRAND		
Trenton Temple Ballroom			LODGE ACTIVITIES	\$202,000.00	\$183,000.00
Renovation (2.00)	43,992.00	43,104.00			
Trenton Temple Operating Revenue	90,000.00	90,000.00	EDUCATION PROGRAMS		
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$788,212.00	\$781,420.00	Ritual Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00
PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS			District Deputy		
Masonic Charity Foundation	\$395,928.00	\$387,936.00	Grand Masters	1,000.00	1,000.00
Initiate Fee for MCF (25.00)	10,000.00	10,000.00	Education Services	1,500.00	2,500.00
GWNM per Capita (1.00)	21,996.00	21,552.00	Youth Committee	5,000.00	5,000.00
Initiate Fee for GWNM (5.00)	1,200.00	1,200.00	Old Trenton Temple		
DeMolay per Capita (1.00)	21,996.00	21,552.00	Lodge museum	500.00	500.00
Rainbow per Capita (1.00)	21,996.00	21,552.00	Masonic Leadership		
TOTAL PASS THROUGH			Conference	7,000.00	2,000.00
ASSESSMENTS	\$473,116.00	\$463,792.00	NJ Freemason Magazine	75,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE			TOTAL EDUCATION		
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,261,328.00	\$1,245,212.00	EXPENSE	\$90,500.00	\$86,500.00
PERSONNEL			CHARITABLE PROGRAMS		
Salaries	\$126,990.00	\$129,530.00	MSA Hospital		
Payroll Taxes	11,500.00	15,300.00	Visitation Program	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Group Insurance	0.00	0.00	NJ Veterans		
Pension	0.00	0.00	Hospital Program	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL			Masonic Relief Assoc.	0.00	0.00
EXPENSE	\$138,490.00	\$144,830.00	Masonic Services Assoc.	1,500.00	1,500.00
OPERATING EXPENSE			CHIP	4,000.00	1,000.00
Audit	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	Wheelchair Track		
IRS Form 990	8,000.00	8,000.00	and Field Meet	500.00	500.00
Accounting and			Masonic Blood Bank	500.00	500.00
Bookkeeping	18,000.00	18,000.00	TOTAL CHARITABLE		
Investment Advisor	0.00	0.00	PROGRAMS	\$11,500.00	\$8,500.00
Office Supplies	7,000.00	7,000.00	PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS		
Telephone and Fax	8,500.00	9,600.00	Masonic Charity		
Printing	10,000.00	10,000.00	Foundation	\$395,928.00	\$387,936.00
Postage and UPS	10,000.00	10,000.00	Initiates Contribution to MCF	10,000.00	10,000.00
GL Collars, Aprons			GWNM Assessment	21,996.00	21,552.00
and Tokens	2,500.00	12,500.00	Initiates Contribution		
Official Expense	30,000.00	30,000.00	to GWNM	1,200.00	1,200.00
Equipment Contract and Leases	3,000.00	3,000.00	DeMolay	21,996.00	21,552.00
Legal	1,000.00	1,000.00	Rainbow	21,996.00	21,552.00
GL Insurance	13,000.00	14,000.00	TOTAL PASS THROUGH		
Blue Lodge Insurance	76,986.00	73,500.00	ASSESSMENTS	\$473,116.00	\$463,792.00
Trenton Temple Operating Expense	80,000.00	90,000.00	TOTAL REVENUE		
Trenton Temple Renovation	43,992.00	42,000.00	\$1,261,328.00	\$1,245,212.00	
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,000.00	TOTAL EXPENSES		
Digitize Proceedings	10,998.00	10,500.00	\$1,256,582.00	\$1,243,722.00	
TOTAL OPERATING			SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		
EXPENSE	\$340,976.00	\$357,100.00		\$4,746.00	\$1,490.00
			Membership base	21,996	21,552
			Assessment \$14.50		



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To: All Lodges & White Book

In the event of the election of Right Worshipful David A. Dorworth as Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey at the 226th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge on April 25, 2013, the Brethren, their ladies and friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following:

GRAND MASTER'S INSTALLATION

Saturday, April 27, 2013
Grand Lodge – Historic Trenton Masonic Temple
100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ
11:00 A.M.

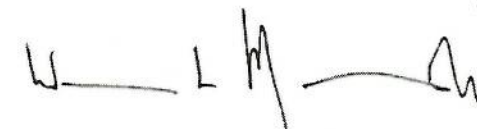
GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

Saturday May 11, 2013
Fellowship Center
1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 08016
4:00 P.M. Church Service at the Masonic Home Chapel
5:30 P.M. Social Hour
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:30 P.M. Reception
\$50.00 per Person

Admission to the reception is by advance reservation only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations must be made by May 1, 2013. For those attending the installation only, there is no charge and no reservations are necessary (however we request that you contact the Grand Marshal with your intention to attend).

Please make checks payable to Covenant Lodge No.161 and mail to:

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William L. Morris, Jr., PGM
Grand Secretary

DAVID A. DORWORTH

GRAND MASTER 2013-2014

Invites you to join he and his wife Donna Aboard “Royal Caribbean’s”

“JEWEL OF THE SEAS”

January 11 – 18, 2014

7 nights/8 days Southern Caribbean Cruise

Ports of call: San Juan, Tortola, St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Dominica, Barbados

Rates

are per
person starting at:



Ocean View Stateroom (Category H)	\$739.00
Deluxe Ocean View Stateroom w balcony (Category E3)	\$879.00
Superior Ocean View Stateroom w balcony (Category D2)	\$939.00

Suites available upon request. Rates do not include departure taxes/fees of \$55.90. Cancellation insurance is optional. Airfare can be handled by Seaview Travel with \$25.00 pp booking fee. Deposit of \$250 per person is due within 7 days of booking. Book early for best location choices! Suites (etc) are available upon request. **Final payment is due 10/25/2013.**

What milestones are you about to celebrate, won't you consider joining us? Open to all family and friends.

For reservations and additional information please call: Margie at Seaview Travel 609-652-5010

****A valid US Passport is required for all passengers****

Itinerary	Port	Arrive	Depart
Saturday, January 11, 2014	San Juan - Puerto Rico	--	08:30 PM
Sunday, January 12, 2014	Tortola - BVI	08:00 AM	05:30 PM
Monday, January 13, 2014	Philipsburg - St. Maarten	08:00 AM	05:30 PM
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Education

A Last First in the Name of Publicity



By Brother Raymond C.
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No. 1786

An aviation milestone
was reached March 18,
1910, which in essence
was a last first.

Erik Weisz was born
March 24, 1874 in Budapest,
Hungary to Caecilia and
Rabbi Mayer Samuel Weisz.

Almost immediately the Weisz family

left for London, where Rabbi Weisz learned that a Jewish
community in Appleton, Wisconsin was looking for a Rabbi to
lead the congregation. The Weisz family emigrated to Appleton.

