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# Letter from the Editor

Brethren,

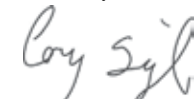
The Spring 2014 issue concludes the second full year as your Editor and I want to thank you for all your support. It certainly has been very fulfilling to work with the Grand Staff, staff writers, contributors, and the individual Brothers who have sent in their feedback.

A special thank you to our Grand Master, David A. Dorworth for all his hard work this year and making Freemasonry across our state his top priority. His insight and dedication is inspiring. I am grateful for asking me to be on his staff and working with him on our publication.

I look forward to the third year at the helm of *The New Jersey Freemason* and serving the Craft.

I hope to see you all in Atlantic City for our Annual Communication.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



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.***

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***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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## **Location:**

**Masonic Home - Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 08016**

***5 PM to 9 PM***





# Grand Master's Message



Grand Lodge

Brethren,

The Annual Communication of Grand lodge is near. Serving as your Grand Master has been a life altering event. In April 2010 when I was elected to Junior Grand

Warden, I was under the impression that I had ample time to get my year planned and able time to make adjustments. Time appears to start slowly but then moves along with lightening speed. Before you know it, deadlines are set and plans begin to take form. You surround yourself with those able to design and execute your plans. Then you plan for your annual communication.

I want to thank those who made the year 2013 successful and especially my wife, Donna. Anyone who stands in this position with a wife or significant other, you know the effects of their support. My Staff was highly supportive and volunteered for everything. They attended events keeping up with a busy calendar and getting to know each other for lasting relationships.

I'm very proud of the success of the three Officer and Leadership events. Past Grand Masters found time in their busy schedules to bring their vast experience to the in state events. A special thanks to them. We gave the opportunity for new officers with possibly only a short time in Freemasonry the help and confidence needed. This was welcomed training for our officers as they prepare for their respective stations and places.

Grand Lodge and the Masonic Charity Foundation are moving forward. The Masonic Home has engaged "Masonic Villages of Pa" Ashlar Creative Solutions to be our management team and to be the developers of the Senior Living Apartments in the Old Residential Section of the Home. Once again your

Masonic Charity Foundation Trustees have made educated and well informed decisions.

My theme for the year was "Renew The Spirit". The first place we became a Mason was in our hearts, the next place was in our respective Lodges kneeling at the altar of Freemasonry. In April of last year I asked you retrace your Masonic journey. Where did you start and where are you now. How did Freemasonry affect your life. Did you start going to you Lodge meetings again or reach out to a brother to see how he was doing? Did you call a brother or stop by to see him. Just imagine if each of us just called one friend and Brother on his birthday or a special holiday.

Our Social Media committee moved us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Our Grand Lodge web site and applications has opened the door for us to communicate like never before. More information is now at our fingertips. Although difficult to measure its total impact, I'm very pleased to see the number of NJ Masons who have joined social media groups and are actively participating. I believe that New Jersey Masons have moved closer together.

In closing I would like to thank the Masons of New Jersey for placing your trust in me to serve you as your Grand Master. I would encourage you to attend Grand lodge to hear more about my year and in my address to you, the brethren.

Continue to "Renew the Spirit" of Freemasonry in your life and in your heart.

See You in Atlantic City!

MW David Alan Dorworth  
Grand Master

## Grand Master's 2014 Calendar

### April

|       |                        |                           |
|-------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2     | CJPMW Candidates Night | Forge Inn                 |
| 5     | Gmar and Gsec Recept   | Fellowship Center         |
| 7     | Clarksboro Table Lodge | Clarksboro Lodge          |
| 12    | Scottish Rite Reunion  | Collingswood              |
| 22-24 | Annual Communication   | Bally's Park Place Casino |

### May

|    |                                    |                        |
|----|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1  | Order of the Amaranth              | East Hanover, NJ       |
| 3  | GM Church Service                  | Masonic Home Church    |
| 3  | GM Reception/Church                | Fellowship Center      |
| 4  | State Wide 32 <sup>nd</sup> Degree |                        |
| 6  | 24 <sup>th</sup> GLI               | Cape Island 30         |
| 7  | GM Speaker                         | Star Lodge             |
| 8  | GM Homecoming                      | Keystone 153           |
| 9  | Table Lodge                        | Covenant-Bev Riverside |
| 10 | Graveside Rededication             | Tuckerton 4            |
| 10 | Beef and Beverage                  | Trinity 79             |
| 13 | GLI 5 <sup>th</sup> District       | Peninsula Lodge        |
| 14 | GM Speaker                         | HT Dewey Lodge         |
| 15 | GLI 12 <sup>th</sup> District      | Philo Lodge            |

### May (continued)

|    |                               |                   |
|----|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 15 | OES Grand Session             |                   |
| 17 | Officers Training Day         | Fellowship Center |
| 17 | Grand Lodge Emergent          | Fellowship Center |
| 22 | 20 <sup>th</sup> GLI          |                   |
| 24 | Morris Plains Parade          | Visscher Home     |
| 28 | Table Lodge                   | Harmony 18        |
| 29 | GLI 22 <sup>nd</sup> District | Shekinah Lodge    |

### June

|             |                                   |                          |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5-31 to 6-1 | Wheel Chair Track and Field       | New Brunswick HS         |
| 3           | GLI 17 <sup>th</sup> District     | Olive Branch Lodge       |
| 10          | GM Speaking                       | Collingswood Cloud Lodge |
| 11          | GLI 18 <sup>th</sup> District     |                          |
| 12          | 17 and 20 <sup>th</sup> Reception | Sea Oaks                 |
| 13-15       | DeMolay Convention                | Wildwood                 |
| 16          | GM Golf Outing                    | Sea Oaks                 |
| 19          | 21st Reception                    | Penns Grove Excelsior    |
| 20-22       | GM Striper Challenge              | Tilghman Island MD       |
| 24          | 10 <sup>th</sup> GLI              | Loyalty Lodge            |
| 30          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> GLI               | Silencia Lodge           |



