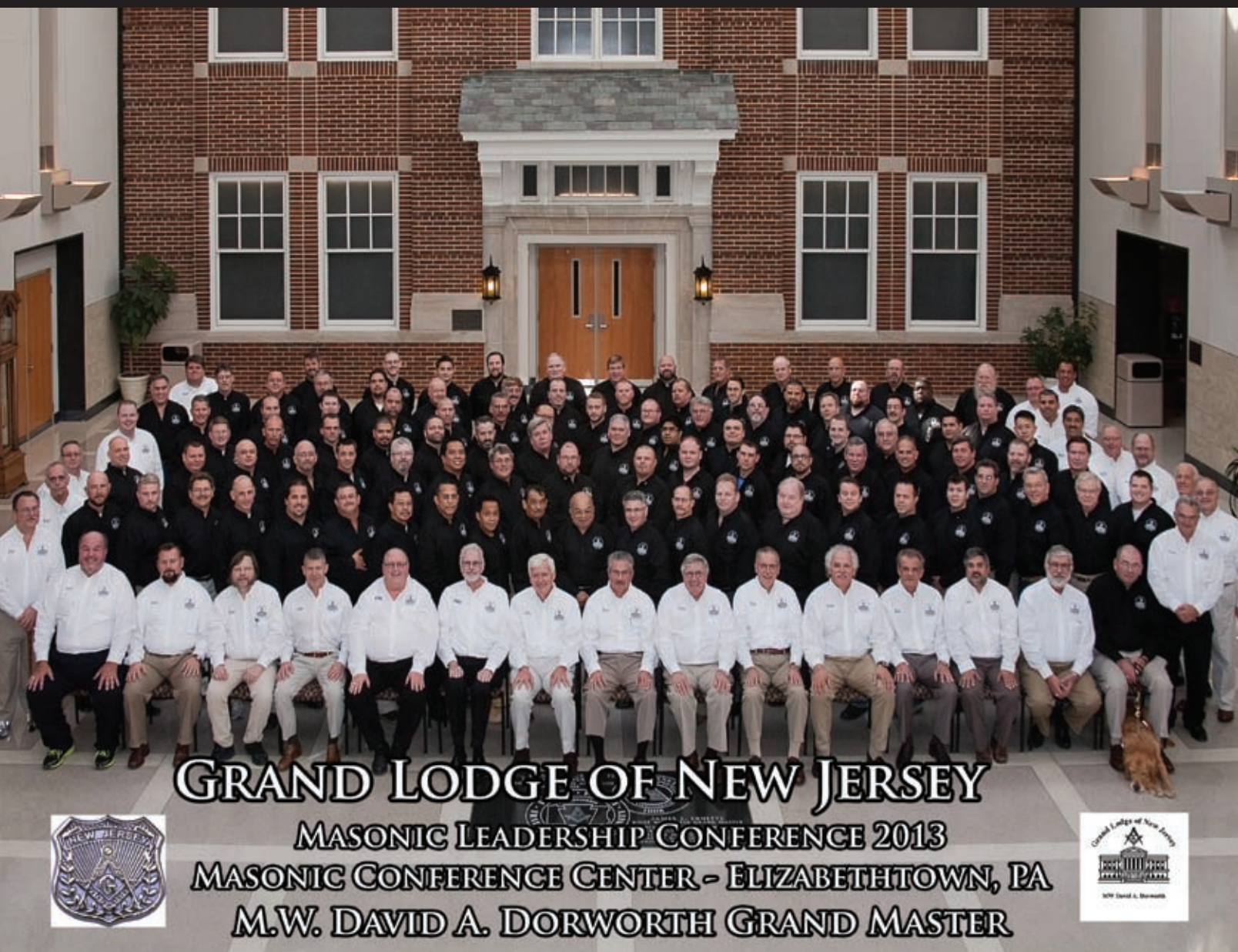


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Guest's entrée selection:

☐Peppercorn Demi Strip Steak

☐Crab Imperial Stuffed Flounder

☐Chicken Cordon Bleu

☐Peppercorn Demi Strip Steak

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings from the Editors desk.

I hope all of you had a fantastic holiday season filled with joy and everlasting memories. The hustle and bustle is over and it is now time to get back into the swing of things. Ushering in a new year allows us to reevaluate what worked and didn't work in our lives during the prior year. Much like making a personal resolution to better myself, I am looking into how to better our publication.

Some of my plans include:

- Tighter deadlines for a tighter scheduled delivery date.
- Work with Grand Lodge and the database administrator to find out why some Brothers are not receiving the issues in the mail.
- More featured articles that showcase individual New Jersey Freemasons and Lodges that are making a difference.
- More graphics and colors to highlight the information.
- Include more Ad's that will generate revenue for offsetting the rising costs of postage.
- Create boosters that will be in each issue.
- Create a monthly PDF supplemental for time sensitive Grand Lodge functions and individual Lodge functions.

As you can see, the NJF team will be very busy this year. I'm excited for the changes and to see the growth. I would be remiss if I did not add how very proud I am of the Brethren who have helped us get to where we are so far, the talent seen throughout this state is breathtaking.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Cory Sigler
RW Cory Sigler

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MW David A. Dorworth Beefsteak Dinner is Saturday, March 29th, 2014

Tricky Tray/Chinese Auction



We want this long-time North Jersey & New York tradition to come to South & Central Jersey and shatter all the attendance records! Bring a friend, wife, neighbor, bring a brother – where else can you go out to an all-you-can-eat steak dinner with friends?!! On a Saturday, no less! Beefsteak veterans know the drill, but for those of you new to the event, after cocktails, once the food starts coming, it all begins. Tender, succulent pieces of filet mignon carefully carved and placed on top of small pieces of toast, drizzled with delicious au jus. It takes a lot of servers to cover the initial deluge of food, and to keep it coming! If you've never been to a Beefsteak event, this is the one to try! We constantly hear from satisfied customers who insist this is the one event they wouldn't miss year after year. So, what are we asking? Bring someone with you. The true essence of our Beefsteak Dinners has been largely due to the sheer numbers in attendance, and in the past few years we've enjoyed record-breaking attendance. We do our best to keep price the down, with the higher hope of making the dinner accessible to one and all. However, given its popularity, the event is a fundraiser and the ticket price barely covers expenses. In other words, the more the merrier. Register today to help make this year's Beefsteak the best ever. And, remember, "it's not a Beefsteak Dinner until you leave with grease behind your ears!"



About the Beefsteak: *Nightingale Caterers is one of the oldest family-run Beefsteak providers in the New York/New Jersey area. While Beefsteak Dinners seem perched to regain more mainstream popularity, Nightingale has been at it all along since 1938. Each year, they prepare close to 150 pounds of beef for each traditional event.*

Event will feature "Hap" Nightingale beefsteak dinner, cash bar, music; themed tricky tray baskets; sports & entertainment memorabilia.

Tickets are \$35 per person. To order tickets by mail, send checks payable to:
19th District's Past Masters & Wardens Association
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For more information contact: Andy Churney 609 267-2639

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5 PM to 9 PM



Grand Master's Message



Grand Lodge

The Holiday Season is now behind us but not forgotten. I have been amazed by the out pouring of well wishes using the many social media outlets now available to New Jersey Freemasons.

Social media has always existed but now with many means to wish each other the best of the Holiday Season. Our thoughts were always exchanged when in person at various Masonic events or by the traditional cards. I saw a special attention to those who suffered family losses or health issues. For most of us, constant communication is in the palm of our hand. It is now so easy to reach out to a distressed Brother Mason and easy to reply with a thank you. I hope we have sparked your curiosity about what we have as New Jersey masons and that you are considering joining a group. You can follow events in your Lodge, District or your Grand Lodge. You can follow me as I travel to various events through pictures. You can be there even though you could not attend. On Facebook for example, the whole family can become involved and share pictures and comments. We look for all of you to join our Masonic Facebook family.

December is a special time of the year in our personal lives along with our Masonic lives. We spend time with family and friends celebrating various holidays. We, as Masons, are

very busy as we prepare for the new Worshipful Master and Officers of our Lodge giving thanks to those who filled the chairs last year. We anxiously wait to see what our new officers bring to Freemasonry and our Lodges. New goals and ideas are always welcomed. Having attended 19 Installations in the month of December, it was very evident that Freemasonry is alive and well in New Jersey. I tried to sample different Lodges in different Districts and I discovered that attendance was good and that we are striving daily to meet our Masonic obligations. We were having fun in open or closed installations. It was nice to see family interest at the open installations. At each installation I urged the members to reach out to a Brother they have not seen and to make sure that they do not need any help. Help "Renew the Spirit". Please pray for those who are in distress and in need of divine intervention. Keep your Masonic spirit alive.