Cecilia Weiss (the family anglicized the spelling of their
name when they arrived in America) always claimed that
Eric was born April 3, 1874 in Appleton, making him an
American by birth. He never contradicted her.

The Weiss children, like all children of immigrants from
non-English speaking countries, grew up speaking two
languages – in the case of the Weiss family, German at home
and English outside the home. Rabbi Weiss proved too
old-world for the Appleton congregation, so the family
moved, finally settling in New York City.

To supplement his family's income young Erie, as he was
called, took a job as a necktie cutter. In his spare time he
joined an athletic club. He learned how to swim and dive, as
well as perform other athletic skills he would practice all his
life that would keep him strong and agile. He also learned how
to do some magic tricks and joined a local amateur drama
club to learn how to perform magic before an audience.

He was also a voracious reader. The book that changed his
life was a biography of Jean Eugene Robert-Houdin, France's
greatest magician. One day as he was cutting ties, Erie told
a co-worker how he wanted to be a magician like Robert-
Houdin. The friend told Erie that to be like Robert-Houdin, all
he had to do was add the letter "i" to the end of his name. As
for a first name, it was a short step from Erie to Harry.

In 1891, Erie and his friend quit the tie cutting business
and entered show business as "The Brothers Houdini." They
were terrible. The partner soon got discouraged and quit.
Houdini replaced him with his real brother, Theo. The Brothers
Houdini managed to book tours with dime museums. What
they lacked in money they gained in experience. Harry
learned how to pick locks while being twisted in unusual
positions and cramped conditions.

In June 22, 1894, Houdini married Wilhemina Beatrice
Rahner, a woman he had met only a month earlier. Soon Bess
joined the show and Theo struck out on his own.

"The Houdinis" signed on with a traveling circus and
Harry continued learning secrets to his trade, like how to
swallow small objects such as keys and lock picks and hold
them in his throat until he could regurgitate them in secret.

He also learned how to escape from a straight jacket.

Houdini hit upon the idea of getting free publicity by going
to the local police station, reporter in tow, and claiming he
could escape from the police's handcuffs. Next day there
would be an article in the local paper about how the police
could not hold this circus performer.

To make it big in America at the turn of the 20th century,
a performer first had to make it big in Europe. So in 1900
Harry and Bess sailed to London. It was there that Houdini
not only escaped from Scotland Yard but also made a name
for himself by accepting all challenges—provided he could
examine the shackles beforehand. This not only allowed him
to understand how the devices operated but to see that they
weren't doctored in any way. He was successful in every
challenge. By the time he left England Houdini was a headliner.

The French, for some reason, would never allow Houdini
to challenge the restraints of the local gendarmes. This forced
Houdini to develop a new way of generating publicity. He
would appear in a public place – with due notice to the
papers, of course – and escape from a straight jacket. He
might even be tied upside down a hundred feet off the street
to effect his escape. This not only allowed more people to
see him but added an element of danger which would, of
course, add to his publicity.

Houdini returned home a headliner, both in theater billing
and in the newspapers. His publicity stunts would get the
audience to the box office and his show would get them to
return. He would be the toast of Europe and America for the
first quarter of the 20th century.

On August 21, 1923, Harry Houdini, by now one of the
most famous persons on earth, was raised in Saint Cecile
Lodge No. 568, in New York City. He would later write,
"There is something—a feeling—when I meet a Brother Mason
which I cannot describe. Before I was a Mason, even when
I visited a town a score of times, I was still a stranger. Now,
when reaching a place, I see the emblem and immediately
feel as if I am talking to a brother, and I am. It is a most
wonderful thing and I am very proud of having been accepted."
On Friday, October 29, 1926, Houdini was rushed to Grace
Hospital in Detroit with streptococcus peritonitis caused
by a burst appendix. He underwent two operations. At 1:26
in the afternoon of October 31, 1926 – Halloween – Harry
Houdini died.

While most accounts of Houdini's publicity stunts involve
handcuffs or straight jackets, one rarely mentioned gave
him official recognition by accomplishing a first which, as it
happened, was the last time anyone could do this particular
thing for the first time.

In 1909 aviation was barely six years old and Houdini was
toying with the possibility of somehow using an airplane in his
publicity stunts, such as jumping off a plane while handcuffed.

In November of that year while in Hamburg, Germany,
Houdini happened to read in a local paper that of all the
inhabited continents, Australia was the only one that had
never had an airplane fly over it. American Ralph C. Banks,



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who owned a motor garage in Melbourne, had imported a Wright Flyer, but as yet was unable to make it work successfully.

Houdini bought a Voisin bi-plane and learned how to fly it. Gabriel Voisin's contraption was basically a motorized box kite. Houdini had the plane crated up and shipped to his next engagement, Melbourne, Australia, arriving in February, 1910. Houdini and Banks both had their planes at a field called Digger's Rest outside Melbourne. Between the time



that German newspaper article was written and Houdini's arrival down under, a few would-be aviators had tried powered flights resulting in short hops usually resulting in a crash. One or two had claimed successful flights that could not be independently substantiated. Houdini was present on March 1 when a gust of wind made Banks do a hop-crash, which left the pilot unhurt but severely damaged the Flyer.

Every night after his Melbourne performance, Houdini would return to his tent at Digger's Rest, hoping that the wind the next morning would be calm enough for a flight. Finally, it was.

At the first light of dawn, Houdini had the Voisin wheeled to the takeoff point, had the plane tied to the mooring rope, put on his goggles and helmet and got into the plane. The left propeller was started. The right propeller was started. When the dynamometer indicated both propellers were up to speed, Houdini nodded and the assistant he had brought with him from Europe had the mooring line cast off.

The engines roared, the plane shot forward barely clearing a tree in its path. Flying an estimated fifty miles an hour, he circled the field once, then landed. The crowd roared, Houdini whipped off his goggles and waved them in the air before jumping out of the plane. Bess kissed him and Banks shook his hand.

Thus on March 18, 1910, Harry Houdini became the first person to successfully fly an airplane over the continent of Australia. The flight was controlled the entire way, complete with turns and a controlled landing which was witnessed by

a number of spectators and members of the press. This was the last time someone was the first person to successfully pilot an airplane over an inhabited continent.

Houdini's next flight lasted five minutes and covered an estimated seven miles. He made hundred of flights over the next month, most of them at a local racetrack for paying spectators. This ended when a gust of wind caused the plane to drop rapidly and hit the ground, breaking a wheel and axel. Houdini was unhurt.

The Aerial League of Australia honored Houdini for "the First Aerial Flight in Australia." Houdini wrote to a friend, "Even if history forgets Houdini the handcuff King, it must write my name as the first man to fly here. Not that it will put jam on my bread..."

Houdini never repaired the Voisin, but he did have it crated up and shipped it back to America when he left Australia at the end of his tour in April. Houdini never flew again.