Grand Lodge

# Proposed Grand Lodge Budget 2014-2015

*Membership Base = 21,992*

|                                  | <b>Budget<br/>2013-2014</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>2014-2015</b> |                                 | <b>Budget<br/>2013-2014</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>2014-2015</b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>         |                             |                               | <b>GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES</b>   |                             |                               |
| Grand Lodge per                  |                             |                               | Annual                          |                             |                               |
| Capita Assessment                | \$312,504.00                | \$395,856.00                  | Communication                   | \$135,000.00                | \$135,000.00                  |
| Blue Lodge Insurance Assessment  | 75,432.00                   | 76,986.00                     | Emergent                        |                             |                               |
| Acacia Lumberton Management Fee  | 66,500.00                   | 0.00                          | Communications                  | 1,000.00                    | 1,000.00                      |
| Staff Contribution to            |                             |                               | Northeast Conference            |                             |                               |
| Annual Communication             | 35,000.00                   | 40,000.00                     | of Grand Masters                | 5,000.00                    | 4,000.00                      |
| Annual Communication             | 15,000.00                   | 15,000.00                     | Conference of Grand             |                             |                               |
| Sale of Supplies                 | 15,000.00                   | 18,000.00                     | Masters of N.America            | 15,000.00                   | 18,000.00                     |
| General Fund Interest            |                             |                               | Feast of St. John               | 9,000.00                    | 6,000.00                      |
| and Dividends                    | 3,000.00                    | 3,000.00                      | Past Grand Master's Jewel       | 12,000.00                   | 12,000.00                     |
| Permanent Fund Interest          |                             |                               | Awards and Certificates         | 5,000.00                    | 3,500.00                      |
| and Dividends                    | 72,000.00                   | 75,000.00                     | Table Lodge                     | 1,000.00                    | 1,000.00                      |
| Digitized Proceedings (.50)      | 10,776.00                   | 10,998.00                     | 225 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary   | 0.00                        | 0.00                          |
| Trenton Temple Assessment (2.00) | 43,104.00                   | 43,992.00                     | <b>TOTAL GRAND</b>              |                             |                               |
| Trenton Temple Ballroom          |                             |                               | <b>LODGE ACTIVITIES</b>         | \$183,000.00                | \$180,500.00                  |
| Renovation (2.00)                | 43,104.00                   | 0.00                          | <b>EDUCATION PROGRAMS</b>       |                             |                               |
| Trenton Temple Operating Revenue | 90,000.00                   | 95,000.00                     | Ritual Committee                | \$500.00                    | \$500.00                      |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>   | <b>\$781,420.00</b>         | <b>\$773,832.00</b>           | District Deputy                 |                             |                               |
| <b>PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS</b>  |                             |                               | Grand Masters                   | 1,000.00                    | 1,000.00                      |
| Masonic Charity Foundation       | \$387,936.00                | \$395,856.00                  | Education Services              | 2,500.00                    | 2,000.00                      |
| Initiate Fee for MCF (25.00)     | 10,000.00                   | 10,000.00                     | Youth Committee                 | 5,000.00                    | 3,000.00                      |
| GWNM per Capita (1.00)           | 21,552.00                   | 21,992.00                     | Old Trenton Temple              |                             |                               |
| Initiate Fee for GWNM (5.00)     | 1,200.00                    | 2,000.00                      | Lodge museum                    | 500.00                      | 500.00                        |
| DeMolay per Capita (1.00)        | 21,552.00                   | 21,992.00                     | Masonic Leadership              |                             |                               |
| Rainbow per Capita (1.00)        | 21,552.00                   | 21,992.00                     | Conference                      | 2,000.00                    | 2,000.00                      |
| <b>TOTAL PASS THROUGH</b>        |                             |                               | NJ Freemason Magazine           | 75,000.00                   | 75,000.00                     |
| <b>ASSESSMENTS</b>               | <b>\$463,792.00</b>         | <b>\$473,832.00</b>           | <b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>          |                             |                               |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>             |                             |                               | <b>EXPENSE</b>                  | <b>\$86,500.00</b>          | <b>\$84,000.00</b>            |
| <b>\$1,245,212.00</b>            | <b>\$1,247,664.00</b>       |                               | <b>CHARITABLE PROGRAMS</b>      |                             |                               |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>        |                             |                               | MSA Hospital                    |                             |                               |
| PERSONNEL                        |                             |                               | Visitation Program              | \$2,500.00                  | \$2,500.00                    |
| Salaries                         | \$129,530.00                | \$133,415.00                  | NJ Veterans                     |                             |                               |
| Payroll Taxes                    | 15,300.00                   | 15,760.00                     | Hospital Program                | 2,500.00                    | 2,500.00                      |
| Group Insurance                  | 0.00                        | 0.00                          | Masonic Relief Assoc.           | 0.00                        | 0.00                          |
| Pension                          | 0.00                        | 0.00                          | Masonic Services Assoc.         | 1,500.00                    | 1,500.00                      |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>           |                             |                               | CHIP                            | 1,000.00                    | 1,000.00                      |
| <b>EXPENSE</b>                   | <b>\$144,830.00</b>         | <b>\$149,175.00</b>           | Wheelchair Track                |                             |                               |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>         |                             |                               | and Field Meet                  | 500.00                      | 500.00                        |
| Audit                            | \$16,000.00                 | \$15,000.00                   | Masonic Blood Bank              | 500.00                      | 500.00                        |
| IRS Form 990                     | 8,000.00                    | 5,000.00                      | <b>TOTAL CHARITABLE</b>         |                             |                               |
| Accounting and                   |                             |                               | <b>PROGRAMS</b>                 | <b>\$8,500.00</b>           | <b>\$8,500.00</b>             |
| Bookkeeping                      | 18,000.00                   | 18,000.00                     | <b>PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS</b> |                             |                               |
| Investment Advisor               | 0.00                        | 0.00                          | Masonic Charity                 |                             |                               |
| Office Supplies                  | 7,000.00                    | 8,500.00                      | Foundation                      | \$387,936.00                | \$395,856.00                  |
| Telephone and Fax                | 9,600.00                    | 13,000.00                     | Initiates Contribution to MCF   | 10,000.00                   | 10,000.00                     |
| Printing                         | 10,000.00                   | 8,000.00                      | GWNM Assessment                 | 21,552.00                   | 21,992.00                     |
| Postage and UPS                  | 10,000.00                   | 11,000.00                     | Initiates Contribution          |                             |                               |
| GL Collars, Aprons               |                             |                               | to GWNM                         | 1,200.00                    | 2,000.00                      |
| and Tokens                       | 12,500.00                   | 2,500.00                      | DeMolay                         | 21,552.00                   | 21,992.00                     |
| Official Expense                 | 30,000.00                   | 32,500.00                     | Rainbow                         | 21,552.00                   | 21,992.00                     |
| Equipment Contract and Leases    | 3,000.00                    | 1,000.00                      | <b>TOTAL PASS THROUGH</b>       |                             |                               |
| Legal                            | 1,000.00                    | 1,000.00                      | <b>ASSESSMENTS</b>              | <b>\$463,792.00</b>         | <b>\$473,832.00</b>           |
| GL Insurance                     | 14,000.00                   | 14,000.00                     | <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>            |                             |                               |
| Blue Lodge Insurance             | 73,500.00                   | 73,500.00                     | <b>\$1,245,212.00</b>           | <b>\$1,247,664.00</b>       |                               |
| Trenton Temple Operating Expense | 90,000.00                   | 90,000.00                     | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>           |                             |                               |
| Trenton Temple Renovation        | 42,000.00                   | 43,992.00                     | <b>\$1,243,722.00</b>           | <b>\$1,244,997.00</b>       |                               |
| Miscellaneous                    | 2,000.00                    | 1,000.00                      | <b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>        |                             |                               |
| Digitize Proceedings             | 10,500.00                   | 10,998.00                     |                                 | <b>\$1,490.00</b>           | <b>\$2,667.00</b>             |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>           |                             |                               | Membership base                 | 21,552                      | 21,992                        |
| <b>EXPENSE</b>                   | <b>\$357,100.00</b>         | <b>\$348,990.00</b>           | Assessment \$18.00              |                             |                               |





## Deputy Grand Master's Message



Grand Lodge

Brethren,

This is the last article I will submit as a member of the elected line. It seems almost unbelievable that almost three years have passed since I was elected your

JGW. Should I receive that one vote, I will ascend to the Oriental chair once occupied by King Solomon. Our Grand Master suggested that it's now time for me to inform you of my plans for the next masonic year. The events will start with the Grand Masters Stripper Challenge in Tilghman Island, MD. June 20 and 21. Details of the event are in the last Freemason and it is close to selling out. I hope you have signed up as it will be great fun and good fellowship. September 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Grand Unity Day in Trenton. NY will demonstrate the E.A. degree, PA, the F.C. degree and Delaware will demonstrate the M.M. degree in colonial costume. NJ will open and close and host the event. Details to follow. I am planning an open table lodge. Our ladies always brighten an event. The GM's trip will be an all inclusive in Costa Rica. The dates are 1/31-2/7. All you need will be shorts, tee shirts and bathing suits. No formal or semi-formal clothes required. Another thing you won't need is money. Unless you decide to do something outside the complex, such as world class big game fishing, you can swim up to the pool bar and order a drink with an umbrella in it. You won't need a wallet or a pocket to put it in. All food and drink are included. We will do Trenton Thunder baseball again. We are looking at a plan to hold Masonic Home Family day as we used to. I will do my best to schedule as many events as possible that promote the fellowship and friendship that Masonry does best. We will include families, whenever we can. As for programs, if you have followed my articles as I have grown into the job, the following will be old news. I still very strongly believe in MASONS FIRST. When someone outside asks, "What do you Masons do?" The loud and clear answer will be, "We take care of each other". Before we spend any money or resources outside the fraternity we make sure that we have done all we can for our brothers and their families. I plan to push my program, the three F's of Freemasonry. Men come to us for three basic reasons: Fellowship, Friendship and Further Light. We will begin a dialog concerning how we can do a better job of meeting the expectations of the brethren in all three areas. I will ask the question to you my brethren, have we cheapened the fraternity? Have we lowered our standards to the point where it doesn't seem special to be a Mason? Start with the investigating committee. When is the last time someone was turned down for membership when he cleared the background check? Masonry was never meant for everyone and everyone is not meant for masonry. I propose that a perspective member come to the lodge three times before we vote on him. It then becomes our duty to get to know him before we vote. If he is accepted, he will be your family for the rest of your life. It will be your

responsibility to get to know who wants to be in your family. The mentoring program can be very effective when attended to correctly but I think there should be more to it. I propose we bring back the old paperback book to be given to candidates to learn after the degree. The candidate should learn to read the code and demonstrate that ability with his mentor before the master. Notice I have stopped short of suggesting we bring back the long exam. But candidates should struggle to read and understand the book. Masonry shouldn't be easy. Things we work hard for have more value to us. The meetings have to improve. Each meeting should be meaningful. Not just bills and minutes. Charge members to research something and come back and report. Dinners should be quality, as good, or better than you are eating at home. Try a festive board after a short business meeting. Lodge night should be something you look forward to, not a chore. I think we should consider opening on EA or FC so we can include our new members. It is the way it is done all over Europe. We must improve the quality of our craft. I have been asked if I am concerned about the declining number of Masons in our jurisdiction and my answer is as follows. If we improve the quality of the Masonic experience then the numbers will take care of themselves. If not, then, I prefer quality over quantity. If we are smaller but better, so be it. Brethren, this is just a bit of what I wish to discuss. I will call an emergent communication for 5/17 for purpose of discussing the upcoming year. These changes are necessary and obvious. I see the implementation as a grass roots movement not a Grand Lodge initiative. The path we take will be with the support of the brethren or we won't take it. Also, I don't mean to imply that many of the things I have mentioned are not already taking place in NJ. Many of the lodges are ahead of the curve. Let us discuss the vision for our great fraternity and make it happen together. In closing brothers, I charge you to attend candidates night. Get to know who wants to lead your fraternity and come to Atlantic City and vote. Our craft depends on you.