I wish all Masons and their Families a safe and prosperous New Year!

Fraternally,

MW David A. Dorworth
Grand Master

Grand Master's 2014 Calendar

January

9-18	DAD Cruise So Caribbean	San Juan, PR
15	MCE, HTMT, GLT Meetings	MH of NJ Board Room
15	Deputy School	Fellowship Center Burlington
26	100 th Anniversary Masonic Kilties	Hanover Manor, E. Hanover, NJ
26	Veterans Visit	Paramus
28	Society of Sts John	Central Valley
30-3	Florida Trip	Florida

February

16-18	Conf of Grand Masters	Baltimore, MD
19	MCE, HTMT, GLT Meetings	MH of NJ Board Room
19	Deputy School	Fellowship Center Burlington
28	10 th District Reception	

March

8	Chairman's Ball	Fellowship Center Burlington
13	19 th District Reception	Shrine - Westampton
15	DeMolay's GM Class	Central Valley
16	Veterans Visit	Lyons
19	MCE, HTMT, GLT Meetings	MH of NJ Board Room
19	Deputy School	Fellowship Center Burlington
21	Brotherhood Night	NUR Shrine
22	Council of Deliberations	So. Valley Collingswood
23	Veterans Visit	E. Orange

April

5	Reception for Marshal & Sec. to GM	Fellowship Center Burlington
16	MCE, HTMT, GLT Meetings	MH of NJ Board Room
16	Deputy School	Fellowship Center Burlington
22-24	Grand Lodge Communication	Ballys Atlantic City, NJ



Grand Lodge

Deputy Grand Master's Message

Brethren,

During the past three years, while traveling in our Grand Jurisdiction, I have had the pleasure of listening to numerous Brothers expressing their concerns and interests. While in conversation, I was made aware of the desire of many to experience Freemasonry in a different way. A number of these Brothers are active in their Lodges but feel that Freemasonry should offer more to its members. Often, the Traditional Observance Lodge concept was mentioned. Men come to us for a variety of reasons. To me, this seems to be another way to return to our roots and provide a more meaningful Lodge experience. If you have followed my articles or heard me speak, you know that I am concerned with both of these issues. Masons who are seeking this type of Lodge experience do not see themselves as better than the rest of the brethren. Rather, they are looking for a different way to enjoy their membership in the fraternity and receive Masonic Light. After much thought, I decided to explore the Observance Lodge concept. I have conducted a lot of research on this topic and discussed it at length with many well-informed brethren. I have found out that currently twenty-five Grand Lodges have successfully constituted Observance Lodges in their Grand Jurisdiction. Around us, Pennsylvania has two highly successful Observance Lodges. New York also has two, but is planning on constituting four more in the very near future.

I received permission from Most Worshipful David A. Dorworth to form an exploratory committee to investigate the Observance Lodge concept. The committee consisted of R.W. Thomas L. Winter DDGM-4, Chair, M.W. Robert Sheridan, Grand Treasurer, PGM 2005, R.W. David Glattly, Past Grand Marshall and WB Mohamad Yatim, PM. They spent many hours doing research, visiting Observance Lodges and having discussions to see if this model would be successful within the confines of our rules and regulations. They determined that I should consider constituting such a Lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction. Therefore, I have decided that I will constitute an Observance Lodge during my term as Grand Master. It will be located in Northern New Jersey, but if there is sufficient interest, depending upon the will of the brethren, I might consider opening another Observance Lodge in a central or southern location.

It is not my intention to introduce two-tiered Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction. Any Lodge constituted in this Grand Jurisdiction must follow the prescribed manner as printed in our Constitution and Laws. Additionally, the members of this Lodge must conform to all established practices. The Lodge bylaws must be approved by the appropriate committee and me. However, an Observance Lodge will focus primarily on

providing its members and visitors a special experience highlighted by inspirational ritual, enlightening Masonic education, and a memorable festive board, anciently known as Agape.

This first Observance Lodge in New Jersey will meet in the Lyndhurst Masonic Temple. It will be named "Inspiratus Lodge", inspiratus is Latin for inspiration. The following is a description of Inspiratus Lodge and the requirements for membership:



Inspiratus Lodge will hold five Regular Communications a year on the fourth Monday in September, November, January, March and May. Installation will be held during December. The Lodge will have short business meetings. The exception will be for the conferral of degrees. After each Regular Communication, the Lodge will hold an Agape, a catered dinner similar to a Table Lodge with a guest speaker. Afterward, it is expected that members and guests will participate in lively conversations coupled with questions and answers.

Hopefully, these discussions will spark a greater interest among all participants to explore the many avenues of esoteric Masonry.

The members are expected to attend all meetings. To be excused, a member must call the Worshipful Master to offer his explanation. If a member misses more than five meetings in two years without an excuse, he will be subject to suspension from the Lodge.

Officers will be required to wear tuxedos and white gloves. Elected officers will wear tails. Guests will be required to wear a dark suit, white shirt and dark tie. All will be charged a fee for the Agape dinner.

As Masonic Ritual will be of prime importance, all officers shall demonstrate their proficiency in their respective chairs. Each officer shall be required to adhere to the requirements of their office as found in the Grand Lodge Officer Manual. Officers will not advance to the next chair unless they satisfactorily demonstrate their ritual proficiency.

Members of Inspiratus Lodge must be active in their District and in Grand Lodge. Members of the Lodge will be required to attend district functions plus meetings of the other Lodges in the District, offering assistance if asked. Officers will be required to attend the monthly District Lodges of Instruction. Elected officers and Past Masters will be required to attend the annual Grand Lodge Communication.

Annual dues will be \$325.00 plus Grand Lodge assessments. ➤



Senior Grand Warden's Message

My Brothers,

As I was having Thanksgiving dinner with my family I thought about how lucky I am to be able to spend time with and enjoy my wife, our daughters, their husbands and seven grandchildren. I also thought about past Thanksgiving days with my parents, brother, sisters and those wonderful days gone by. I tried to weigh holidays past and present, each to the other, and questioned myself as to which was better. I think about these things in other aspects of my life - what was better, now or then? The answer has evaded me but I have come to the realization that without the past and present our future plans and aspirations will be but a blur. We all look forward and try to plan our future, whether openly or in the back of our minds. To plan for the future must we have a clear understanding of the past?

My Brothers, I believe some of us do this in our Masonic life. To cite one example, I often talk to Brethren raised 25 - 50 years ago and others 1 - 5 years ago. Each of these Brothers may have a different view of what the ritual was then and now. "It was better in those days" or "It is better now". Who is right? I believe both! Those of us who have been around for many years and those recently raised within the last 5 to 10 years are individually correct. Each group of Brothers simply saw their early years a little differently. There once was a longer catechism and now it is shorter. That's about the only real difference. A word here or there? Ground? Don't ground? But fundamentally everything is the same.

As part of this great fraternity, we should look at the past and present so we can anticipate the future. I look to the future with good thoughts and positive views. I have complete faith and trust in the Brothers I see following us. Our forefathers have wisely left their legacy, in many cases our buildings and furniture, our memories of those before us, our Constitution and Laws and Landmarks, to guide us to a bright, wholesome and prosperous future.

My Brothers, look to the future as I do, with pride in yourself, your Brothers and our Craft. With this mindset we cannot but continue on with that which was started by our forefathers many years ago, passed on to us and with the sacred BOND we have, will be carried on for a thousand years.

So my Brothers, this Thanksgiving was mostly the same as all others; they were all wonderful; they simply were held at different times and with different people. We love them all.

I would like to congratulate all the newly installed Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Officers and wish to them and the members of their Lodge a happy, prosperous and productive Masonic year for 2014. Keep up the good work.

Yours in the Craft,

Anthony W. Montuori
Senior Grand Warden

Deputy Grand Master's Message (continued)

The fee for dual membership is \$200.00. The fee for initiation is \$400.00. As this Lodge will begin with dual members, every member will pay the dual membership fee plus the prorated annual dues. Further, no member will be allowed to demit from his mother Lodge until two years have passed.

New candidates for Freemasonry and Inspiratus Lodge will participate in a period of reflection prior to their preparation for their Entered Apprentice Degree. During this time of reflection, candidates will be required to answer two questions about their present status as well as their future hopes and desires. They will not be asked to divulge their answers and will take these answers home. This reflection period will take place in the preparation room with the door ajar and under the supervision of the Lodge's Tyler

To apply for dual membership in Inspiratus Lodge, a prospective dual member must attend at least three (3) Agape dinners, before a petition is given. Each dual member petitioner will be required to write a letter of interest, fully answer a prepared questionnaire and include his Masonic resume with his petition. All Charter members will be required to follow these rules, except for the agape part.