There is one thing Houdini failed to escape. One would be had pressed to find anyone alive today, anywhere in the world, who ever saw him perform. Yet thanks to his achievements on the stage and probably most especially because of his talent of self-promotion, over eighty-six years after his death Harry Houdini is still the most famous magician in America, if not the world. He has failed to escape our consciousness.

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Symbol Revived for 200th Anniversary Logo



By Worshipful Brother Michael Iannitelli, Mansfield Lodge No. 36

Brethren, as you have traveled from one Lodge to another and have seen the letter 'G' hanging in the east, you may notice that the style and fixtures differ, most often completely unique to the Lodge. Sometimes they were professionally produced and most often crafted by a Brother of the Lodge. Whatever the physical characteristics of the fixture may be, the 'G' is always there. As we all know, the 'G' signifies the Masonic recognition in a faith in God or an individual members own religious faith equivalent, as well as alluding to Geometry, the first and noblest of sciences, and the basis on which the superstructure of Freemasonry is erected.

In 1959, the late Worshipful Brother Hans Meichsner of Mansfield Lodge No. 36 had compiled our history from our meeting minutes and other sources a history. From this history we know that our original "G" fixture was obtained sometime in 1896. At that time Mansfield Lodge was renting space on the third floor of the bank building in downtown Washington Borough, NJ, Warren County, on the corner of Washington and Belvidere Avenues.

It's an old gas light fixture that appears at some point in time had been converted to electric. We're not sure if this was done as an option when it was acquired or actually was used as a gas fixture and then converted. From our history we don't see any mention of gas service to the building unlike how it was noted about the use of oil lamps, and later mention of electricity in 1894. It is also unclear as to whether this fixture was purchased new or otherwise acquired. None the less, the true history behind the fixture continues to be shrouded in mystery even today.

In 1969 when the Brethren of Mansfield Lodge No. 36 and Oxford Lodge No. 127 entered into a joint venture to construct a new building along State Highway Route 31 in Washington Township, the members sought to hang a new fixture in the new Lodge room. Thanks to member MW Brother Robert E. Feilbach the old 'G' fixture was salvaged from the trash, otherwise it most definitely would have been lost forever.

In 2014, Mansfield lodge will be celebrating its 200th anniversary. Preparations are already underway to plan for the many festivities the Lodge hopes to have during that year. We will spend the entire next year planning for this milestone.

We began our celebration on December 20th, 2012 at the annual installation of officers when we introduced the 200th anniversary logo which was

created by utilizing the old "G" gas fixture as a basis to creating the Anniversary Logo. The old "G" fixture is a stunning piece with beautiful orange waves surrounding the "G" that emulate the blazing sun against a grey frosted background. This emblem is a one of a kind. No other Masonic emblem exists exactly like this one. It is unique to Mansfield Lodge No. 36 and it is only fitting

that it is to be used in the anniversary logo. This logo was introduced in preparations of promoting the 200th Anniversary.

Also a reproduction copy of the letter "G" was presented to the Lodge in honor of MW Robert E. Feilbach in recognition of his devotion of endless hours to our Lodge and Masonry in general. Since MW Bro. Robert Feilbach was the individual responsible for saving the old letter "G" and in recognition and appreciation of all he does for the Lodge, it was very fitting that he be honored with this surprise presentation.

To commemorate this presentation a plaque was presented to MW Robert E. Feilbach and a copy to hang in the Lodge, which read:

"This copy of the Letter 'G' which hung in the Lodge Room at the old bank building from 1896 to 1969 which was reproduced and presented to Mansfield Lodge No. 36, F&AM on December 20th, 2012, in Honor of Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. Feilbach, PGM in recognition of his many hours of devotion and dedication to Mansfield Lodge, The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, F&AM, and Masonry throughout the United States and World."

His love of Masonry, aspirations of promoting the Craft, and endless desire to spread Masonic Light is clearly demonstrated and exemplified in every aspect of his daily life."

For more information or to contact Mansfield Lodge, write them at 275 Route 31, North, Washington, NJ 07882, phone 908-689-2533 or email mansfieldlodge36@gmail.com.

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Putting Craftsmanship Back into the Craft

By Brother Martin Bogardus, Staff Writer

Without craftsmanship, inspiration is a mere reed shaken in the wind. - Bro. Johannes Brahms (1833-1897), German Composer.

Our Fraternity faces many physical challenges today - from an aging infrastructure comes furnishings in need of restoration and repair and as such we have an abundance of lodge furniture in need of care and redress. There is a pressing need for lodges to assess and focus upon a side of Freemasonry that in my opinion doesn't seem to get enough attention - Craftsmanship.

So, what is craftsmanship, anyway?

Craftsmanship can be defined as a person who practices a craft with great skill over a particular medium (wood, stone, metal, etc...) in a given occupation or trade, and is seeking to perfect his mastery over it. The project may be functional or decorative, being as simple or elaborate as the craftsman's imagination wishes it to be.

Craftsmanship has shaped and defined our Fraternity from its inception, drawing upon many different sources of architecture and design over the centuries. Sacred history informs us that, when Solomon, King of Israel, began his great work to build a temple worthy of the Ark of the Covenant to reside, he proclaimed, Send me, therefore, a man skilled to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, and in purple, crimson and blue yarn, and experienced in the art of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem with my skilled craftsmen, whom my father David provided (2 Chronicles 2:7). Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre, whose mother was a widow from the tribe of Naphtali and whose father was a man of Tyre and a craftsman in bronze. Hiram was highly skilled and experienced in all kinds of bronze work. He came to King Solomon and did all the work assigned to him (1 Kings 7:13-14). From those auspicious beginnings our Craft grew and prospered over the centuries transforming itself from an Operative Stonemasons guild to a grand Philosophical Order; but the concept of craftsmanship, both operative and esoteric, remained central to us as a Fraternity.

It seems that 50-75 years ago, it was a lot more common for brothers to make items in their lodges for utilitarian as well as aesthetic purposes. But today, with so many additional demands being made upon our membership between family and work, it's become quite challenging to try and squeeze one more activity into an already busy schedule.

Like many of you here today, I feel a strong sense of identity and connection with our storied past. I remember how proud I felt the first time kneeling before the sacred altar of Freemasonry. When, freshly released from the hoodwink, my unshielded eyes took in all the wonder and symbolism surrounding me. **What were those strange symbols on the wooden chairs behind the Worshipful Master in the East and elsewhere about the lodge?** I was hooked on Freemasonry and wanted to know more.

As I progressed onward through the degrees, that first

blush faded and I began to see the chips and scars on my lodge's furnishings that years of faithful service had taken its toll. Like war-weary soldiers shell shocked from one too many battles in the field, many lodge furnishings too frequently are showing the ravages of time, and need to be lovingly restored to their former glory to continue to serve the future needs of the Lodge.