Yours in the Craft,

Gerald Sharpe  
Deputy Grand Master



Grand Lodge

# Senior Grand Warden's Message



My Brothers,

I wrote an article for the spring addition of our *New Jersey Freemason* magazine prior to submission deadline date but I waited (for maybe something I might want to add). I am certainly glad I did as I can now submit this slightly altered version.

As you know, I always try to impress upon you to support each other, Mason and ALL coordinate appendant bodies. Our sharing and working with each other, be it in our Lodges, our kitchens, our ritual or any related labors, attending and supporting our other memberships, and I will work to improve at all times and certainly hope in return mutual consideration.

Last week while at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, I had the privilege of attending the Frank S. Land, DeMolay Memorial Breakfast, hosted by Shriners International. The guest speaker was Robert W. Laing, International Master Councilor, DeMolay International. We all know, you go to events that have a guest speaker, enjoying yourself, eat, listen and move on. But on this particular morning what started out as a "regular" meeting, turned into a very inspiring and moving event, at least for me, and many more Brethren attending, due to the message delivered by this young man. I'd like to relate to you a small part of my interpretation of the content.

In his address Robert strongly impressed the fact, as we all know, times change and are rapidly doing so, everyone must try to adapt and continue to support each other. Everything evolves and although we must keep our traditions, we should look to the future with pride of our past and confidence to our future. As a single organization we could become weak but as a large and tightly knit group we will progress and grow and go forth together.

We, as Masons, should continue to strongly support these young leaders. They are our future and what I witnessed last week, and in past years I have the utmost confidence in our Fraternity's continued greatness.

Remember we are working together for OUR future and the perpetuation of our Craft. This young man showed me our youth and our appendant organizations are not only supporting us but are looking ahead; so let's continue to reciprocate and work diligently to leave the Craft to them as great, strong and pure as we inherited it from our forefathers. I would be remiss if I did not mention that at this session our own Christopher M. LaBaw, International Congress Secretary, was the presiding Chaplain. Chris is the son of RW Richard F. LaBaw, our Grand Sword Bearer and his wife Susan. My brothers, be proud of these young men and ALL our appendant bodies.

Brethren, have a safe and productive trip to Grand Lodge in April and I am looking forward to talking with you, working for you, asking for your continued support as I certainly will be there for you.

I would like to leave you with this poem I think appropriate.

Anthony W. Montuori  
Senior Grand Warden

## The Bridge Builder

By: Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man going a lone highway  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followed after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

Njfreemason (spring 2014)





## Junior Grand Warden's Message



Grand Lodge

Another Annual communication is just around the corner and as is with every year we must choose the candidates to lead our Craft in the near future. This year we have several brethren who will be vying for your support as Junior Grand Warden as well as Grand lodge Trustees. It is of the upmost importance for all members of Grand Lodge to listen, observe, and determine who the best candidates are for the future of our Grand Lodge and our Fraternity.

As your Junior Grand Warden I have experienced many opportunities to represent or accompany our Grand Master including Grand Lodges of Instruction, neighboring Grand Jurisdictions, attend Masonic Charity Foundation and Grand Lodge Trustee, Town Hall meetings and many events. Each has its rewards and challenges. I recently attended with the Grand Master and Elected Line the Conference of Grand Masters. My brethren let me tell you it was an experience to be in a room with over 60 Grand Masters their elected lines and to listen to issues that affect ALL brethren from across our country and abroad!

During the 4 day conference there were many topics that were discussed with one particular subject that concerns society today, this was presented by a brother who spoke on "Civility" in our daily lives - past and present and how it sometimes sneaks into our lodges. Let me tell you it was an eye opener! He spoke on how "Civility" has slipped away from human nature and is dangerously close to becoming an

accepted way of communicating with each other. He stated that on the average of 17 times per week Americans have encountered the practice of talking AT each other and not listening to another's views.

When we are unkind to another we silence the other person - another words we take their voice away!

This is not a Masonic value. As Masons we are about allowing all voices and ideas. "Civil" dialog allows ALL voices to be heard. Our fraternity teaches us to be good citizens and Civil.

My brothers our fraternity is in a unique position to teach "Civility" in our society by example. As an Entered Apprentice Mason we are taught to "Learn to subdue our desires and keep our passions within due bounds with all mankind especially the brethren."

As you attend our candidates nights, let us be reminded of our teachings in Freemasonry and how "Civility" is ingrained in us to listen to each candidate to make an educated open-minded decision.

See you all in Atlantic City!

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Walter R. Kaulfers  
Junior Grand Warden

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# Grand Secretary's Message



Have you received your 2014 dues card yet? If you have you will observe in the upper left hand corner there is now a barcode. The barcode is your membership number which we will use at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to register Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Past Masters. Please remember to bring your 2014 Dues Card to the Annual Communication.

The Grand Master has signed an Edict this year, that there will be no Off Site Voting this year. The amount of work involved in setting up an internet site, sending out ballot codes and supporting the process, just was not worth the two hundred Past Masters who signed up and one hundred who actually voted.

This year's voting at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge is very going to be very challenging. There are 6 candidates running for the Office of Junior Grand Warden. According to the Constitution and Laws a candidate must receive fifty percent plus one vote to win the election. This is accomplished by having the votes tallied on the first ballot with the three candidates with the majority of the votes moving on the second ballot unless one of the candidates does receive fifty percent plus one vote, then a winner is declared.

On the second ballot the three candidates with greatest number of votes are voted on and if one of the three receives fifty percent plus one vote, he is declared the winner. If no candidate receives the fifty percent plus one vote then we move on to the third ballot where the two leading candidates are again voted on.

While attempting to setup the touch screen computers to accomplish voting in this manner, the voting member of Grand Lodge would choose one of the six candidates. Then he would leave the voting room to return to the Annual Communication. Once the election results were announced, if no candidate received the fifty percent plus one votes, we go back to the voting room and pick one of the three remaining candidates. After the results of the second ballot were announced, if again no candidate received fifty percent plus one vote, the two candidates with the most votes would be balloted upon. We would again go back to the voting room where we would choose one of the two remaining candidates. As you can imagine this process can take many hours to complete and is very confusing. Years ago, when we used paper ballots it would have taken a little less time but the fairness of the election results were questionable.

A number of years ago when we had four candidates running for the office of Junior Grand Warden, at that time we could create the three ballots on the machine, the first ballot would have the six candidates to choose from. With six candidates there would be twenty (20) separate groups of three (3) candidates for the second ballot, and fifteen (15) separate groups of two (2) for the third ballot. The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Past Masters would spend quite a bit of time trying to vote.

I have simplified the process by having a Candidate Ranking System. Under each Candidate's picture is a numbered box ranging from 1 to 3. The candidate which you feel is most qualified to lead our Fraternity as Junior Grand Warden and subsequently the Most Worshipful Grand Master, you would press the box Number 1. If your first choice were not running press the box Number 2, for your second choice. I would ask that you choose your third choice also, by pressing a box Number 3. The reason I am asking for your top three choices is in the case of a tie vote, the first and second choice would be used to determine the winner. In the case of a tie of the second and third highest vote count the same would apply to break the tie. The candidate with the most number 1 votes wins the election; only in a case of a tie are the number 2 or 3 choices used in the election process. The other alternative is to vote by computer for the first ballot then switch to paper ballots for the second and third ballots as required. The advantage to this process is that each ballot you can vote for your choice, and the voter is controlling who wins. The process for voting for Grand Lodge Trustee is simple; you choose up to two candidates who you feel would make the best Trustee(s) and press the box under their name. The box will change color to indicate that you who you have chosen.

Registration and Voting will commence on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the Fairmont / Monticello Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of Bally's. The Balloting Room will reopen at 7:00 AM on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> until all Proxy votes have been cast at approximately 10:15 AM.

## 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 17, 2014 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



### Candidates for Junior Grand Warden

Rank Who In Your Opinion Will Make The Best Junior Grand Warden and Eventual Grand Master  
1 is Your 1st Choice 2 is Your 2nd Choice, 3 is Your 3rd Choice **Please Vote For At Least 3 Candidates**



**David M.  
Foster, Jr.**

1

2

3



**Andrew G.  
Freda**

1

2

3



**Dieter B.  
Hees**

1

2

3



**Darryl J.  
Kuebler**

1

2

3



**George  
Mackanin**

1

2

3



**James H.  
Vander Veer**

1

2

3

**Reset**

**Cast Vote**

### Candidates for Grand Lodge Trustee

3 Year Term

Please Vote for Your 2 Choices



**Frank L.  
Blades**

Press to  
Vote for  
Candidate



**Neal A.  
McCarthy**

Press to  
Vote for  
Candidate



**George A.  
Olsen**

Press to  
Vote for  
Candidate



**Thomas L.  
Winter**

Press to  
Vote for  
Candidate

**Cast Vote**

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To: All Lodges & White Book

In the event of the election of Right Worshipful Gerald J. Sharpe as Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey at the 227<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge on April 24, 2014, the Brethren, their ladies and friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following:

## **GRAND MASTER'S INSTALLATION**

**Thursday, April 24, 2014**

Bally's Atlantic City – Convention Room  
1900 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ  
2:00 P.M.