Upon receipt of all application materials, the committee and I will select the charter members. They will include past Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters and White Apron brethren. In the future, membership in Inspiratus Lodge will total 75 members.

If you are interested in joining Inspiratus Lodge, please send your letter of interest and Masonic resume to:

MW Robert Sheridan
403 Breaker Drive
Galloway, NJ 08205-9658

Finally, I want to assure the Brethren in our Grand Jurisdiction that all Freemasons will be welcome as visitors to this Lodge and hopefully will enjoy this experience.

Fraternally,

Gerald J. Sharpe
Deputy Grand Master



Grand Lodge

Junior Grand Warden's Message

Brethren,

Masonry in our fellowship is like the ancient Churches which our brothers built many centuries ago. We can identify the construction of these structures some that still exist today as relates to our Masonic Beliefs. They would be **"Faith"** its foundation, **"Righteousness"** its cornerstone, **"Strength and Wisdom"** its walls, **"Beauty"** its form, **"Brotherly Love"** its arches a representation of joining hands, **"Reverence"** its ceiling, The **"Bible"** to give illumination, **"Music"** which reminds us of its mystery.

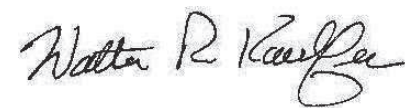
Masonry is average men in a world of challenges and emotions. They are men of good-will and good- sense. They are Freemasons who discover one another through familiar association. Brothers who have realized that the Brotherhood of Man begins with the Man as a Master Mason.

It is an honor to be recognized as a member of our Craft.
Masonry is Truth, Charity and Service to our fellow

man. Charity is one way of demonstrating to the world one of our principal tenants. Through the generosity of our brethren during the aftermath of super storm Sandy, these efforts have been recognized throughout the state

Our Lodges have demonstrated this by community service, family, friends and caring for the needs of others. Let's keep Masonry Strong for future generations!

Yours in the Craft,



Walter R. Kaulfers
Junior Grand Warden



Happenings at West Hill

Submitted by Most Worshipful Joseph Rival

The "Blue Room" is done! What used to be Brian Johnson's Grand Lodge Office, is now a beautiful colonial period parlor. One by one, the rooms are being renovated to what they possibly looked like 200 years ago!

The whole house is now decorated for the holidays. The library now houses a 9' Christmas tree decorated as we think it would have been in the Victorian Era.

We are still waiting to hear from Washington, DC as to whether we have qualified for National Historic status (we have already qualified for NJ State Historic status) and when we will be awarded a 501c3 status.

In January we have been invited to participate in the Burlington County Women's History Seminar in association with the 350th Anniversary of the State of New Jersey. State Senator Diane Allen is supposed to be the keynote speaker. This is quite an honor for us as we are now getting noticed in the tight knit community of historic organizations. Many of those we have met have been very encouraging. They feel West Hill has a lot to offer in the way of women's history, specifically breast cancer survival.

With this being the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, we hosted a Civil War encampment in October. There are plans to possibly have a complete Civil War Re-enactment next fall, complete with a battery of cannon and even a cavalry unit. This will be a 3 day event recreating a few of the battles that took place 150 years ago. All will happen on the grounds around the farmhouse. This is just in the planning stages and will require a lot of people to help.

As I said, this is a possibility. There are many obstacles that will have to be over-come for this to happen. Keep your fingers crossed!

That's it for now. Keep watching for the next issue of the Freemason and what are the "Happenings at West Hill".



Masonic Education in NJ Raises Its Head with the Groundhog on February 1, 2014!

Submitted by Ricardo J. Fernandez, PM



Whether Punxsutawney Phil says we have a long or short winter, NJ Freemasons will be ready to take on any challenge!

On Saturday, February 1st 2014, the day before Phil raises his head, we will be having our Winter Masonic Education event featuring a special program **"TOOLS FOR MASONIC SUCCESS"** sponsored by the GL Masonic Education Committee.

The topics to be discussed will be:

1. Communications Among the Brethren
2. Involvement of the Lodge Brethren

Additionally, there will be Past Grand Masters Forum.

Attendance limited to first 100 registrants.

Date: **Saturday, FEBRUARY 1, 2014**
Time: **8:00 am**
Location: **Historic Trenton Masonic Temple**
100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ
Dress: **Masonic Casual**
Cost: **\$20, cash only please at door**

Register: <http://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org/> and click on Event Brite logo
(When logging into Members Only Section: Name is your membership number from your dues card and Password Id is your surname, first letter in capital)

For further information you may contact:

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2013 MASONIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

October 25-27, 2013

The Four M's of Masonic Education:
Membership, Money, Morale and Memories

Submitted by RW Howie Dumbart Co-Chair

Over 100 brothers from 72 lodges throughout New Jersey attended the 13th Annual New Jersey Masonic Leadership Conference (MLC) held at Patton Campus part of Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation adjacent to the PA Masonic Home. Sold out in June; applications were kept open until August 1st this year to ensure that as many lodges as possible were able to submit applications and have brothers attend. MW David A. Dorworth invited the Senior Deacon of each lodge in New Jersey to attend the conference; where critical lodge management skills are taught to future officers in preparation for their accession to the Oriental Chair.

The conference was fortunate to have as its Keynote Speaker, Brother Christopher A. Hodapp, most prominently known for authoring Freemasons for Dummies. Brother Chris opened the conference on Saturday with a thought provoking speech on the state of Freemasonry today and fielded questions from the conference attendees. He would close the conference on Sunday with a charge to the delegates to take what they had learned and make Masonry in NJ the best it could be.

The conference curriculum was centered on the Four M's of Masonic Education - **Membership, Money, Morale and Memories**. Each topic was presented by a great team member consisting of Brother John Hinck (Membership) from Jurisdiction of California, RW David Tucker (Money) DRI of the 23rd District, RW Cory Sigler (Morale) Editor of the NJ Freemason; and MW David A. Chase (Memories) founding Grand Master of the MLC. Our speakers challenged the attendees to think about how their lodge was managed, what a perfect lodge might look like and how they might impact the Masonic Program of their lodge to make it the best possible.

After each presentation the delegates broke into groups facilitated by brothers from New Jersey who had spent the previous four months training with WB Ricardo Fernandez on how to best facilitate a learning experience where the delegate would leave the conference with an **ACTION PLAN** to bring back to their lodge and begin to execute as they moved through the chairs to the East. WB Moises Gomez, WB Jeffery Hicks, RW Jose Villalta, RW G. Roger Woodman, RW Roy Winter, RW Glenn Visscher, WB Bill Morelli, and RW Mike Carducci met with their groups seven times during the conference helping them digest the materials presented and turn that knowledge into a Plan.

The conference could not execute without the Operations Staff who do all the things behind the scenes to ensure that all the delegates are provided with the best food, housing and conference accommodations. Lead by Conference Co-Chair RW William Anderson, who has been a part of the staff for all 13 MLCs; the staff consisted of RW Andy Churney, RW Richard Anderson, RW William J. Berenbroick, RW Wayne Bukevitz, RW Ira Drucks, RW Roger Quintana, and RW Dennis Topoleski. Without MW William L. Morris, our Grand Secretary, coordinating all the efforts of the Grand Lodge Staff the conference could not be a success - his tireless efforts ensure that each delegate has a great learning experience and the entire staff is in his debt.

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GRAND MASTER'S EDICT

Brethren all,

TAKE NOTICE that the Grand Master, David A. Dorworth, has convened an *Open Emergent Communication* of the Grand Lodge and a meeting of the Masonic Charity Foundation according to Title Four Article II Section 1 Part 1 GL Constitution & By-Laws and Appendix B By-Laws Article III Section 6 of the Masonic Charity Foundation to take place on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ. The Emergent Communication shall be for the purpose of updating the Brethren on the renovation and transformation of the Residential Units of the Masonic Home to Retirement Living Apartments. Tours of the Apartment Samples will be available following the Meeting.

It is requested that you disseminate this announcement to all members within your Lodge and District by any means possible before the event, including reading at all meetings, including Installation of Officers, and publishing in your Lodge Trestleboards.

Fraternally,

William L. Morris, Jr., PGM
Grand Secretary

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Subject: **TOOLS FOR MASONIC SUCCESS**

Brethren,

To reinforce our RENEW THE SPIRIT theme this year, the Grand Lodge Education Committee will be hosting a special program Saturday, February 1, 2014.