Breathing new life into objects that other folks feel have outlived their useful is something I enjoy since it allows my creative side to emerge. For myself, I've been making and restoring various woodworking/metalworking projects for over 30 years. Some of you may have even seen a couple of articles I've written on the subject for this magazine. And although I work as an engineer

for a local defense contractor, building things with my own two hands is something I've always liked doing. There is something quite satisfying in building an item with your own two hands that can't be equaled to or purchased at the local department store.

There was a time, a generation or two ago, that men worked on their own cars, did their own carpentry, plumbing, etc. rather than pay someone to come out and do it for them. Part economy, part pride-of-ownership, these men would never want to admit to another guy that he was too lazy or unskilled to take care of his own household. But today, with so many additional demands being made upon our membership between family and work; it's become quite challenging to try and squeeze one more activity into an already busy schedule.

People frequently ask me how they can get involved restoring treasured heirlooms in their lodge. My advice to anyone wanting to begin a project is to first - Always always, always! - communicate your intent with the Worshipful Master and coordinate all your efforts through him. After all, he is the one invested with the furniture and implements of the lodge by the Brotherhood so it's our duty and privilege to support him in this endeavor.

Next, take inventory of the item you wish to restore and determine if you're the best candidate for the job. How long will the job take? Do you have the right tools for the job? Is there someone more experienced who can mentor you if you run into problems, etc.? Different projects require varying levels of expertise, so if you're a novice at restoration, start small and don't be afraid to ask for help. 'Many hands make light work' as the saying goes, so try to pick items relative to your ability and general experience when considering your next project.

Drawing Inspiration - inspiration can come from many sources: other lodges, private collections, museums, eBay, the Internet; are all good places to start. Sometimes when I'm looking for inspiration I'll query the term 'vintage or antique' when searching for Masonic items and start looking there. Our Fraternity has such a rich and varied history of men of vision as builders; not just as Operative Masons, but as



Happenings at West Hill

By Most Worshipful Joe Rival, PGM

A lot has happened since the last issue of the Freemason. The creation of "The Friends of West Hill" has become a reality. The State of New Jersey has recorded us as an "Incorporated" organization. Now we will be working on getting our 501(c)3 designation. The paperwork for grant money has been submitted and recorded as received in full by the State Historic Trust. Now comes the waiting to see if we qualify for grant money. We are still working on getting our "Historic" designation by the Federal Government, then comes the State designation.

Physically, great progress is also being made. The "Library" is finished. First came the new hardwood floor. For this we used recovered southern white pine wood from a 100 year old house in Barrington that was left to the MCF as part of an estate. Many repairs had to be made to this house in order to make it "sellable". The wood from the attic floor was transported to Burlington and installed, sanded and polyurethaned with the help of brethren who donated their time and expertise. The walls and trim have been painted, a converted kerosene-to-electric chandelier installed, and a new donated Persian carpet finished off the room. In the kitchen, the big stoop in the fireplace was removed brick by brick and, alas, the original brick flooring came into view! Now the opening is over 5' tall. Next to come is a crane mounted inside the fireplace to hang the pots and utensils on. With the help of the MCF we had an historic preservation company re-point all the chimneys and even a few other places on the walls where the brick and mortar were in bad shape. This was a critical issue as the mortar had to be historically correct - lime in substance and not regular mortar.

Several more items have been donated including a 3 lb note issued by King George III and printed at the Royal print shop in Burlington in March of 1776, a grandfather clock from the mid 1800s, sickles, harnesses, a display case to show off the many donated items and some items found on the grounds, and even a chamber pot from the 1800s.

We are looking for volunteers to help with some of the several projects that need to be done. Can you help? Contact Joe or Judy at West-Hill@comcast.net.



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artisans of all persuasions too numerous to list. Take time to talk with these brothers if available; they can be a wealth of information and may have insight on a better way to get the job done right.

Personally, I prefer creating projects with bits of yesteryear that have a direct connection to the past. When I look at some of the older collectibles from Masonic lodges and private collections, I really get inspired. Those folks were artisans and craftsman of the highest degree and brought that careful attention to detail to every project they made. Appreciating their handiwork got me thinking about the legacy those men left behind, and more importantly: who would be carrying on that tradition of Yankee ingenuity and self-sufficiency today? It was then that I decided to become part of that effort and build something that would be cherished for generations to come.

Now, I'm working to give back to the Fraternity by promoting craftsmanship as an alternative way to contribute to the Craft. Not everyone has the time and ability to take a

leadership position in the lodge, or the patience and stamina to memorize large blocks of ritual, but many still want to leave their mark. Craftsmanship can provide that necessary outlet to brothers who still wish to make a difference in a unique and meaningful way. More than the quality of the work alone, it's a passion for the betterment of the whole fraternity that makes us brothers one and all.

Our Lodge's physical possessions are a tangible reminder of our shared common Masonic heritage and give us a sense of connection with our storied past. As we update and modernize our facilities, with a little imagination and elbow-grease, we can re-purpose our furnishings to be cherished possessions for many years to come.

To see examples of Bro. Bogardus' and other brothers' Craft preservation efforts, login to Facebook and search for Freemason Craftsmanship Club. It provides a useful forum for people to meet, post, and discuss Masonically themed projects. Bro. Martin Bogardus is at labor at New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research and Education No. 1786.



What is a Shibboleth?

By Brother Ben Hoff, Staff Writer

One of the more curious puzzles in Masonic symbolism concerns the sheaf of wheat in the Fellowcraft degree. The water-ford seems to make some sense, as commemorating the Biblical incident at the passages of the river Jordan where the Ephraimites could not pronounce the word *Shibboleth*. But nowhere does wheat enter into the story as we tell it. One of the several versions of English ritual attempts to account for the wheat, however, by asserting that the initial battle between Jephthah and the Ephraimites occurred in a wheat field by a water-fall, after which the Ephraimites retreated to the river. The symbol of a water-fall, sometimes depicted under a stone arch bridge, and with a single stalk of wheat, is widely found in Fellowcraft tracing boards and floor cloths from the late 1700's and early 1800's, and even to this day in English ritual. The word 'passage' as found in the King James Bible's account of the story must have been interpreted by some Masons as a bridge, rather than a ford. Evidently, there is a great deal of confusion among the craft over how these symbols relate to the story.

The picture clears up considerably, however, when the meaning of the ancient Hebrew word *shibboleth* is considered. In Biblical times the word had two distinct meanings: an ear of wheat (which meaning continues into Modern Hebrew); and a strong current of water – anything from rapids in a stream to a waterfall or whirlpool. So the symbols of a single ear of wheat and a waterfall are no more than depictions of the meaning of the word itself. But an ear of wheat is not a sheaf of wheat, and a waterfall is not a water ford. So we are not out of the woods yet. It is relatively easy to see how 'sheaf' could be substituted for 'ear' in American practices. The phrase 'ear of wheat' sounds clunky and unnatural to Americans, who are used to thinking of an ear of corn or maize, rather than wheat. But 'sheaf of wheat' comes naturally to our lips. In a time when ritual was transmitted (almost) entirely by mouth to ear, and with knowledge of the actual meaning of the symbols forgotten, this substitution seems quite natural and understandable.