## **GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION**

**Saturday May 3, 2014**

Masonic Fellowship Center  
1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ  
3:00 P.M. Church Service at the Masonic Home Chapel  
4:30 P.M. Reception  
Cocktail Hour to immediately follow  
6:30 P.M. Dinner  
**\$65.00 per Person**

Admission to the reception is by advance reservation only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations must be made by April 15, 2014. 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 at [gmars2014@gmail.com](mailto:gmars2014@gmail.com)).

Please make checks payable to Keystone Lodge No.153 and mail to:

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A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "W. L. Morris, Jr." followed by a stylized flourish.

William L. Morris, Jr., PGM  
Grand Secretary





By: Donna Dorworth, Grand Master's Lady

## REMEMBER TO PAY IT FORWARD

The kindness that I have observed over this past year is beyond compare. The Masonic Fraternity has shown me what true brotherly love is all about. It has shown me what it means to lend a hand and to go above and beyond. Yes, it's true. This is their way of living. I have always said that this Fraternity was unlike any other. The compassion, that is the core of their being, is something I hope and pray extend to the rest of humanity.

Wouldn't that be something if people everywhere would care for one another like Masons do? Wouldn't it be something if people wanted to aid or assist others in need? This brings to mind paying it forward, or practicing random acts of kindness. The entire idea behind random acts of kindness is to not pay the favor back, but instead to pay it forward so that the kindness spreads. When we repay a kindness the gesture stops there. It remains between the two people. However when we pay it forward, it has the capability to multiply. The smallest gesture could bring the biggest reward for both the giver and receiver. How often do we make it a point to help someone out? Hold a door? Extend our hand? Simply smile?

Modest gestures needn't have monetary value yet they could make a person feel like they are on top of the world; again for the giver as well as the receiver. What random acts of kindness do you practice on a daily basis? What random acts of kindness will you continue to extend today, tomorrow, and always? What example, will you set for the young people; those who will be our leaders in the future and who can make this world a better place? Dreams can come true if we want them to.

This past year I have met so many wonderful people; people who truly care for one another. Old friendships were renewed and strengthened. It was also fantastic to meet new people creating lasting friendships.

The kindness and generosity that was presented to me over and over this past year are beyond any word of description. Each and every one marked my heart and will remain there forever. The warm welcomes and hugs were gifts unlike any other. This is what Free Masonry is all about.

Early on, I learned that the basis of Free Masonry was to make good men better. My husband is the man that he is in part because of this fraternity. I can only imagine how proud

his father would be of him if he were here today. I am proud of him and all his accomplishments; Masonically and otherwise. Personally, I believe Masonry makes great men gallant angels who walk right beside us, ready, willing and able to stretch out their hand and say "I'm here for you."

What a year this has been! To say that it has gone by in the blink of an eye is truly an understatement. It is hard to believe that Dave will be handing over the reign to Gerald Sharpe and the 2015 Grand Staff in a few short weeks. It was a great year for Dave and I am so happy that I was part of it.

Thank you everyone from the bottom of my heart for an incredible year. This journey may be coming to an end however the highlights of Dave's Grand Master year and the years leading up to it will forever be a part of my being.

Remember to pay it forward. Be well and be safe.....



Milltown Lodge #294  
Mount Holly Lodge #14

Cordially invite you to attend an Official Visit of  
**Most Worshipful David A. Dorworth**

*Grandmaster of Masters  
of the State of New Jersey*  
and

The Open Reception and Dinner in Honor of

**R.W. Darryl J. Kuebler**  
Grand Marshal

&

**R.W. Andrew G. Churney**  
Secretary to the Grand Master

Saturday April 5, 2014

Social Hour @ 5:00pm  
Dinner @ 6:00pm

Reception to immediately follow  
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Burlington NJ 08016

RSVP by March 24<sup>th</sup>, to RW P. Brian Siz

[briansisz@comcast.net](mailto:briansisz@comcast.net)

Buffet Style Dinner



# Grand Lodge Agenda

Grand Lodge

## Tuesday

- 6:00 pm Cocktail Hour Ocean Ballroom
- 7:00 pm Grand Master's Banquet Ocean Ballroom

## Wednesday

- 9:00 am Call to Order 227<sup>th</sup> 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
- 1:30 pm Resume Labor of Annual Communication, Grand Ballroom

## Wednesday

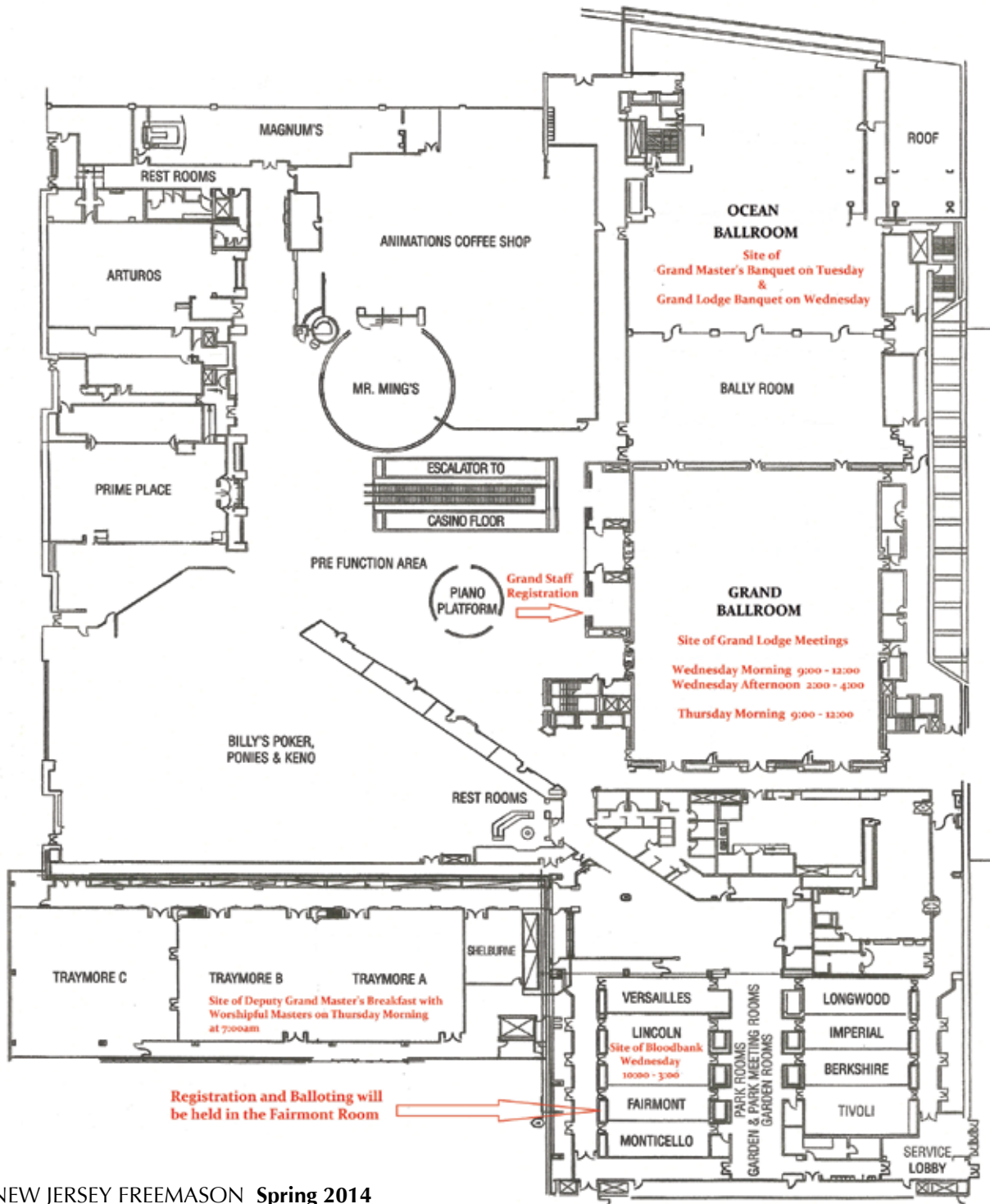
- 4:00 pm Call Off
- 6:00 pm Cocktail Hour Ocean Ballroom
- 7:00 pm Grand Lodge Awards Banquet Ocean Ballroom, Balloting suspended for the evening

*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 227<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey

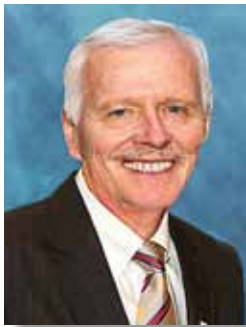
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# Uncontested Nominees for Office