Attendees of the Masonic Leadership Conference and all Officers of each Lodge are especially encouraged to attend. It is open to all Brethren.

The topics will be: Communications Among The Brethren
Involvement, Participation and Retention
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LOCATION: **Historic Trenton Masonic Temple**
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Fraternally,

MW David A. Dorworth



Grand Lodge

Gold Collar Degree for 3 DeMolay's

Submitted by R.W. Len Vander Horn, Clifton Lodge No. 203

On the morning of December 7, 2013, Most Worshipful David A. Dorworth and his staff visited Clifton Lodge No. 203 and performed the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree with a Gold Collar performance upon Bro. Andrew J. Prescott age 21, Bro. Ryan E. Vander Horn age 19, and Bro. Javier Vargas age 20. Andrew is a Past State Master Councilor of NJ DeMolay and Past International Master Councilor of DeMolay International and is the son of Bro. Thomas Prescott, the current Senior Warden of Clifton Lodge. Ryan

is the current State Master Councilor of NJ DeMolay and Region 2 Cabinet member of DeMolay International and is the son of R.W. Leonard Vander Horn, PGT, PM of Clifton Lodge. Javier is the current Senior Councilor of Ethan Allen Chapter. Under the watchful eye of MW Francis Mitchell, PGM, RW Grand Instructor, the Grand Lodge Officers performed an outstanding second section. The first section was performed by the Officers of Clifton Lodge with W.B. Louis Noonberg in the East. R.W. Gerald Sharpe, Deputy Grand Master sat in the Oriental Chair for the second section.



Pictured left to right: Andrew J. Prescott, Ryan E. Vander Horn, Javier Vargas



Pictured left to right: Bro. Andrew J. Prescott, RW David A. Glattly, Bro. Thomas Prescott, MW David A. Dorworth, WB Greg Chiles PGM DeMolay International, RW Leonard Vander Horn, Bro. Ryan E. Vander Horn, Bro. Javier Vargas

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The initial feedback from the conference attendees was extremely positive and the conference staff hopes that they truly will take the knowledge gained at the conference and bring it back to their lodges and help make Masonry in New Jersey stronger.

The 2014 Conference will be held again in Elizabethtown, PA the weekend of October 24, 25 and 26th. Make sure that your lodge gets an application in to ensure your spot at the conference as you progress through the chairs.



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Stairway to Heaven

The Winding Staircase of Freemasonry

Submitted by NJF Staff Writer Bro. Martin Bogardus, 32°

The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps - we must step up the stairs. - Vance Havner.

Somewhere between the initiate and the master mason degree lies the Fellowcraft. More than a novice but less than an expert; the Fellowcraft's journey is one of self-discovery. The Degree of Fellowcraft symbolizes man in the prime years of his life. He is portrayed as an adult who is ready to accept the responsibilities of life, not only for himself, but also for his family and all of society. Composed of three, five, and seven steps, each step building upon the former; the Fellowcraft learns through his pursuit of knowledge the lessons our ancestors intended Masonry to teach, better educating himself in the classical study of the liberal arts and sciences.

The desire to build a model of the winding staircase as depicted in the Fellowcraft lecture came to me while talking with our degree instructor. After building a sand-table model of our lodge last year to help candidates learn the stations in the lodge room, we thought a visual representation of the winding staircase would be the next logical step in helping our candidates further their Masonic journey.

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. Part of the fun in building things is finding new uses for old junk. I wound up making the Fellowcraft winding staircase model from an odd assortment of old parts I had laying around the house. The oak platform was made from the drawers of an old J. B. Van Sciver Co. desk

that had had most of the veneer peel off, the globes were made from an old pencil sharpener and a golf ball spray-painted black, and the columns and plaster pilasters I had found at a local hobby shop.

When it comes to making projects, I think I enjoy the process almost as much as the final product. 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. Each project builds upon the old and helps me see things in new and unique ways, and more importantly, learning something about myself in the process. Like Freemasonry, with a little imagination and elbow grease, we can re-purpose things in our lives, take them and make it better.

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 Collingswood Cloud Lodge #101.



"...Mix Again with the World..."

Submitted by Worshipful Brother Bob Dickerson. Hiram T. Dewey Lodge #226, Egg Harbor City, NJ

That part of the first line of the closing charge has always caught my attention. As we prepare to depart the lodge and mix again with the world we are reminded to carry with us all that we have learned. We are reminded to continue the practice of freemasonry outside the lodge; it is not something we do only while in lodge assembled, it is a lifelong pursuit.

Oftentimes, doing what is right is an easy thing, as simple as taking a breath. At other times, for whatever reason, we may struggle to do that which we know is right. Our higher and lower natures start to whisper in our ear. When this happens we have to make a choice and the choice we make is what separates us from others. It is my opinion that the only thing that we truly have control of in this life is how we react to any given situation; the choices we make. Everything else is an outside influence that we have no say in. As masons it is incumbent upon us to take the message of freemasonry

out into the world; not necessarily in a verbal sense, but more importantly in our actions. We choose to live a life that others can't help but to notice.

There is an old story about a man who tried to change the world. When that didn't work he tried to change his country, then his state, his town, his street, even his home with no result. He then changed himself and began to live as he hoped others would live. He noticed that his home began to change for the better. People on his street took notice and they changed and then his town. Eventually, his town became a shining example and his state began to change and then the country, as well. He realized he could only change himself and that hopefully others would follow his example. I think this is the way freemasonry was intended to work and that our example is what draws other like-minded men to our fraternity. At the end of the day our most potent recruiting tool is simply being ourselves.

So, in closing, I say to you - **Continue to be the change you wish to see in the world.**



Mentoring the Mentor

Submitted by Robert W. Howard, Jr., Hawthorne Fortitude Lodge #200

In our previous article, we basically recapped the key elements of the Grand Lodge program. Let's not forget that we owe the Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Walter R. Kaulfers a debt of gratitude for tirelessly promoting this program to lodges throughout the state. It is through his efforts that the program has taken hold and become an indispensable part of lodge activity.

Since the last publication, we have received quite a number of encouraging responses and comments from the brethren. This time we will be focusing on some of the challenges that lodges face, while implementing the mentoring program to petitioners and candidates. For purposes of our discussion, let's make the distinction between a petitioner and a candidate. A petitioner is essentially a member of the profane world, who has expressed an interest in joining our fraternity and has applied for membership. At this point, he has not been vetted, interviewed, nor has the lodge voted to accept him for membership. Although there is a high probability that he will advance through the petition process and take his degrees, he is at this point not ready to be treated as a candidate.

A candidate on the other hand has passed these hurdles and is entitled to a certain amount of information as he prepares for his degrees. For example, if you use the **"Candidate's Advancement Certification"** form as your guide, you will see that following election to membership, he may receive the **"Welcome to Freemasonry"** booklet as prepared by Grand Lodge as well as the 23 points pertaining to the Pre-Degree Meeting. Having said this, it is still very important to keep the petitioner motivated, involved and occupied with meaningful activity.

As a result of the age of information in which we live, petitioners are coming to use with a wealth of knowledge that they have gathered from books, movies, TV, the web and all sorts of social media. The higher awareness that Masonry now enjoys is certainly helping to bring in potential members. However, in more cases than not, highly motivated men come to us with a hodgepodge of misinformation. No matter how you admonish him to be patient, many petitioners are extremely curious and want to know everything right away. If you don't direct him, he will continue to consult Dan Brown, the History Channel or any number of popular books for his masonic enlightenment.

As a mentor, you want to exploit his excitement but at the same time strike a balance between that which can be divulged and that which should be held back. Our concern here is our need to preserve the initiatic experience that the candidate is about to enjoy. Too much information, too soon will reduce the E.A. degree to just a recapitulation of what the petitioner has already learned from his own research. It is for this reason primarily that we are obliged to direct the petitioner or candidate judiciously through his exploration

of the craft.

One idea that has worked well to keep a petitioner engaged but not exposed to too much information is to give him an assignment to read *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett. This is an interesting story that discusses life during the middle ages and follows the challenges faced by a group of operative stone masons. It illustrates the environment from which Speculative Masonry eventually evolved but without divulging any mysteries. Perhaps more importantly, it does not contain any misinformation that the petitioner will need to unlearn as he advances through the craft.

What do you do when a petitioner want to shows off how much he knows by giving you a grip or word.

First of all, you cannot confirm one way or the other, if he got it right. He must be told immediately not to use any grips or words as it could put him in a poor light with Freemasons, who might mistake his zeal for something else. You can also remind him that in just a short time, he will be given proper instruction and there is no need to continue to research this kind of information. Make it short and sweet and don't allow yourself to get into a long discussion. A long conversation will likely end up with you providing too much information.