The substitution of water-ford for water-fall, as simple and similar as it may seem to the sheaf for ear substitution, has a forced rather than a natural quality to it. The term 'water-ford' is as cumbersome to our ears as 'sheaf of wheat' is natural. Undoubtedly someone must have thought that the symbol should commemorate the place where the action took place,



since a ford can in no way be misconstrued as a rapids or waterfall. Rivers can only be forded where they are shallow and the current is slow. Since most biblical scholars think the 'passages of the Jordan' referred to fords, it seems that some opinionated persons – not that we have them in our fraternity – must have thought they were merely correcting the 'obviously' erroneous water-fall usage.

This tendency to embellish, repair, or otherwise 'restore' the interpretation of symbolism has long been a practice among Masonic ritualists, and has left its mark in many places. Even in cases such as the Ephraimites episode, where there is a Biblical story for reference, different versions of the story with various interpretative explanations have been used among Masons. Our version is closer to the biblical account than some, but still has some significant departures. For instance, our catechism says that the pass was instituted to '*distinguish the friends from the foes of Israel*'. The only problem is that the Ephraimites were themselves one of the twelve tribes of Israel, despite their different accent. As an aside, reference to any Bible atlas shows the Ephraimites inhabited the area north of Jerusalem in the vicinity of the modern day town of Ramallah, while Gilead was east of the river in modern day Jordan.

Another difference is that our version of the story states that Jephthah stationed guards at the passages to prevent the Ephraimites from escaping (toward Jerusalem, as it turns out), but the Biblical account has the entire Gileadite army taking part, and without any specific instructions from Jephthah. The Bible explains the Gileadites' lack of mercy toward their vanquished fellow Israelites by their anger at being taunted by the Ephraimites, who said: "*Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.*" (The Manassites were another of the twelve tribes of Israel, whose territory included Gilead.) Apparently the Ephraimites considered the men of Gilead to be the stubborn and rebellious people, not the other way around. But the story does not seem quite as noble using the strictly Biblical account of a nasty intra-Israelite tribal squabble. So it is no wonder that we 'broke off the corners of rough stones, the better to fit them to the builder's use', as it were, in creating a less disturbing, and more elevating story.

Kittatinny No. 164 Presents Broken Column Pin

Submitted by Brother Tom Murphy, DDGM 1st District

This is a photo from the Kittatinny Lodge No. 164, Widows' night. Ila May Vendola, the widow of the late RW Dominic Vendola PGC, was presented with her Broken Column Pin and shown Dominic's Past Master's Apron that is to be hung in the Lodge in his memory. From left to right are RW Thomas W. Murphy, Ila May Vendola, and Worshipful Master Bryan Hugerich.

More info about Kittatinny Lodge found at: www.kittatinny164.com.



Cornerstone Ceremony at Hightstown-Apollo Lodge No. 41

Submitted by Worshipful Brother Earl C. Groendyke, Worshipful Master Hightstown-Apollo Lodge No. 41



Back in 1937 a group of citizens from the area erected a building at 535 N. Main St. in Hightstown, NJ. This building would be the Grange Hall. The Grange is an organization, founded by a Mason, to promote animal husbandry and basic farming. The building had two stories. The ground floor had a kitchen, dining hall and bathrooms. Upstairs was their main meeting room which also featured a stage.

Earlier, in 1856, a Masonic Lodge in Hightstown was chartered which met in many different locations until 1941 when they bought the Mercer Street school. The Lodge met in that school up until the 70s, but the rising cost of fuel to heat it became burdensome. It just so happens that the Grange was having problems. It was also at the same time that the YMCA was looking for a place as well. It's funny how things worked out—the Lodge sold Mercer Street School to the YMCA and bought the Grange building. Also, at about the same time, the Apollo Lodge in Cranbury was looking to merge with us as well. This is how we became the Hightstown-Apollo Lodge.

I became a Master Mason at Grand Master Dan Wilson's one-day class. As I worked my way through the chairs, I started looking around the building and could not find a cornerstone. I asked some of our older brothers "where is our cornerstone?" They said we didn't have one. Now I knew that they opened the Lodge at the Mercer Street School, marched through town, and closed the Lodge at our new

building; by special dispensation from Grand Master Edgar Peppler at that time. After they had settled in, there was a dedication ceremony but still no cornerstone. Being an operative Mason I thought we should have a cornerstone. So I started to plan for a cornerstone ceremony.

The first order of business was to ask the Grand Master of Masons MW Glenn R. Trautmann if he would do the honor of performing that ceremony; of course he agreed. The date was set for October 7, 2012. I wanted to have a little more than just a cornerstone ceremony so it became more of an open house. Other organizations that use the building were asked to have a display. The Grange still uses the building so they were one of the groups, as well as the Hightstown-East Windsor Lions Club and a bridge committee, which is replacing a bridge in town. We also had some violin and viola musical selections by Lauren and Katrina Bragat. The Grand Master and his staff had a parade that morning and then came to the Lodge for a 4 o'clock ceremony. It had rained most of the day and when they arrived it had stopped, but we weren't sure if we would have the ceremony inside or outside. The Grand Marshal RW Arnold T. "Butch" Elliott said we will do it outside. So we did. It started to rain during the ceremony and towards the end it was raining fairly well, but we got it done.

Most Worshipful Glenn R. Trautmann did a fantastic job with the ritual, despite the weather, and spoke eloquently about the cornerstone and how it relates to us as Masons.

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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

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Others playing in your foursome:

Golfer #2 _____ Phone # _____

Golfer #3 _____ Phone # _____

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Salaam Shrine Circus

Submitted by Andrew "Ziggy" Zagoren, PM, Mt. Zion Lodge No. 135 and Barry Gould, PM, St. John's Lodge No. 1

IN THE SEATS OR BEHIND THE SCENES, SALAAM SHRINE CIRCUS IS WELL WORTH YOUR TIME



Masonic Night at the Circus is a wonderful night of Fun, Family and Fraternity that highlights the message that "All Shriners Are Masons!"

For 38 years, groups of Masons, Shriners, and their family members have participated in what has become almost a "ritual" every May, involving intricate sets, performers, fantastic lighting effects and delicious food.

It's the annual SALAAM SHRINE CIRCUS and it has drawn over 750,000 people to the Mennen Arena in Morristown, NJ (Morris County) since its inception in 1975. Audiences young and old look forward to the variety of thrilling acts in all 3 rings during the course of the 2 hour show. Exotic and wonderful animals as tigers, elephants, and daredevils perform breath-taking stunts in an atmosphere filled with fun, music, and of course, the savory smell of popcorn.