Grand Lodge



**Grand Master**  
Gerald J. Sharpe  
Keystone Lodge #153  
23<sup>rd</sup> District



**Deputy Grand Master**  
Anthony W. Montuori  
Madison Lodge #93  
11<sup>th</sup> District



**Senior Grand Warden**  
Walter R. Kaulfers  
Mosaic Lodge #194  
3<sup>rd</sup> District



**Grand Treasurer**  
Robert J. Sheridan, P.G.M.  
Atlantic Lodge #221  
23<sup>rd</sup> District



**Grand Secretary**  
William L. Morris, Jr.  
Loyalty Lodge #33  
10<sup>th</sup> District



Angelo A. Caprio  
Enterprise #31  
5<sup>th</sup> District



Keith A. Herman  
Rising Sun Lodge #15  
18<sup>th</sup> District



John D. Miladin  
Mount Holly #14  
19<sup>th</sup> District



Edward R. Petkevis  
Burlington Lodge #32  
19<sup>th</sup> District

## Masonic Charity Foundation



**Grand Lodge Trustee**  
*2 Year Unexpired Term*  
P. Brian Siz  
Mount Moriah Lodge # 28  
19<sup>th</sup> District



**Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee**  
Keith Graser  
Gothic Fraternal Lodge # 270  
15<sup>th</sup> District



Robert V. Monacelli  
Azure Masada Lodge # 22  
10<sup>th</sup> District





Grand Lodge

# Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote 1 of 6)

## David M. Foster, Jr.



### Personal:

I have resided in Pennsauken NJ for 42 years; I am single with no children.

### Education:

Graduated Pennsauken High School. Camden County College - studying Criminal Justice

### Occupation:

School Bus Driver for Safety Bus Service..

### Masonic History:

Raised Montgomery Lodge #19 (PA) June 1993.  
 • Dued - Henry S. Haines Lodge #253 1996  
 • Dued Maple Shade Moorestown Lodge #281 Dec. 2009  
 • Worshipful Master: Henry S. Haines Lodge 2006, Maple Shade Moorestown lodge 2010

- Lodge Trustee Henry S. Haines Lodge 2006-2010
- Lodge Trustee Maple Shade Moorestown Lodge 2011
- Temple Trustee Maple Shade Moorestown Lodge 2012-present
- Montgomery Lodge Representative to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

### Masonic Affiliations:

- Past President: Maple Shade Square Club
- Past Treasurer: 18th District Masters and Wardens association
- Member South Jersey Past Masters, Masters & Wardens Association
- Member AASR Valley of Southern NJ
- Member Van hook Council of Royal And Select Masters
- Member Zerrubabel Chapter Royal Arch Masons
- Past Master Councilor Moorestown Excelsior Chapter ODM
- Holder of the Degree of Chevalier
- Past Vice Commander of Tri-co Court of Chevaliers

### Statement:

Twenty years ago I was Entered, Passed, And Raised to the Degree of Master Mason in Montgomery Lodge #19, Philadelphia, PA. The night I was raised I was asked to assume the duties of the Junior Deacon. I was subsequently asked to fulfill that duty for the remainder of the year as well as the next. In 1996 I dued with Henry S. Haines Lodge #253, where I served as an Appointed, and Elected Officer. I was elected as Worshipful Master of Henry S. Haines lodge in 2006. Dued with Maple Shade Moorestown Lodge #281 in 2009, was elected Worshipful Master for the 2010 Masonic year the same night.

Over the past 20 years I have served my Lodges and both Masonic Districts in any aspect that was requested of me. During my years as Worshipful Master I have learned what it takes to perform the duties of the Office of Junior Grand Warden, and feel that I have the ability to uphold the traditions of Grand Lodge. And as your future Grand Master I will endeavor to assist the individual lodges in any way they may need.

## RW Andrew G. Freda



### Personal:

Born December 24, 1962 and raised in New Jersey. Married to Lisa on June 7, 1997, the very proud parents of three children: Drew, Grace and Glenn.

### 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

### Occupation:

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Masters & Wardens Association. Member, Warren Point Paramus Square Club. Honorary Member, Temple Lodge No. 173, Westwood, NJ.

### Grand Lodge Appointments:

- District Ritual Instructor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District,

2006-2009.

- District Deputy Grand Master, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 2009-present
- Chairman, Grand Lodge Committee on Constitution and Laws, 2012-present
- Recipient, Meritorious Service Award, 2008

### Grand Lodge Elected Office:

- Grand Lodge Trustee, 2010 - present
- President, Grand Lodge Board of Trustees, 2012-2013

### Community:

Board of Trustees, 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, serving on projects for Rebuilding America (revitalizing the homes of senior citizens); Shelter Our Sisters (providing safe haven for abused wives & children), and the Junior League of Bergen County (community charitable organization). I served as a Project Leader for Rebuilding America for two years.

### Statement:

I am seeking the office of Junior Grand Warden because I possess the ability to advance the interests of our fraternity and to enable us to develop in ways we have not previously tried.

I have served as District Ritual Instructor and District Deputy Grand Master for the last eight years, and as your elected Grand Lodge Trustee for four years. I have also served in the active leadership of many other community organizations as noted in my resume above. My twenty-four years of professional life have given me a wide breadth of knowledge and abilities in the areas of leadership, management, organizational operations, and interpersonal skills. As your Junior Grand Warden, I will utilize my extensive experience from within and without the fraternity to promote Freemasonry as an organization and

as part of our society at large.

During my time in this great fraternity, I have achieved a clear track record of innovation and achievement on every occasion that I have served in a leadership capacity. As Worshipful Master of Alpine Tilden Tenakill No. 77, I actively promoted the establishment of the Children's Learning Center in Tenafly. As a District Deputy Grand Master I implemented goals and standards which have greatly benefited my District and its lodges. As a Grand Lodge Trustee, I proposed and spearheaded the formation of the new Grand Lodge of New Jersey Acacia Fund, which will serve as a reservoir for charitable giving directly from the Grand Lodge. This has never been done before. I have always used leadership positions to advance the fraternity in ways not previously achieved. As a member of your Grand Lodge Elected Line, I will continue to draw upon my skills and every resource at my disposal to innovate and make progress for Freemasonry and for our brethren.

I have had the special honor of working closely with several Grand Masters and their elected lines. I have witnessed first-hand the rigorous, demanding and formidable nature of these positions. Seeking the office of Junior Grand Warden and those offices that follow, is not a course of action to be entered into lightly, as it requires an extraordinary personal commitment. I am fully prepared and well equipped to meet this challenge with fervency, fortitude and zeal.

I believe that the purpose of the Grand Lodge is to serve the brethren, the lodges and the Craft overall.

Service on the Elected Line demands an obligation of the highest responsibility. If elected, I will employ every grain of my knowledge, skill, industry and resolve, for the benefit and advancement of our beloved fraternity.

# Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote 1 of 6)



Grand Lodge

## RW Dieter B. Hees



**Personal:** My wife Eve and I have been married for 32 years and live in Pine Beach. Eve is a Commercial Loan Officer with TD Bank. We have twin boys, Conrad and Derek. Conrad works with me in our family business and Derek is a First Lieutenant in the

California Army National Guard.

### Education:

Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration 1978, University of Arizona - Tucson, AZ  
Masters Degree in International Management 1980, Thunderbird School of Global Management - Glendale, AZ

### Professional:

John Deere Intercontinental

- Moline, IL
- Brussels, Belgium - Marketing Representative for new product introductions
- Cairo, Egypt - Area Manager Product Support for Middle East
- Sacramento, CA - Area Manager Finance - Northern California & Nevada

Unique Design Inc., Lakewood Industrial Park, Lakewood, NJ

- Design, manufacture, import and export the finest masquerade masks in the world.
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### Masonic History:

- Raised in Sunrise #288 in 1998.
- Worshipful Master 2004
- Grand Chaplain 2007
- Education Committee Chairman 2008 & 2012
- District Deputy Grand Master of the 20<sup>th</sup> District 2009, 2010, 2011
- Hurricane Sandy Relief Chairman 2012, 2013
- Social Media Committee Chairman 2013
- Grand Orator 2013

### Masonic Affiliations:

- DeMolay Legion of Honor
- Society of St Johns
- Scottish Rite Valley of Southern New Jersey
- Board of Governors, Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Center in Northfield 2013
- South Jersey Past Masters Masonic Association
- North Jersey Past Masters Masonic Association
- Knight Masons Jersey Shore Council #107
- Royal Arch Masons Goodwin Hiram #1
- Royal and Select Masters Field Council #12
- Knights Templar Corson Commandery #15
- Ocean County Shrine Club
- Crescent Shrine

### Major Masonic Accomplishments

- Col. Daniel Coxe Award for Distinguished Masonic Service 2013
- Scottish Rite Medal for Masonic Service 2013
- Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts - managed, coordinated, directed
- The Perfect Ashlar - A Manual for the use of New Jersey Lodges - conceived, developed, executed
- Polar Bear Plunge-founded & organized Hiram On Ice Team benefiting NJ Special Olympics
- Mobile Grand Lodge Smartphone Application

- conceived, developed, executed
- Grand Lodge Social Media Program implemented - Blog, YouTube, Constant Contact, Wikipedia, WebEx
- Education Seminars - started, planned, coordinated thrice yearly seminars
- DeMolay Jersey Shore - started new chapter, 2011

### Statement:

Brethren, look at my past to see what you can expect from me in the future. Most of you know me as someone who gets things done. You can expect to see the same commitment, focus and persistence that has guided and driven me to this point in my Masonic career. I do not just talk the talk, I walk the walk. I want to be your next Junior Grand Warden because I know we can all work together to preserve our great fraternity's legacy and prepare for a bright future.