An easy way to keep the petitioner or candidate excited about the fraternity is to invite him to an open reception or some other open masonic event. We recently took one of our newly minted E.A.'s to a reception for the Grand Officers in our region. During this event, we were able to introduce him to a number of lodge officers from the district. We also made sure that he met some of the Grand Officers, while providing an explanation of their specific duties. We were even able to introduce him to the Grand Master. There is no question that this was a night that our new brother will remember for some time. Although, he will not recall all of the names of the people he met, he will recognize their faces and will be that much more comfortable as he meets these men again through his travels to different lodges and events.

Assuming he conforms to the mode and manner of the degrees, it is highly likely that a candidate will make it through the MM degree. For this reason, it is important that the resources we recommend to a petitioner or candidate provides him with a strong foundation upon which he can build his inner temple. Remember, our ritual will provide him with all the tools he will require to build his temple. However, it is the mentor who provides him with the stone and mortar. A quick and careless mentoring job may leave the candidate with no designs upon his trestle board.

Once the candidate has been initiated, you can recommend that he read a book or two to start him off on his journey in the proper manner. Of course, he should receive the pamphlet, which was prepared by the Grand Lodge for all Entered Apprentices. Additionally, as is the custom in many lodges, he can receive the *Introduction to Freemasonry, Vol. I*, by Carl Claudy. **Here is the key however, make sure that you schedule some time to review these books** ➤

Celestial Problems

Submitted by Brother Raymond C. Thorne, PGT, Past Master, Lodge of Masonic Research and Education, No. 1786

Comets were a problem to the Ancients. And so they are today.

The Sun, the moon, the fixed stars every day rise in the east, travel across the sky and set in the west in a predictable pattern. You can plant and harvest crops by this regularity. You can schedule holy days and festivals by it. You can navigate by it.

The Ancients also recognized seven, perhaps five, wandering stars, or planets. The motions of these planets were only somewhat predictable two thousand years ago. The patterns of the wandering stars were apparently too irregular to base any earthly activity on their movements, but the actions of each planet did fall within certain limits.

Hairy stars, or comets, on the other hand were a major puzzle. There seemed nothing repetitious about them. They would appear without warning at any time of the year, in any part of the sky, in a variety of shapes. They would last for days or weeks or months. Unlike the fixed and wandering stars, comets were not points of light but things with shape. Most were elongated to varying degrees. Some were described as being like a sword. Or even a horse's mane. They usually changed shape or size or brightness. In modern terms, their appearance and activities seemed completely outside the box.

Some, such as Pythagoras, thought comets were celestial objects of some type. Aristotle thought comets were exhalations from the earth into the atmosphere that somehow ignited. The Roman philosopher Seneca rejected that idea because comets did not change shape when the wind blew. But the Aristotelian view held sway.

As for when or why comets appear, Virgil thought they were omens. When Julius Caesar died, Virgil wrote, "Never did fatal comets shine more often." In his play Julius Caesar, Shakespeare wrote, "*When beggars die there are no comets seen; The heavens themselves blaze forth the death of princes.*"

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with him, once he has had the time to read them.

Remember, he really does need to know things such as the Three Principal Tenets of Masonry, the Ornaments of the Lodge and Lodge Etiquette. If you do not follow up with a newly initiated brother, he may never come to learn some of the very basics of the craft.

Reading and mentoring will provide a fine foundation for an initiated brother, however, it is now time to start treating him like a Mason. If you go back to the Summer 2013, edition of "The New Jersey Freemason", you will note the article written by Right Worshipful Gerald J. Sharpe, Deputy Grand Master. Here he recommends that once certain business has been conducted, we should consider setting the lodge at labor on the E.A. or F.C. degree. By participating in a regular

For about a millennium and a half after that, comets were associated with the deaths of kings and great generals, prolonged bad weather, epidemics and disastrous military defeats.

But thinking slowly started to change. Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe studied the Comet of 1577 and concluded it was above the atmosphere and orbited the sun. Galileo Galilei sided with Aristotle and wrote, "*A comet is not one of the wandering stars which become visible in a manner similar to a planet.*"

Brother Isaac Newton calculated the motion of the Comet of 1680 and discovered it traveled above the atmosphere, proving Aristotle and Galileo wrong. His friend Edmund Halley suggested Newton determine the paths of other comets. When Newton failed to do so, Halley took up the task. Of the comets he studied, he discovered three traveled almost identical paths. He assumed these were actually three appearances of the same comet and in 1705 predicted it would appear again in 1758. It did and has been known as Halley's Comet ever since.

This not only proved comets orbit the sun like planets, but added one letter to Masonic ritual. MW Carl H. Claudy, PGM D.C., wrote in his *Introduction to Freemasonry, Vol. III* that in the Master Mason lecture, the mention of comets performing their "stupendous evolutions" became "stupendous revolutions."

Further observations of comets over the succeeding centuries showed their tails were sunlight reflecting off dust and water vapor streaming away from the head, or nucleus, of the comet.

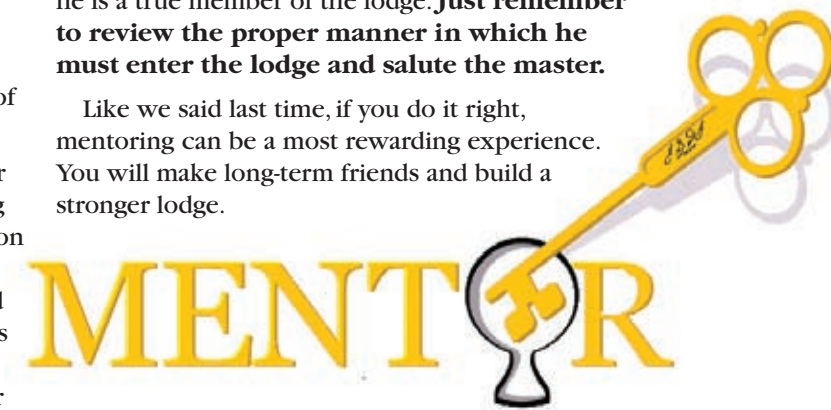
In 1950, American astronomer Fred Whipple said comets were "dirty snowballs." While an oversimplification, it is basically correct as confirmed by the spacecraft that have visited comets.

Also in 1950, Dutch astronomer Jan Oort said there was a cloud or shell of comets around the solar system five thousand to one hundred thousand times as far from the

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communication, the new brother can now feel like he is a true member of the lodge. **Just remember to review the proper manner in which he must enter the lodge and salute the master.**

Like we said last time, if you do it right, mentoring can be a most rewarding experience. You will make long-term friends and build a stronger lodge.





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sun as planet Earth. Every once in a while a comet will be knocked out of its orbit and fall towards the sun. This is why we see them approaching the sun from every which way.

So now that we know comets orbit the sun like everything else in the solar system and we know what they are made of and where they come from, we know everything about comets, right?

No way.

Take Comet ISON. It was discovered September 21, 2012 by two Russian astronomers working for the International Scientific Optical Network when they took four photos of the same area of the sky that day before dawn. One object moved slightly from image to image. Within a few days the object was determined to be a comet, its orbit plotted and its brightness established. It came from the Oort Cloud. It was about 576 million miles from the sun and very bright for an object that far away and only several miles in diameter.

Extrapolating its brightness, astronomers determined that as it would get closer to earth—and more especially the sun—it would be spectacular in the night sky, about as bright as the full moon, and visible in the daytime when it got close to the sun. It had the potential to be classified as a Great Comet and some were even hyping it as “The Comet of the Century.”

Historically, some comets on their first visit to the inner solar system have flared up brilliantly, while others showing the same potential would fizzle.

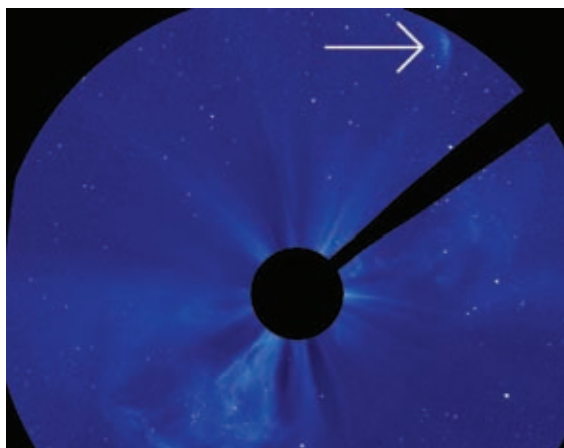
Comet ISON failed to brighten as first predicted. Apparently what happened was that when it was discovered its primordial surface was being heated by the sun and rapidly sublimating (going from a solid to a gas without first becoming a liquid), reflecting a lot of sunlight. Once that original surface was gone the remaining water and dust was slower to sublimate, giving less of a reflective surface.