The circus, which is the primary fundraising event for Salaam, runs this year from **May 16th through May 19th**. It is a major undertaking that takes careful planning, management, and team of over 100 dedicated Masons, Shriners, wives and volunteers who donate their time which starts with set-up on Wednesday, May 15th, continues for 8 shows over the next 4 days, and breaks down after the Sunday evening performance. It draws audiences throughout the tri-state area.

One quarter of the shows is dedicated to schools, nursing homes, and various charitable organizations that serve those in need and the disabled. Admission to these shows are at

reduced or no cost, depending on the situation, and are a highlight of each organization's calendar, which bring busloads of grateful spectators on foot, in wheelchairs and walkers along with their chaperones or caretakers to the shows.



A young circus fan is chosen randomly to help the draw the winner of a \$100 gift card as the second half of the show begins. Past Potentate Rich "Flower" Ash helps her out.



Past Potentate and Clown Extraordinaire Bill "Jingles" Gilliland (left) with Billy Martin, Ringmaster and the voice of the Royal Hanneford Circus.

Zany Shrine clowns are always a part of the mix, providing laughter and frivolity for kids of all ages. The Salaam Clown Unit creates their own props and orchestrates their skits which always include audience involvement.

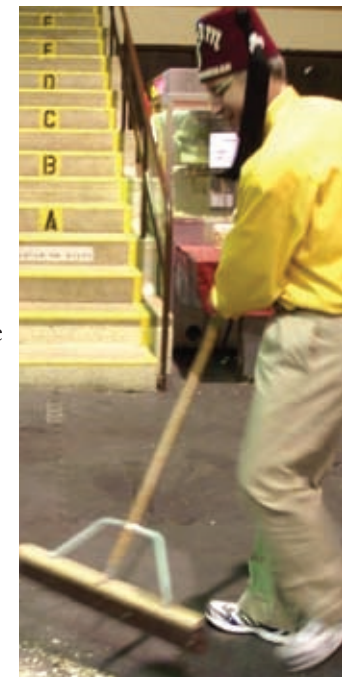
The Royal Hanneford Circus is a professional circus producer that has been the mainstay of Salaam Circus' success. Salaam works with them to assemble a cast of carefully selected acts from around the world to create a different show each year. Past years have included such names as The Flying Wolendas, and most recently the famous Olate Dogs who won coveted top honors in the 2012 Americas Got Talent TV Competition.

There are several ways that you can get involved individually, as a family, or as a lodge to help with this worthwhile cause. Volunteers are always needed during the set-up, takedown, and during the shows selling novelties, traditional circus snacks like peanuts, popcorn, and cotton candy, and other tasks. Last year, 7 NJ lodges were honored with special awards for their exemplary volunteerism, ad support and ticket sales.

But whether you can attend or not, there is another way to participate. A souvenir program book which doubles as a coloring book is sold at each show and features photos from the show along with ads from local business, corporate sponsors and lodges or other Masonic bodies. An entry form inside each book offers a chance for one lucky entrant to win a \$100 gift at every regular performance.

For about the cost of a movie ticket, Salaam Shrine Circus is an affordable and fun family event, and once you've experienced it, will become a new "ritual" for your family too! For more information or to volunteer, contact the Circus Office at (973) 992-2860, visit www.salaamshrinecircus.com or stop by their booth at the Grand Lodge session in April.

2012 Circus Chairman, Andrew "Ziggy" Zagoren, knows circus cleanup on Sunday is EVERYBODY'S business. It takes as many as 100 Shrine, Masonic, and other volunteers to run all there is to do at the Circus each year.





R.W. Austin Mitscher Honored

With very few exceptions R.W. Bro. Austin assisted the Vets at Lyons every Sunday that he was stateside and in extra events as well. In recognition of his exemplary service, on November 19, at the last Volunteer meeting prior to his departure to a retirement in England, the Veterans Administration, New Jersey Healthcare System presented a Certificate of Appreciation to RW Bro. Austin in grateful appreciation of his loyal 30+ years and 3,200 hours of service.

(Left to Right) Thomas Malek-Jones, Chief Chaplain, VA New Jersey Health Care System; Kenneth H. Mizrach, Director, VA New Jersey Health Care System; R.W. Austin Mitscher, PGC; R.W. Ron Poeter, PDRI (11), MSA Representative - Lyons; R.W. Dave Wolfgang, PDDGM (14), Past MSA state Coordinator; R.W. Doug Burt, PGC, MSA Deputy Representative - Lyons.



Grand Master Receives Lewis Jewel at Alpine Tilden Tenakill Lodge No. 77

Submitted by Brother Clive Pearce

The first meeting of the year marked an honor for ATT No. 77 Lodge as WM David I. Steiner proudly presented MW Glenn R. Trautmann with his Lewis Jewel. A "Lewis" is the son or father of a Mason. The original Lewis was a simple but ingenious device employed by operative Masons to



(Left to Right) MW Glenn R. Trautmann - WM David I. Steiner

raise heavy blocks of dressed stones into place. It consisted of three metal parts; two wedge-shaped side pieces and a straight centerpiece, which fit together. Two metal pieces are inserted into the top of the stone and then spread by the insertion of the centerpiece. The three parts were then bolted together with a metal ring or shackle attached, and the

block was hoisted or "raised up" by hook, rope and pulley. By this means, the stone was always gripped securely. Once set in place, the Lewis is removed leaving the upper surface smooth with no clamps or chains on the outside to interfere with the laying of the next course.

Our ornamental Lewis Jewel consists of two bars connected by chains. The upper bar contains the name of the father and date of his initiation. The lower bar, the name of the son and date of his initiation. The word "Lewis" denotes strength, and is thereby depicted by this jewel. So the Lewis, likewise denotes the son of a Mason;

someone who has been "raised up" by their father and a reminder of those august days of comfort and happiness and then the privilege of becoming a Mason like a father who has gone in the same way and manner before him.

It is always a heartwarming day when a young man first shows interest in Freemasonry and asks how he might become a Mason, and it is a proud day when that son, in the fullness of time, becomes a Master Mason by initiation. Our fraternity is based on family values and tradition and it is not uncommon for families to carry on the tradition through several generations. When a son or father of a Mason proudly wears the Lewis Jewel, it ought to impress upon all of us this same moral. It personifies the final words of our Charge - From generation to generation!



Horizon Daylight Lodge No. 299



Submitted by Brother Jeffrey Alexander, Staff Writer

In the mid 1980's, a group of Masons assembled and began discussing creating a lodge, centrally located, where they could meet in the morning hours, and still be active in the craft, as they found themselves unable to attend their home lodge's meetings at night, because of medical, work, family issues.

This dream was realized on April 30, 1987, when MW William H. Sackett, Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey, signed & issued a Charter/Warrant for "Horizon Daylight Lodge No. 299, F & A. M., with full authority to meet, transact business and do Masonic work.

We meet in Trenton Cyrus Lodge No. 5's building, located in Pennington, NJ for 24 years, until the move to our present home located in the Valley of Central Jersey Scottish Rite center, located in Bordentown, NJ.