Freemasonry is in my blood as I come from a strong Masonic background. My father, Peter, is a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York on Long Island. He was also secretary of two lodges for many years. I was exposed to Freemasonry while growing up and knew that charity, among many other virtues, was at the center of our fraternity; and therefore decided to get involved. The catalyst that prompted me to petition was after our sons, Conrad and Derek went to Camp Turk, a Masonic summer camp in the Adirondacks. I was so impressed with this youth camp and the way it was run, that I asked my father how to go about petitioning and he then introduced me to Sunrise Lodge #288 in Toms River.

Working and traveling extensively in Europe and the Middle East for John Deere and later starting my own company, Unique Design Inc., taught me many lessons including how to deal with all types of customers, and how to work with people, not against them. Despite many ups and downs, failure was never an option. It required rolling with the punches and continuing to move forward, always in motion. My wife, Eve, calls me the Energizer Bunny. The result was that I was constantly trying something new while gaining knowledge from my past experiences. The universe rewards action. Just thinking about action is inaction.

The Hurricane Sandy Relief Effort showed me how teamwork and charity are so important to achieve common goals.

Together with the Scottish Rite, many Brethren worked tirelessly for many months after that fateful storm. Several hundred Masonic Brothers and their families were assisted in rebuilding their homes and lives. My skills were tested in budgeting, coordination, organization, listening, helping, directing, and so much more. Considerable funds were distributed. Supply trucks came from Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Texas, and Louisiana. Washing machines, furniture and clothing were dispersed. Food banks were set up and manned. Lodges opened their doors to Brethren and their communities. Some Lodges also needed repairs. Brethren helping Brethren. Teamwork made it all happen. We helped so many Brethren get through some of the toughest moments of their lives. Paying it forward is something I have learned from that experience.

The Perfect Ashlar, a manual for the use of New Jersey Lodges showed teamwork in action again. Today it is an outstanding resource tool for Lodge Officers. It was my pleasure to work with many Brethren to bring this project to fruition.

With the support of many Brethren, starting

the Jersey Shore DeMolay Chapter in Barnegat showed me how dedication and persistence bring positive results. There was not much interest in establishing a new DeMolay Chapter in that area at the time, but it was important to offer that opportunity to kids who needed the chance to join DeMolay. It took a year to get things going and now they are one of the strongest Chapters in the State. When you learn what a difference DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls make in the lives of so many families, it is very rewarding to help them in any way possible. We must invest in our youth, our country's future.

The Polar Bear Plunge is a good example of how we can have fun and help a charity at the same time. It required planning, management, and promotional skills, and this is now a special family day for the NJ Special Olympics. It was my honor to help form the Hiram On Ice Team which is now well known on the beaches of Seaside Heights and has given good positive exposure to Masonry. It shows our neighbors that we care. Since being formed in 2009, our plungers have raised approximately \$100,000.

None of these results could have been accomplished without the support, energy and untiring work of many, many Brethren. These experiences have reinforced in me that Freemasons are, indeed the finest of all men.

Hiram Abiff symbolically encompasses all that makes us what we are today as Masons. Our ritual, values and history are a rock solid foundation upon which we can approach the future with a clear, positive, optimistic confidence and mindset.

Our beloved ritual makes us totally unique in a world with so much sameness. We must always strive to preserve and protect it as it is our duty to convey the beauty and subtleties of our ritual to all Brethren. For it is through ritual that many of our most important lessons are learned that creates the mystic tie which binds us all together.

Hiram Abiff is our history, our lessons, our guide, and our moral compass in an ever-changing society. Hiram is like a big, powerful and mystic iceberg, where only a small part is visible, the majority being hidden from the unseeing eye. Hiram represents what makes us relevant in the lives of all Brethren. We are all part of Hiram and Hiram is a part of all of us. It is our task to bring Hiram into the hearts and souls of all Masons to keep Masonry relevant in our lives today.

Strong leadership is needed to continue to fulfill our destiny as a great fraternity and to honor those who came before us, and inspire those who will follow us. We must have a laser like focus on what we want to achieve. We must ask each other not "why", but "why not". This is the challenge before us. In every challenge lies opportunity. My proven leadership skills will allow us to meet every challenge with new golden opportunities.

I believe that for a bright future, these Hiramic Principles as explained by Brother Benjamin Franklin can guide us: *"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."*

Brethren, I ask for your vote to be your next Junior Grand Warden. I ask for the opportunity to serve you and lead our great fraternity into the future, inspired and guided by these precepts.





## RW Darryl J. Kuebler



### Personal:

Born August 5, 1962  
Currently residing in  
Plainsboro, NJ  
Blessed with two great  
children, Michael [20]  
and Kelsey [17], both  
of whom are ARC  
Walk and Veterans  
Home volunteers.

### Education:

East Brunswick High School  
Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts  
Middlesex County Fire Fighters Academy

### Professional:

I am a small business owner and a blue collar guy. I sell, service and install commercial screen printing equipment, from Maine to Maryland, and as far west as Pittsburgh. 2014 marks my 30<sup>th</sup> year as a field service technician and consultant. My company, All-Pro Press Service, was started in 1991, and has grown to service over 230 companies throughout the Northeast, in the textile and graphic industries. My specialties are troubleshooting the really tough problems, and relocating and setting up entire production facilities.

### Masonic History:

- Raised in Milltown Lodge, No. 294, on March 17, 1993 [St Patrick's Day]
- Worshipful Master, Milltown Lodge 2003
- Lodge Organist: current
- Lodge Ritual Instructor: current
- Past District Ritual Instructor: 27<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

- Past District Ritual Instructor: 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District
- Past District Deputy Grand Master: 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District
- Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge [current].

### Masonic Affiliations:

- Dual Member: Lafayette Lodge, No. 27
- Honorary Member: Mount Zion Lodge, No. 135
- Honorary Member: Matawan Lodge, No. 192
- Member: Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite [Central Valley]
- Past President: Milltown High Twelve Club
- Past President: 12 District Masonic Association [2 yrs.]
- Past President: Four Corners Square Club, Lafayette Lodge [2 yrs.]
- Past Member: Grand Lodge Educator of the Year Committee [3 yrs.]

### Community:

- Past Volunteer Fire Fighter, Brookview Volunteer Fire Co., East Brunswick, NJ
- Past Assistant Coach: St. Bartholomew Girl & Boy's Basketball Program
- Past ARC Walk Co-ordinator

### Statement:

As an accomplished Field Service Technician, for 30 years, my problem solving skills and tenacity have never been greater. Being self-employed and working in the field, forces one to be resourceful, and to do a lot, often with very little. I apply those problem solving skills everyday, in Masonry, and in life.

Running a business, in New Jersey, for over 20 years, in good times and bad, requires tenacity

and smart planning. Identifying problems, and fixing them, is what I do best, and bring that ability to the table, in Masonry.

As Grand Marshal, I have the advantage of having been part of a Staff, from its inception, and have had the privilege of working first hand, with the Grand Master, in setting up the Staff, Committees, Calendar and Events. The experience gained from this Appointment has armed me well for the future.

If elected to serve as Junior Grand Warden, the first order of business will be to begin to address a hidden, growing problem, I have observed around our Grand Jurisdiction. In my District, we refer to it as the "Catapult Mason". That is: new Brothers, who are Junior Master of Ceremonies one year, and Junior Warden the next year, or Junior Deacon on year, and catapult to Senior Warden the next year. Although it is often done out of necessity, there are two problems that arise from this practice: First, the "Catapult Brother" is cheated out of going through the Chairs, and can not gain the necessary experience needed to run a Lodge. Second: It compromises the quality of the Lodges in general, and in time, Lodges run by "rookies" will suffer. We have worked diligently, over the past years, to get our membership numbers up. Now, we need to turn those new members into Officers, and groom them to be sound Masters, and the future of our Fraternity.

With your support, my pledge is to implement programs to rectify this potentially damaging issue, and continue working hard, to keep our ship sailing true.

## RW George Mackanin



### Personal:

A lifelong resident of  
Saddle Brook, NJ. I am  
married to my wife  
Donna for 42 years.  
We have 6 children: 4  
sons, 2 daughters, and  
10 grandchildren.