Comet ISON would also be a sun grazer. The comet’s surface would be headed to as much as 3,600 degrees Fahrenheit. And the sun’s gravity at that close distance (about three quarters of a million miles) could be very intense, pulling at the comet in one direction while inertial forces were moving it in a different direction. Could the comet survive?

There are many varieties of terrestrial snow. There is heavy, wet snow good for packing into snowballs and dry, powdery snow that is not conducive for a good snowball fight. Which type of snow was Comet ISON made of? Most astronomers were betting it was made of tightly packed snow and would easily survive its swing around the sun, as other—but not all—such comets have.

Also, some dirty snowballs are dirtier than others. As you have no doubt noticed, sooty snow melts faster than clean snow. How dirty Comet ISON’s surface was would also be a factor in how well it survived its close approach to the sun.

Astronomers made predictions and hedged their bets as they waited until perihelion, or its closest approach to the sun.



On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013, at 2:40 p.m., EST, Comet ISON reached perihelion. It was nowhere near as bright as the daytime full moon, as had been predicted months before.

Spacecraft such as the Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory (STEREO) and the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) were watching the sun’s corona, or atmosphere, at the time. They each have a disk that blots out the intense light from the sun itself so it can easily observe activity in the

corona or objects such as sun grazing comets.

STEREO, which is in orbit on the other side of the sun, showed Comet ISON brighten rapidly as it approached the sun. Exactly what happened was obscured by the spacecraft’s disk blocking the sun, but there was a bright flash. SOHO, in orbit closer to earth, showed Comet ISON approaching the sun, then some time later small objects emerging in the comet’s orbit. These objects were later observed to dissipate.

Comet ISON, created in the frozen waste of the outer solar system and as old as the solar system, having traveled untold billions of miles and existing in pristine condition until about its last fourteen months, succumbed in seconds to the intense heat and gravity of the star it had orbited for eons.

Astronomers will study the information they have gleaned from Comet ISON and compare and contrast it with data collected from other comets. This will add to the common stock of knowledge concerning the most beautiful, but most unpredictable and scientifically problematic, celestial objects in our solar system.

Of great help were articles in the November, 2013, edition of Astronomy magazine and The Great Comet of 2013, both published by Kalmbach Publishing Co., Waukesha, WI. Also several Internet sites I visited, but whose names I failed to record, between November 28 and December 3, 2013.

One final thought. If comets herald the death of princes, could the opposite be true? Did the appearance of Prince George to the British Royal Line herald the death of Comet ISON?



Reflections of a Past Master, Part II



Submitted by NJF Staff Writer Ricardo J. Fernandez, PM

I have received quite a few comments on the previous article “Reflections of a Past Master, Part I” in the Fall issue of NJ Freemason. One from Brother Jim Stanton, from my lodge, who shared his experience. He has been a Master Mason for forty-two years. Though not a Past Master (PM) due to life circumstances, he still felt very connected to the issues raised. He pointed out that my observations applied not only to PM’s but equally to any of our senior brethren. As he so aptly put it: **“AS ONE MAN SAID, WE ALL PUT OUR PANTS ON THE SAME WAY.”**

Another dear brother, who wishes to remain anonymous, shared that his own experience. Sometimes the younger brethren spurn the advice and assistance of older members. *“It’s even biblical”,* he says, *“in the Gospel of St. Luke, (Chapter 4, verse 24) we read: “No prophet is accepted in his own country”.* So younger brethren, take heed. You need to have an open mind, and open ears, to learn from those that may whisper friendly counsel in them. With these considerations in mind, let us proceed with our discussion.

We previously accentuated several points for contemplation:

1. Don’t disappear from the Lodge,
2. Do not be excessively critical,
3. Listen before you give feedback,
4. Be involved with the Junior brethren and have fun,
5. Be compassionate.

So where do we go from here? Are there other issues we may contemplate as a Past Master (PM) or a senior brother. Here are some other ideas for reflection.

6. Be tough, yet fair.

As a PM or Senior Mason, we have a duty to let our junior brethren know what is reasonable for lodge life. If we see something amiss, it is our responsibility to call it to their attention. Boundaries and mileposts are necessary to guide us in life. Those that “have been there”, whether in the Orient or in the lodge, have a duty to share the wisdom existentially accrued with time and seniority.

Yet when we speak, we must be fair. We must state our beliefs and opinions legitimately and in accordance with the rules and standards of our Masonic philosophy. We must state our opinions without “cheating” or trying to achieve unjust advantage. Only then may we be heard.

7. An effective Past Master models an effective work ethic.

I am reminded of the father who tells the child that smoking cigarettes is not healthy, while holding a cigarette in his own hand. Talk is Talk. Walk the Walk. If you want to be heard, then show the brethren that you live by the rules of which you speak. If you are assigned a lodge task, do it thoroughly and exemplarily, remembering your brethren are watching you. It is one thing to tell a brother how to do something in a better way, it is quite another to model the behavior for them. We learn by what we see and experience, not simply what we are told.

8. We should not be afraid to own up to our mistakes.

How can we expect our junior brethren to acknowledge a better way of doing when we ourselves fail to admit when

we are in the wrong? Certainly our Craft supports the notion of the roughened Ashlar. Why, then, are we so hesitant to admit our imperfections? Again, it is a question of modeling. ALL men make mistakes but it is the foolish man who is not aware and conscious of his mistakes so that he may mend his way and transcend to a better life.

The first step in growth is an honest awareness of yourself and an openness to admit your failings to others. I refer the interested reader to the works of Anthony de Mello for more wisdoms on self-awareness and humility.

9. Good PM’s have integrity and are consistent.

Integrity is defined as a steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code. What better moral and ethical code is there but the one that we spouse so proudly in Masonry. Be a Mason, through and through. Live and breath the teachings of Masonry as you act in the role of the PM. Again, do as I Masonically DO, not as I simply SAY. When you cut, bleed Masonic blue, not red.

10. We need to make their brethren feel protected.

At the end of the day, our junior brethren need to know that they have our full alliance and need to trust us. They have to know, and feel, that we are reliable, compassionate, understanding, available, non-judgmental, tough, yet fair. That we are willing to put our nose to the grindstone, our shoulder to the wheel, and remain willing and able to help. As they share their concerns, that we will listen to them with compassion and without judgment, that we will be there to support them as they face the many challenges and difficulties that we once faced ourselves.

In Closing, where would Past Masters and senior brethren fit in a functional and prosperous lodge? Here are just a few suggestions. I am sure that as you contemplate my words you will come up with many more.

If your interest is in ritual, then become involved in Ritual Instruction. Keep in mind all the considerations we have discussed previously and you may become the “best” Ritual Instructor your lodge ever had.

We have so much to teach so why not Mentor new brethren. Take an active/proactive role in your lodge’s mentoring program. Who is the better mentor? A man with 10 plus years in masonry or a man raised a scant 2 years ago? The answer is obvious.

Also, you can volunteer to Mentor the officers in your lodge. At our lodge, we try to start with the Junior Warden and match him with a compatible PM that may advice him over the years as he moves through the stations on his way to the Oriental Chair.

Become an “Advisor” to the Worshipful Master. “Whisper friendly counsel in his ear and advice him of approaching danger”, yet let him make up his own mind as he is now the Master. Always be ready to listen to his concerns and share your wisdoms.

Organize the PM’s in your lodge. Have PM meetings. Give your lodge PM’s a unified voice. So often in lodges we find disorganized and misaligned PM’s, particularly in lodges where recent mergers have occurred. Create harmony and a sense of purposeful direction in your lodge PM’s. It is easier



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for the junior brethren to listen and integrate ONE voice in unison than the advise and recommendations of a “chorus” of PM’s, each with their own, single minded agenda.

With your years of wisdom, why not serve as a lodge trustee or head a specific committee of your lodge? The more years you have in the Fraternity, the easier it is for you to understand the complexities inherent in a Blue Lodge.

What better position for a wizened PM or senior brethren than as Secretary or Treasurer of your lodge. In these offices, the years of experience pay off. You will have the “ear” of the Master and will help him with your knowledge and experience.

What about becoming the Historian of your lodge? Most

Past Masters and senior members have been a member of the lodge for a significant period of time. Years in the lodge grant us a very unique perspective of our mother lodge.