We meet at 10:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, except January & February. Our membership consists of men who possess a vast wealth of knowledge and experience, who are dedicated to the growth of this lodge, willing to do what is necessary for the peace and harmony of all and maintain the dignity and decorum expected of all lodges, and still have fun, camaraderie and brotherhood.

We do all the required degrees and will conduct them for any lodge that requests them, as we have in the past. We are just a phone call, or email message away. Don't hesitate to ask.

If you find yourself unable to attend your lodge's meetings in the evening, because of the inability to drive at night, medical as well as work & family issues, and still want to be active in the craft, be it a line officer, ritual work, or just to attend meetings, then consider Horizon Daylight Lodge No. 299.

All Petitions (regular & dual) are accepted and welcomed.



Harmony Lodge No. 8 Shares the Knowledge

Submitted by Worshipful Brother Martin K. Berberian.
Harmony Lodge No. 8

I have given the Entered Apprentices Degree for 10 years. It helps the EA's to see what the Lambskin Apron is about. Before I do the piece, I give the EA brothers a little speech.

"The Lambskin Apron"

The symbol of innocence we are given is our most prized Masonic possession. Pure as the first snow of winter. Soft as an old pair of gloves. It is worn for a short time and then put away. It sits in a drawer to wait its next call of duty. Along the way, there will be brother aprons. White cotton ones, those of officers of the line. Purple trimmed for the Past Masters, more ornate badges of further degrees and of the Grand Lodge. Through all this time, decades in most cases, it sits waiting patiently for its next call of duty. That last walk by caisson or bearer. However we make that final trip



and how ever we choose to go, that symbol is there we ensure we are properly clothed when Gods own Tyler knocks on the door of that Great Grand Lodge. The apron first worn by stonemasons for safety and protection has evolved into a sign of our craft and degree, has always been a badge and reminder to us of the walk not finished in ourselves and what is needed by others.

It is a long road we travel and if we are fortunate, we find a mate to be there when we are to be counseled or consoled. We may also be lucky enough to find a friend and brother to travel with us and remind us of our failures and be there when we stumble.

The great badge of the fraternity is there at the beginning of our career and is there at the end. It is a source of comfort and aid and friendship. It is a phone call away when help is needed. A bowl of soup if we are hungry, a dollar if we are destitute, a ride if we are stranded. The Apron is this and more. It is the purest thing we possess. It is honor, compassion, pity. It is friendship and brotherly love. It is Masonry. It is us.



Masons in Action

Nutley No. 25 Awards 60 Year Pin

Nutley #25 is proud to recognize her newest distinguished Brother, D.B. Clarence Joffrion. He is pictured with the Lodge's other Distinguished Brothers - (L to R) Brothers John Lawler, Angelo 'Casey' Christiano, Clarence Joffrion, Robert Iacobucci. Brother Christiano will also be receiving his 60 year pin this year.



Successful Food Drive Feeds Over 500 Families

Submitted by Brother Jeffrey Alexander,
Staff Writer

On Saturday January 26, 2013 members of Mt. Holly Lodge No. 14 and Helena Commandery No. 3 of Knights Templar (also of the Mt. Holly Blue Lodge) joined forces to run an extremely successful food drive for the local food pantry in the community. Ten shopping carts overflowed with goods donated by the generous community at the Mt. Holly Acme via the cooperation of its store manager Leon Wilkins. Two pickup trucks were loaded with the donations and driven to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank which supports over 500 families in the region. The Brethren are planning to perform another food drive of this magnitude again at the end of spring:

Roy Plummer	John Huber Jr
Bob Dyson	Russell Fries
Charlie Gray	Jeffrey Alexander



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**The Burlington New Jersey Walk
to Help Children with Dyslexia**

When: Saturday, April 18th, 2013
Time: 9 AM Registration

Rain Date: Sunday, April 19th, 2013
Time: 9 AM Registration

Where: Masonic Home of New Jersey
902 Jacksonville Road
Burlington, NJ 08016

Course: 5K (3.1 mi)

Info: Ian Korman 609 239-3826
Andy Churney 609 239-3804
ikorman@njmasonic.org
achurney@njmasonic.org

Registration Form

I would like to participate in the _____ "Walk to Help
Dyslexic Children" on _____.

Enclosed is my registration fee of \$15.00 for adults; \$5.00 for under
12 years of age.

Participants who register prior to the event are guaranteed to
receive a commemorative t-shirt at registration. Please circle what
size you would like: S M L XL

___ I plan to participate in the Burlington walk
(city or town)

___ I cannot attend, but enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

___ I would like to volunteer the day of the walk.

Please contact me at the phone/email below.

Name Please Print

Address

City/State/Zip

Home Phone

Email

Work/Cell phone

Emergency contact and number

Please make checks payable to "CLC Dyslexia Walk" and
mail your registration form and fee to the contact name
for the WALK in which you will be participating.

**Contact: Ian Korman 609 239-3806 or
: Andy Churney 609 239-3804
902 Jacksonville Rd. Burlington, NJ 08016**

Participant Liability Agreement:

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executors, and administrators hereby release the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children,
Inc., its employees, agents or volunteers associated with this Walk event, from any and all
claims, damages, and rights of action I may have, present or future that may arise out of, or be
incident to my participation in the Walk event. In addition, I grant permission for the use of my
name and/or picture in any photograph, film, or videotape, of the event for any purpose.

Signature (Parent or guardian if under 18 years old)

This agreement must be signed for the registration to be valid.



The Working Tools

Submitted by Brother David C. Van Pelt, St. John's Lodge No. 1 F. & A.M.

A system of morality, veiled in a network of symbolism and allegory, defining the Working Tools of a Master Mason

Hidden meanings behind every instrument, a code, a way of life by which to make good men better, in mind, body, and soul

A way to divide our time, the 24" Gauge, symbolizes the 24 hours of the day, which are divided in three equal parts, for God and our Brothers, work, and refreshment and sleep which we follow to eternity

Always within an arm's reach, a symbol of lodge authority, the Gavel governs us all, and teaches up to rid ourselves of the vices of life, and to fit our minds as living stones, for that spiritual building, eternal in the heavens.

The Plumb teaches us to walk uprightly, with dignity and honor, always holding our heads high in our stations before God and man

At 90 degrees lies the Square, an emblem of virtue, morality, and honesty, in which Masons should square their actions by virtue with all mankind

A way to circumscribe our passions, The Compass, helps us to control our desires and to be temperate in the great journey of life

The letter "G", is a symbol of geometry and God, the Supreme Being and grand architect of the universe, in which all would not be possible without

The Level is a symbol of equality, and teaches us that we are traveling upon the level of time to that undiscovered land, from whose bourne, no traveler returns.