### Education:

Graduate of Thomas

Jefferson High School in Lodi, NJ. Graduate of Teterboro School of Aeronautics. Airframe License, Retired.

### Professional:

After being honorably discharged from the US Navy, I entered the family business and was elected after 4 years to the position of General Manager of the Blue Haven Inn, in Saddle Brook, NJ. In 1962, I was transferred to the Hotel Minisink in Port Jervis, NY as general manager. In 1966, the hotel was sold and I returned to the Blue Haven Inn until 1985. In 1987, my wife and I purchased Memories 46, a restaurant/tavern with two large banquet rooms, located in our home town of Saddle Brook, NJ. In 2005, I sold the property and simply retired.

### Masonic History:

- Raised in Garfield Lodge #276 in Garfield, NJ.
- Worshipful Master Garfield Lodge #276 1993, 1997, 1998, and 2004.
- Treasurer: 2000
- Grand Chaplin: 2000
- District Deputy Grand Master, 4<sup>th</sup> Masonic District 2007 - 2012
- Member of Lessing Passaic Lodge #67
- Lodge Trustee 2013 - 2015

### Masonic Affiliations:

- A.A.S.R. Valley of Northern New Jersey
- Lebanon Chapter #12, Royal Arch Masons
- Zabud Council Royal and Select Masters of New Jersey
- Hugh de Pavens Commandery #1 Knights Templar
- Life Sponsor Knights Templar, Eye Foundation, Inc.
- Society of Saints John
- Past President North Jersey Past Masters Assoc.
- Grand Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill, Patriot Order #12
- Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Patterson Valley #33
- Tall Cedars of Lebanon of America Life Member
- Bergen County Courthouse Square Club
- Masonic Club of Lyndhurst, NJ

### Honorary Member of:

- Adoniram Lodge #80
- Euclid Lodge #136
- Boiling Spring Lodge #152
- Clifton Lodge #203
- Eclipse Lodge #259
- Little Falls Lodge #263

### Grand Lodge Committees:

- Trial and Charges 2011 - 2013
- Wheelchair Track & Field 2011 - 2013
- Member Board of Governors, Dyslexia Center at Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
- Grand Lodge Representative to Panama
- Chairman of Charity Ball for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Districts for dyslexic children.

### Awards:

- Meritorious Award Grand Lodge of New Jersey
- Meritorious Ancient Accepted Scottish Right

### Statement:

Electing a Junior Grand Warden is a critical decision in the progression of our craft, and there are many factors one should consider when choosing our future leaders. Election of the best candidate is not a rite of passage, or a turn that belongs to any individual brother, nor is it a popularity contest. Your vote should go to the candidate whom has demonstrated by his deeds and wisdom



# Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote 1 of 6)



Grand Lodge

## RW George Mackanin

makes you believe is best suited to move the craft forward in a smart and unimpaired direction. This brother should be one who has been around long enough to know the workings of Grand Lodge, its strengths, and more importantly its weaknesses, or where it falls short of your expectations, yet he should be willing to listen and look for new directions as well. I believe that I am that candidate; I can make the hard choices and lead the craft into the future!

Leadership in any organization is best recognized by an individual's ability to listen to the members of that organization, carefully considering all aspects of the facts, and then render decisions based on the merits of what is best for the group. Being a leader is an acquired talent; one cannot be told to lead and then expect to be successful. Despite one's natural endowments, great leaders are developed through training, experience and hard work. Easy decisions are no brainers; hard decisions are exactly that, and typically prove unpopular with somebody.

I have toiled in the quarries of Freemasonry long enough to witness many subtle and not so subtle changes that have taken place over the last 10 years or so. I have witnessed our membership decline, money issues, loss of valuable outreach programs, per capita increases, and lodge closures to name a few. As a former District Deputy, I have received and executed my orders from Grand Masters and the elected line of Grand Lodge, and implemented those protocols assigned to me as necessary to improve the craft.

I believe that we must build on the accomplishments of the past and continue programs and plans that have been successful. We need to expand these programs while looking outward to implement new ideas as well. With this in mind, if I am elected your next Junior Grand Warden, I propose to focus on several areas at the Grand Lodge and local Lodge level. I believe these directions will strengthen the mystic tie we all understand, set a course for a renewed spirit in the fraternity, and with frequent dialogue move the fraternity forward together.

### Communication:

If you favor me with your valuable vote, I will invite every member of Grand Lodge to open forums in Burlington on the fifth Saturday of each month there is one. The first being May 31, 2014. This will allow interaction and discussion with me, and I with you. By the time I get to the

Grand East, we will have forged a relationship like none other before. I will know your name, and you will know me. The current senior deacon of your lodge will be Worshipful Master when I am installed Grand Master. Four years of steady communication will make for a much more harmonious relationship.

### We Must Live our Freemasonry-Face to Face!

#### Benefits of Brotherhood:

I believe that the Square and Compasses Day is a positive way of showing the unenlightened our fraternity. However, assuming that it will be successful without any material support from the Grand Lodge is a hindrance to any real measurable success. I plan on putting mechanisms and support in place to make this program more viable than it has been at any time in our history. The implementation of this program requires careful planning and financial support from the Grand Lodge, otherwise, left to our own devices we can expect the same results we have received in the past.

We must support our families within Freemasonry. I believe we need to provide more options for the widows and families of our deceased brethren, and for our veterans. In doing this we support our past and provide for the future. We must show to ourselves and to the world that we take care of our own.

As Masons, we compete with a myriad of other interests of the membership, including but not limited to Family, Work, Television, Appendant Bodies and the Internet, just to name a few. For our lodges to require a brother to attend a lodge meeting to read the minutes, pay the bills and go home, is no longer acceptable. I propose to build a bank of lodge programs to help increase attendance and participate in lodge meetings. We must work together to make a difference, and these programs coming from our quarterly meetings would be one way of improving our craft and could be shared throughout our jurisdiction.

#### Membership:

The application process to join our fraternity can be improved. I would like to implement additional features to the application, which will afford each lodge the opportunity to; better vet their prospective candidates, before we admit men who want to join, and either do not find what they were looking for, or discover that they really were not interested in the first place. In addition, we must better train our brothers to ask

the right questions through more experienced investigators, to mentor candidates more efficiently and effectively, and encourage them to be active by officers and then leaders. We have the resources and tools; we need a cohesive plan that is consistent from lodge to lodge, district to district. In doing this each mason we admit will fit into the larger picture of our gentle craft, and we can then leverage what these new members have to offer.

We also must understand what keeps older members coming, and what draws new members to our doorsteps. Every mason fits into the larger picture of our beautiful craft, and each has something to offer.

I believe that as Masons we compete with a myriad of other interests of the membership, including but not limited to Family, Television, Appendant Bodies, the Internet, and Work Requirements. For our lodges to require a brother to attend a lodge meeting to read the minutes, pay the bills and go home, is no longer an acceptable meeting. I will offer ideas from our quarterly meetings, programs that can be implemented which should increase attendance, and participation at each lodge meeting in the state.

Our Fraternity has creative and active membership, and has potential for amazing things. We have taken advantage of current electronic communication; however, we must not forget those who do not communicate this way. We need to be more inclusive with all of our members. We have history when our members rode horses for many hours to get to lodge, we now carpool, and perhaps one day we will participate in virtual lodges. In the interim, we need to maintain the structure of our fraternity and allow it to change into wherever it may want to go, without leaving anyone behind. I am certain that I am the Candidate to help guide our craft on the path to our future.

We need to continue to Meet Face to Face, On the Level, to Act by the Plumb, and to Part upon the Square. Only by understanding each other as brothers, may we do away with any past discord, and strengthen the bonds of Brotherhood in our Craft.

I ask for your vote for Junior Grand Warden at Grand Lodge in April. I am eminently qualified, I am willing, I am eager to listen, and have the ability to make decisions that only experience affords. George Mackanin will make a great Grand Master; it is up to you to make this a reality.



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# Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote 1 of 6)

Grand Lodge

## RW James H. Vander Veer



### Personal:

I have been married to my wife Karen for 35 years; we have one son, James II. We have resided in Sussex Borough for the last 31 years. We both have been involved to lead and assist our community, Karen as

the President of the Board of Health and Vice-Chair of the Planning/Zoning Board; and I as the Chief Communications Officer and Emergency Management Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management.

### Professional:

I was employed by the United States Postal Service for 41 years, now retired. During my employment I served in many Leadership positions, and for the last 27 years I served as the Postmaster of Ogdensburg, NJ and then as the Postmaster of Oak Ridge NJ.