I am sure that you have many more ideas about becoming involved in your lodge and I encourage you to dialogue with the other PM’s in your lodge. I remind you again that the PM’s are the infrastructure of the blue lodge, its wooden and iron beams, the skeleton, the network, on which our edifice relies.

Step up to this, perhaps your most significant Masonic duty and obligation. Your mother lodge needs YOU. NJ Freemasonry needs YOU.



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Did you visit the Grand Lodge website recently? Did you view the new mobile web application? Did you “Like” the Grand Lodge on Face Book? Did you join Yahoo Groups? Did you subscribe to our You Tube Channel? These powerful tools are helping us to connect and engage with each other like never before.

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Boiling Springs Lodge Assists Food Pantry



Masons in Action

Submitted by Worshipful Brother Wayne Heber, Boiling Spring Lodge No. 152

This summer Boiling Spring Lodge No. 152 F.A.&M. of Rutherford held their annual picnic. The theme was “**Feed the Rutherford Community Food Pantry**”. At this most beneficent event, members donated many bags of food and products that were in need by households in our community. The Worshipful Master, Wayne Heber, also presented Genevieve Kacmarcik, Director of Social Services, a \$1,000 donation for the nutritionist to shop for additional items. The Pantry has over 170 households and 355 registered in need of assistance. Boiling Spring Lodge prides itself on serving the Rutherford community and this event helped many families.

The Rutherford Community Pantry is a worthy charity and we were very proud to assist them.



Fulton Friendship Welcomes the Brethren of Integrity Lodge No. 51

Submitted by Worshipful Brother Carlos Fonseca

At its October 15, 2013 Regular Communication, Fulton Friendship Lodge No. 102 of Park Ridge welcomed Brethren of Integrity Lodge No. 51 of Paterson (of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Jersey). Following a dinner prepared by FFL Chef Br. Jason Machinga, the Lodge was opened in due and ancient form by WM Frederic Wien. Distinguished brethren in attendance included RW Shelton J. Prescott, the current Deputy Grand Master of the MW Prince Hall Lodge of New Jersey. The meeting included a Masonic Lecture presented by WB David LaGanis, current Senior Warden of FFL. The lodge was closed in short form by the District Deputy Ritual Instructor for the Third Masonic District, RW George Hodges, seen below sharing the gavel with WM Frederic Wien of FFL, WM Bennie Cook of Integrity Lodge, and the distinguished RW brethren of Prince Hall.



Standing from left to right: RW Clifford Robinson, DDGM emeritus, PH, RW Shelton J Prescott Deputy Grand Master, PH, RW George Hodges, DDRI, WM Bennie Cook of Integrity Lodge #51 of Paterson of Prince Hall, RW Linwood B Smith, PH, & WM Frederic Wien of Fulton Friendship Lodge #102 of Park Ridge.



Cornerstone Dedication at Nutley Library

Submitted by R.W. George Heflich

On Saturday, November 23rd, 60 Masons gathered to help rededicate the cornerstone of Nutley library on her 100th anniversary. The Masonic ceremony was performed by R.W. Christopher Bollotta, R.W. Jose Villalta, R.W. George Heflich, Jr., R.W. Michael DeMiro, W.B. Wayne Petermann, Br. Rick Anderson. The Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Grand Marshal were also in attendance.

Grand Marshall, R.W. Darryl J. Kuebler



Pictured left to right:
R.W. Jose Villalta
R.W. Christopher Bollotta
Grand Master David Alan Dorworth
R.W. Anthony Montuori,
Senior Grand Warden
R.W. George Heflich, Jr.

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Olive Branch Lodge No. 16 Toy Drive

As seen in the News Transcript Newspaper By Clare Marie Celano, Staff Writer. http://nt.gmnews.com/news/2013-12-04/Front_Page/Local_Masons_collect_toys_for_annual_holiday_party.html

FREEHOLD — Members of Olive Branch Lodge No. 16, Free and Accepted Masons, have kicked off the 2013 holiday toy drive and have begun collecting toys to brighten the spirits of underprivileged youngsters in the Freehold area.

The Masons will be collecting toys at ShopRite Wine and Spirits, South Street (Route 79), on weekends until Dec. 14, according to Dan Xavier, a lodge member and organizer of the effort that has been providing holiday toys and gifts for children since 2008.

Xavier said that when the toy drive began in 2008, he was hoping to collect about 80 gifts to distribute at the lodge's holiday party. In the end, the lodge collected almost 700 gifts.

He said he was overwhelmed by the generosity of the individuals who donated toys.

"We had so many toys that we were able to give some to local pediatric hospitals and centers after we had given our own local needy children toys," he said.

The 2013 holiday party is scheduled for Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the lodge on Dutch Lane Road. Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute toys.

"Last year, we had 300 to 400 people coming in and out

all day," Xavier said, noting that the 2012 toy drive collected more than 3,000 toys.

After Santa dished out his bundles to children in the area, lodge members got together the day after the holiday party and traveled around the state to deliver toys to sick and needy children. They are planning to do the same thing this year.

"We never have any trouble getting members to do this," Xavier said.

The holiday toy drive receives assistance from local businesses that include Saker ShopRite, Freehold Township; Higgins Funeral Home, Freehold; Freeman Funeral Home, Freehold and Manalapan; Five Below, Manalapan; Norkus Foodtown, Freehold; Colors to Go, Freehold; Especially For You Florist and Gift Shop, Freehold; J&H Dinettes, Freehold; Vinnie's Pizza and Italian Restaurant, Freehold Township; Cavanaugh's Pest Control, Freehold; Sweet Lew's, Freehold; La Cippolina, Freehold; and the Brewer's Apprentice, Freehold.

Xavier said the lodge contributes \$1,000 annually to the toy drive. The toy drive is not a fundraiser for the lodge.

"All the proceeds go to buying toys, wrapping paper and everything we need for the holiday party," he said.

Anyone wishing to donate to the holiday toy drive may contact Dan Xavier at 732-865- 3441 or at dfxavier30@gmail.com.

National Travelling Gavel Returns to New Jersey

Submitted by Worshipful Brother Denis de Leon, Hightstown-Apollo Lodge

On a visit to La Guardia Lodge #1130 in Staten Island NY three members of the Hightstown-Apollo Lodge were surprised by the presentation of the National Travelling Gavel during an Official Visit of RW John White Jr. District Deputy Grand Master Richmond County Staten Island, NY.

The presentation of the Gavel was immediately after the reception of RW John White Jr. DDGM and his staff entered the Lodge for his official visit. After greeting RW John White Jr. DDGM and his staff Worshipful Brother Thomas T. Hurley of La Guardia Lodge #1130, then had the Senior Deacon present Worshipful Brother Denis de Leon WM Hightstown-Apollo Lodge, West of the Altar and proceeded to present Hightstown-Apollo Lodge with the National Travelling Gavel.

About the Travelling Gavel

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

another state. Officers of the lodge are encouraged to carry the gavel out of state and present it to another lodge. (Information from the Nationwide Travelling Gavel Website at <http://americanmasons.com/gavelrules.htm>).



Pictured left to right: Ernesto Somero Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41, Paul Szesotrarski Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41, RW John White Jr. DDGM Richmond County Staten Island NY, Wor. Bro. Denis de Leon Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41 Wor. Bro. Thomas T. Hurley WM La Guardia Lodge #1130 Staten Island, Wor. Bro. Rene Mendez, WM Tompkins Lodge #471 Staten Island



Remodeling of Livingston Lodge No. 11 F. & A.M.

Submitted by R.W. Ira Drucks

During this past summer, our lodge had a complete facelift, both inside and out. Supervising this project was Brethren Brent Yeomans, owner of Wm. H. Yeomans Inc., a General Contractor, along with many other Brethren contractors helping to contribute to its success.

To help offset some of the costs of this project, we are in the process of selling pavers priced at \$50.00 each, that will be placed around the Square & Compass with the names of Masons both past and present, their lodge, and the date they where raised as Master Masons.

The purpose of the renovation was to create a new and updated look and a warm and friendly atmosphere for the new candidates now joining our fraternity. For further information to support this paver project, contact RW. Ira P. Drucks, PGC email: treasurer@livingston11.org or call 201-207-6300.

Included are pictures from the renovation. (new front and interior of our Lodge, installing the last couple of bricks around the granite Square & Compass, and the dedication of the new patio)



Lodges Collaborate to Offer CHiP Programs

Good work usually leads to more work, and that is what is happening in the 3rd New Jersey Masonic District especially as it pertains to the Masonic CHiP Program. Over the summer hiatus, Fulton-Friendship Lodge No. 102 of Park Ridge received invitations to host three different Masonic CHiP events based on the successes of their previous events in 2007 and two more in 2012.