A way to spread the cement which unites, the Trowel, teaches up to spread love and affection, that bond which unites us in a sacred band of friendship

Only given to Men of Honor, through the work of the degrees, the Working Tools, guide my life and assist me to see, my moral compass guided, by the great light from above, the square and compass I'm provided, for that greater bond of love. A better man I've become, from the teachings of the craft, life lessons I've learned, that will never falter or pass. A Master Mason I am, till death do us part, a leader amongst men, upon the Level I depart.



Navesink No. 9 Fall Speakers Program

Submitted by Brother James Mueller

Navesink Lodge No.9 of Red Bank NJ initiated the Navesink Lodge Fall Speakers Program in September of 2012. The program was designed by the Worshipful Master James Mueller to address three key issues:

- 1) develop and maintain ongoing relationships with local community leaders, executives, and educators
- 2) present the Brothers with opportunities to hear from and discuss important issues and events with the "movers and shakers" of the community, and
- 3) develop and broadly communicate planned speaker events taking place at Regular Communications, on the Lodge and District calendars, and to proactively inform active Brothers, and attract Brothers who have stopped attending the lodge and participating in Masonry.

When the Worshipful Master began contacting community leaders during the summer months to invite them to visit and speak before the Lodge, he was impressed by the positive response from all those he spoke with. There was a true desire on the part of leaders in the community to connect with and learn about Masonry, and to talk with the Brothers about the community.

The evening was structured so the Lodge would be opened and placed on refreshment, and the guest speaker would join the Brothers for dinner. The guest and the Brothers would enter the lodge room together, and the Worshipful Master would introduce and welcome the evening's speaker. The speaker generally talked about issues under his or her control and responsibility for at least 45 minutes, followed by very active discussions that could have lasted for the entire evening, but were eventually brought to a close by the Worshipful Master after about 45 minutes. Following the departure of the speaker, the Lodge would address regular business.

Each Lodge meeting attracted at least one or two brothers who had not been seen in quite some time, gradually adding to the number of brothers in attendance. The speakers each said they looked forward to returning and, at later community

events, came over to the Worshipful Master to talk and again thank the Lodge for the opportunity to meet and address the Brothers.

The end of the year was interrupted by Super Storm Sandy, so two guest speakers were temporarily canceled until a later date, however, the Navesink Lodge Fall Speakers Program included the following:

- 1) Freeholder Serena DiMaso, Board of Chosen Freeholders
- 2) Honorable Pat Menna, Mayor of the Town of Red Bank
- 3) Chief Stephen McCarthy, Chief of Police, Red Bank Police Department
- 4) Autumn Dempsey R.N., Diabetes Program Coordinator, Barnabas Healthcare Systems, Monmouth Medical Center
- 5) Congressman Frank Pallone, U.S. Representative for New Jersey's 6th Congressional District
- 6) State Assemblywoman Amy Handlin, New Jersey General Assembly 13th legislative district

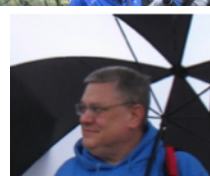
The Navesink Lodge Fall Speakers Program is expected to become an annual program, bringing back previous speakers, and inviting leaders from the Military, Universities and Senior Executives from leading New Jersey based corporations.

For more info on Navesink Lodge No.9 visit - www.navesinklodge9.org

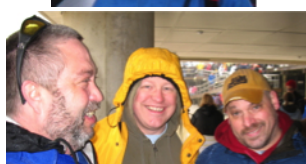


Chief Stephen McCarthy, Chief of Police, Red Bank Police Department and Worshipful Master James Mueller.

Rainy, Cold, Windy and Fun NJ Freemasons support Special Olympics of NJ See you next year!



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3. You can care for your family and favorite causes beyond your lifetime.
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WHO PAYS FOR HOSPICE? *(JM from Tabernacle)*
Acacia Hospice accepts Medicare, Medicaid and VA as 100% coverage for care. There are no out-of-pocket expenses for the patient or the family. For private insurance coverage, Acacia Hospice will contact the insurer to verify coverage and benefits.

IS HOSPICE ONLY FOR CANCER PATIENTS? *(AC from Egg Harbor)*
A large number of patients have congestive heart failure, stroke, dementia, chronic lung disease, AIDS, ALS and other debilitating illnesses.

DOES HOSPICE MEAN THE PATIENT WILL DIE SOON? *(KR from Collingswood Lodge)*
Receiving hospice care does not mean giving up hope and that death is imminent. The earlier an individual receives hospice care, the more opportunity there is to stabilize a patient’s medical condition and address other needs.

HOW DO I HANDLE FEELINGS OF GUILT FOR NOT DOING MORE? *(EL from Hammonton)*
Hospice is the one final gift you can give your loved one when curative medical treatment is no longer beneficial or realistic. This decision is only about the wishes and comfort of your loved one. If you ask anyone who has experienced hospice in their family, they will say “we wish we had started hospice sooner”

HOSPICE IS JUST FOR THE PATIENT? *(LM from Plainfield)*
Hospice focuses on comfort, dignity and emotional support. The quality of life for the patient, family members/caregivers is our highest priority.

DOES HOSPICE MEAN GIVING UP HOPE? *(RG from Camden)*
With hospice, the miracle isn’t in the cure it is in the caring. When faced with a terminal illness, many patients and family members tend to dwell on the imminent loss of life rather than making the most of the life that remains. Hospice helps patients reclaim the spirit of life through pain management and control of symptoms. This can lead to opportunities for remembering special times, laughter, reunion and hope.

IS HOSPICE ONLY FOR OLDER PEOPLE? *(LB from Pennington)*
Hospice serves people of all ages when a cure is no longer possible and the patient’s doctor believes they have six months or less to live based on the medically historical disease process.

DOES HOSPICE PROVIDE 24 HOUR CARE? *(BL from Cranford)*
The hospice team visits the patient intermittently and as needed, and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for support and visits. Hospice does not provide 24 hours a day in person care.

DO PATIENTS HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR OWN DOCTOR? *(JF from Cherry Hill)*
Patients may keep their own physicians who work closely with the hospice Medical Director and team to plan and carry out care.

HOW LONG CAN WE RECEIVE HOSPICE CARE? *(MN from Hillside)*
The Medicare, Medicaid and VA benefit, as well as most insurances, pays for hospice care as long as the patient continues to meet the criteria for hospice care.

Call Acacia with any hospice questions or concerns.

Acacia Hospice - 902 Jacksonville Road - Burlington, New Jersey 08016 - 609-589-4444 - www.acaciahospice.org

Kristen Lorenz currently serves as the Community Liaison Educator for Acacia Hospice, which operates under the Masonic Charity Foundation. Kristen has over 30 years experience in the healthcare industry and for the past 8 years has specialized in hospice and end of life care education to the medical community, seniors and their families.

Do you need a speaker for your community event or would you like someone to visit your community and explain end of life care services?
Kristen is available and eager to speak with you and your neighbors about end of life care benefits and choices. If you are interested in having her speak, please contact Kristen at 609-589-4444 or by email at kel@njmasonic.org



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