With the continued and unwavering support of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and the CHiP Committee led by R.W. Brother Rowland Francis, the Brethren of FFL No. 102 coordinated two separate Child Identification Programs in September. There is also a "Silver Program" for Senior's suffering with Alzheimer's and Dementia scheduled for November 17, 2013 as part of the Cresskill Alzheimer's Awareness week.

The first program held on September 7, 2013 was part of the Joan Angela D'Alessandro Foundation Memorial event honoring the namesake of Joan's Law on what would have been her 40th birthday. Joan was abducted and murdered by her neighbor while she was delivering Girl Scout cookies in the town of Hillsdale, NJ. Her killer remains behind bars. With the assistance of the Brethren of Temple Lodge No. 173 of Westwood, 18 children received ID kits that day.

On the evening of September 21, 2013 the Brethren of FFL No. 102 and Alpine-Tilden-Tenakill Lodge No. 77 of Tenafly

joined forces during the Cresskill Public Safety Awareness event. In four hours, 109 CHiP kits were distributed to the parents of children of this Northern New Jersey community. Both events were enthusiastically supported by local law enforcement, community and health care professional volunteers.

WB Rick Farraj of FFL No. 102, coordinator of all three events was very proud of the outpouring of support and collaboration by everyone who volunteered their time and services. *"This is true Masonry in action. We are proud to provide this service to the children and parents of our communities,"* Farraj said. WM Fred Wien of FFL No. 102 was also very appreciative of the support of the Grand Lodge stating, *"We could not do it without all of the continued support of the Grand Lodge and the State Chip Committee."*



Brazil Visits Copestone Ophir Lodge No. 108

Submitted by Joe Halpin

Picture left to right, brother Marcus DaSilva, R.W. Joseph P Halpin Jr. PGC, Geraldo Cesar Bastos Destro (MM) of Lodge Fe Esperanca E Caridade 175, Junior Deacon Evandro A Dos Santos, Top Row Robert Titterington, Worshipful Master.





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Friday, JUNE 20th - 22nd, 2014



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Package includes:

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- Saturday breakfast
- Lunch on board
- All day fishing and fish cleaning
- Barbecue back at port
- Sunday Breakfast available but not included
- Two nights stay
- This trip is limited to 100 people based on double occupancy

A \$25 deposit made out to "2014 Grand Staff" is required to hold your reservation with the balance due at Grand Lodge in April.

Send deposits to RW John Dyer 856-371-7928; 63 Illinois Road, Pennsville, NJ 08070

For more information contact RW Gerry Sharpe 609-703-1456, John Dyer or Ken Novakoff 609-432-1700.

TRIP AGENDA

Friday Night, June 20

Sit down to a bodacious all-you-can-eat seafood buffet at Harrison's Chesapeake House including prime rib and world famous Maryland style crab cakes along with southern style fried chicken and assorted local seafood items.

Saturday Morning, June 21

Get up early to a fisherman's breakfast.

Board one of Captain Buddy Harrison's fleet of large fishing boats for a day on the bay.

Mates will bait your hook and tend to your fish – Fish for striper (rock fish) until reaching the limit, then go for bottom fish such as spots, hard heads, perch, bluefish and whatever else swims your way.

If you tire of fishing, sit back and have a beverage while enjoying the gentle surroundings of the bay.

A hardy lunch is provided on board by Harrison's.

Return to port and spend time relaxing over the water at the deck bar while your catch is being professionally prepared for transport home.

Saturday Dinner

The day is capped off with a barbecue including the usual hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and all the trimmings.

All-you-can-eat crabs will be available at additional expense.



Masons in Action

Three Master Masons Raised

On Tuesday, November 5, 2013, The Scottish Rite Master Mason Degree Team of Northern Valley of New Jersey performed the second section of the master mason degree at Lessing-Passaic Lodge No. 67, in Rutherford, NJ. Three master masons were raised by the team, two from Lessing-Passaic Lodge No. 67 and one from Fidelity Lodge No. 113.

The District Deputy Grand Master, as well as several

other members of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey were in attendance as well as a host of other Right Worshipfuls, Worshipful Brothers, and White Apron Brethren. All in attendance were thoroughly impressed with the degree, and the newly raised master masons were presented with certificates signifying their raising by the Grand Lodge certified degree team from the Valley of Northern New Jersey.



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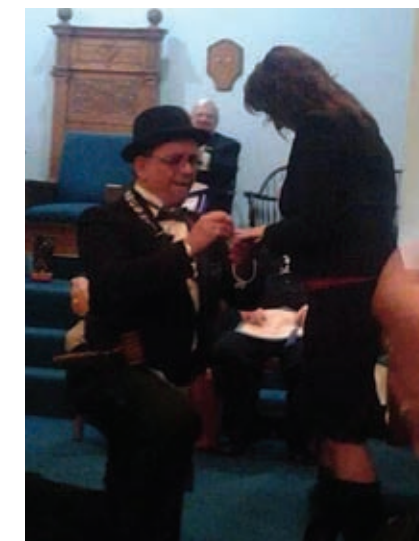
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Incoming Master Surprises Girlfriend



December 3, 2013. Worshipful Brother Serge Bibeau of Woodstown Lodge No. 138 (Auburn Rd, Woodstown, NJ 08098 (856) 769-4737) surprised his girlfriend Brittni by asking for her hand in marriage at his installation while the Grand Master was in attendance.



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Culver DeMolay Scholarship	\$4,000 <small>(\$1,000/year for 4 years)</small> Active DeMolay preferred Available: 3	Graduating NJ H.S. Senior	Any	B or 3.0 <small>over last 2 years</small>	1500
Serewitch DeMolay Scholarship	\$20,000 <small>(\$5,000/year for 4 years)</small> Must be active DeMolay Available: 1 • Comments: <i>Emphasis on teacher recommendation and student's statement</i>	Graduating NJ H.S. Senior	Any	C+ or 2.2 <small>over last 2 years</small>	1300
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	\$4,000 <small>(\$2,000/year for 2 years)</small> Relative of NJ Mason*: Must / Available: 2 / For a Graduate Degree	4-Year College Student	Any	C or 2.0 <small>over last 2 years</small>	N/A
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Boost Soft Drinks of Riverside New Jersey provided a special "Collectors Bottle" of Boost refreshment to each participant who received a goodie bag. The spectators also had an opportunity to win fashion apparel from Boost celebrating their 100 year anniversary in the Burlington area. Google: TakeaBoost for the complete story.

At noon there was a ceremony for ALL Veterans with the playing of the National Anthem, presentation of our flag by the Burlington High School Jr. ROTC and Acacia Hospice chaplain, Joe Sweeney giving an invocation. Acacia Hospice is one of only two hospices in the state of New Jersey which has reached a Four Star Rank in the National "We Honor Veterans" program, which is a collaborative between the



Veterans Administration and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Mark your calendar now for the 3rd Annual "WE HONOR VETERANS" Car Show at the Masonic Home on Saturday September 27, 2014. A great family fun day and bring a Veteran! More information? Contact: writehome@njmasonic.org



Thank You Dottie Mitchell

On Wednesday, Oct. 16th the Board of directors of the New Jersey Masonic Charity Foundation together with Earl Washburn, Executive Director of the National Masonic Foundation for Children gathered together to recognize and thank Dottie Mitchell for the many years of service she has given to overseeing the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program in New Jersey. Grand Master David A. Dorworth presented Dottie with a Certificate of Appreciation. She had been previously awarded the Starfish Award by the National Masonic Foundation for Children.

The Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP) is a training program for teachers to learn how to identify children at-risk and how to interrupt a destructive cycle before it takes root. New Jersey Freemasons have been sponsoring MMSAP since 1997. MMSAP is very well respected among New Jersey schools and there is usually a waiting list for schools wanting to send a team to this training. Dottie has run this program for the past 15 years. Her commitment and dedication to making a difference for children all across New Jersey and to being a good steward of Masonic charitable funds has been demonstrated in

how well organized and attended the training sessions are. Teachers have repeatedly stated that this is one of the best trainings that they've attended and afterwards have vouched for the positive difference it's made in their schools. Stepping into Dottie's role is **Shirley Koenig** as the new MMSAP Coordinator. Given the fine job Shirley did at the October training, the Masonic Model program will remain strong in New Jersey.

The MMSAP program in New Jersey is a testament to the generosity and caring that the Freemasons of New Jersey hold for their communities. They can be proud of the difference they have made in thousands of children's lives across the state.



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