### Grand Lodge Service::

- Past Grand Chaplain 2005
- Member of the Grand Lodge Education and Services Committee 2006
- Past District Ritual Instructor 2007-2008
- Past District Deputy Grand Master 1<sup>st</sup> Masonic District 2009-2011
- Member Grand Lodge Committee on Ritual 2012-2013
- Recipient of the Grand Lodge Past Masters Pin

### Lodge Service & Affiliations:

- Raised in Harmony Lodge No. 8 F & A. M.
- Worshipful Master Harmony Lodge No. 8, 2001
- Secretary Harmony Lodge No. 8, 2002-2007
- Lodge Blood Drive Chairman 2000-2012
- Lodge By-Laws Committee Chairman 2002 - Present
- Harmony Lodge Trustee 2013-Present
- Dual Member Kittatinny Lodge No. 164
- Honorary Member Samaritan Lodge No. 98
- Honorary Member Blairstown Lodge No. 165
- Past President of the 1<sup>st</sup> District Past Masters and Wardens Assn. 2003
- Past Secretary of the 1<sup>st</sup> District Past Masters and Wardens Assn. 2004-2005
- Member North Jersey Past Masters Association
- Member South Jersey Past Masters Association
- 1<sup>st</sup> Masonic District Masters & Wardens Annual Charity Golf Outing Coordinator 2012-Present
- Past Most Excellent High Priest, Baldwin Chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons
- Secretary/Treasurer Baldwin Chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons 2000 - Present
- Member New Jersey Council of Anointed High Priests
- Past District Deputy Grand High Priest 8<sup>th</sup> Capitular District, Royal Arch Masons
- Grand Representative to Kansas, Royal Arch Masons
- Member Haggai Lodge of Mark Master Masons
- Charter Member Zerubbabel Society

- Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Washington Council No. 7, Royal & Select Masters
- Past District Deputy Grand Master, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cryptic District, Council of Royal & Select Masters
- Member Quayle Council No. 17, Council of Royal & Select Masters
- Member New Jersey Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters
- Past Commander, DeMolay Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar
- Member Melita Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar
- Member Garden State York Rite Sovereign College No. 122 - Herald
- Member Shrewsbury Priory No. 4, Knights of the York Cross of Honor
- Member Red Cross of Constantine
- Member Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Northern NJ, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Member International Police Square Club, New Jersey Chapter No. 1
- Member The Society of the Saints John
- DeMolay Advisor, Skylands Chapter, Order of the DeMolay
- Member Melchior Chapter No. 131, Order of the Eastern Star

### Community:

- Past Postmaster of Ogdensburg & Oak Ridge NJ
- Member National Association of Postmasters of the United States
- Veteran United States Army 1971-1977
- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea)
- Life Member Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Past Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Sussex NJ (6 Years)
- Amateur Radio Operator (N2KRK) Extra Class License
- Member the National Association of Amateur Radio (ARRL)
- Amateur Radio Extra Class Accredited Volunteer Examiner
- Member Sussex County Amateur Radio Club
- Member North Jersey Mineralogical Society
- Alumni Gemological Institute of America
- Hobbies - Golf - Mineral Collecting - Computers - Photography - Amateur Radio

### Statement:

I grew up in Saddle Brook NJ, and I went to Bergen County Vocational & Technical High School majoring in Electronics. After graduation, I enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Infantry. After serving our Country I began my employment with the United States Postal Service and I was promoted to my first Leadership position in 1980 as Supervisor Mails & Delivery in the Saddle Brook Post Office. In 1983 I was promoted to Postmaster of Ogdensburg NJ, and in 1999 to Postmaster of Oak Ridge, NJ. During my 41 years of service I have been in many leadership positions, and I believe with the knowledge and the leadership qualities I have gained during my career and through Freemasonry, we as a team can make this Great Brotherhood even better than it is now.

I remember when I was received upon the point of a sharp instrument, I realized that my life was about to change. The way I was accepted as a

friend and Brother made me want to contribute more. Advancing through the chairs, learning the work and ascending to the oriental chair inspired me to always do the best I could. I had the honor of being asked to serve Grand Lodge as Grand Chaplain, District Ritual Instructor, District Deputy Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Masonic District, and then serving on the Grand Lodge Committee on Ritual. These appointments brought me closer to the Brothers and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, learning the inner workings and what our Landmarks and Traditions symbolize. I have attended many meetings of the Masonic Charity Foundation, the Grand Lodge Trustee's and the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple, and spent countless hours conferring with these Trustees on how to make the programs work.

New Jersey has always been a progressive state, and Freemasonry is flourishing, but there is still much to do. Our two shining stars in Freemasonry need our support. Our Masonic Home is on the right track to become the Home we remember and the service and care we provide there is second to none. We must continue to strive to make this even better. Our Historic Trenton Masonic Temple needs to be promoted more and made accessible to more of our masonic bodies, everyone SHOULD be able to see and use this fantastic edifice. There are many Lodges in the state that need guidance and the help of Grand Lodge and by giving them the tools of Education and Training, I believe they can excel in the community and Freemasonry. I would like to continue with open communications and relations with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Jersey and promote easier visitations and communication between our lodges.

My outlook for the future of Freemasonry in New Jersey is one word "Brotherhood" We need to make this our foremost endeavor. Our Landmarks, Traditions, and Ritual are not to be forgotten as they are part of what makes us Masons. I have plans to continue the working programs that our Elected Line have started; to increase education and bring programs to the districts that will enable them to be more informed and involved.

We have a saying in ritual, Say it then Do it. If I say it I Will Do It. I will not ask someone to do something I would not do myself. Integrity equals Truth and Trust. Integrity, Responsibility, Positive Attitude, Leadership Ability, Desire to be better and Creativity are a few of the skills and qualities I possess to become your Next Junior Grand Warden. I have always taken my obligations very seriously and I will not let changes to these important items be infringed. I know that everyone is unique, and we all have different strengths, we need to merge these strengths to be better. With your vote and God's hand, I believe **WE CAN** make a difference.

### "BROTHERHOOD"

*An organization of men who are united for a common purpose.*

*Combined with the word Friend, Loyalty, Traditions, Landmarks, and Obligations*

*These take on very serious meanings,*

*Keeping them true is something*

*we all must strive to do.*

*I believe thru our obligations and moral teachings WE CAN ALL become better Masons.*

# Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote 2 of 4)



Grand Lodge

## RW Frank L. Blades. Sr.



### Personal:

Married to Sharon, between us we have five children, six grandchildren, are retired and reside in Bordentown Township.

### Education:

Graduated Bridgeton High School, completed a four-year apprenticeship with the E.I. Dupont Company, and received federal and state journeymen's electrician papers. Attended Salem County Community College for DCS, electronics and business management

### Professional:

Retired from the E.I. Dupont Company with over 34 years of service in the operations and engineering departments.

### Symbolic History:

Raised in Woodstown Lodge No. 138 in 1977, I served as Worshipful Master for 1988 and 1994. Dual member with Mount Moriah Lodge No. 28 now serving as Secretary also dual member with Horizon Daylight Lodge No. 299. Served as president Past Masters Association of the 21<sup>st</sup> District and appointed Grand Chaplain 2001-2002.

### Other Masonic Affiliations:

#### Royal Arch Masonry

- Joppa Chapter No. 53 R.A.M
- MEHP Joppa Chapter No. 53
- District Deputy Grand High Priest, 3<sup>rd</sup> District
- Order Of The High Priesthood
- Grand High Priest State of New Jersey
- Duel Member with 3X3 Chapter No. 5

#### Council Of Royal and Select Masters

- Triangle Council No. 10
- Thrice Illustrious Master Triangle Council
- Dual Member with Van Hook Council No. 9
- District Deputy Grand Master
- Council Of Thrice Illustrious Masters of the State of New Jersey
- Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey
- Received General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award

#### Knights Templar

- Olivet Commandery No. 10
- Duel Member with Trinity Commandery No. 17
- Duel Member with Cyrene Commander No. 7
- Right Eminent Grand Commander
- Past Grand Treasure
- President Knight Templar Council Officers and Wardens Association (C.O.W.S)
- Knight Preceptor New Jersey Chapter
- Awarded Knight Commander of the Temple

#### Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Valley of Wilmington, Delaware

- Excelsior Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Southern New Jersey

- Sovereign Prince
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- President 33<sup>rd</sup> Society Southern Valley Central Valley of New Jersey
- President 33<sup>rd</sup> Society for the Central Valley
- Scottish Rite Research Society
- Appointed to Board of Governors Children's Dyslexia Center Burlington, NJ
- Appointed Trustee for Board of Central Valley

#### Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

- Nur Temple, Delaware
- President Nur Temple Knight's of Mecca Crescent Temple, New Jersey
  - Crescent Provost Guard
  - Crescent Yacht Club
  - Crescent Knights of Mecca
  - Charter member Crescent Shrine Outdoorsmen's Club
  - Hillbilly Clan No. 12

#### Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

- Bridgeton Forest No. 7, Bridgeton, New Jersey

#### Masonic Research and Book Club

- New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research No. 1786
- Masonic Book Club
- Masonic Society (Founding Member)
- Civil War Lodge of Research
- Grand Lodge of Virginia Member 1999-2006

#### New Jersey York Rite College No. 18

- Received Order of Knight of York
- Governor
- Order of the Purple Cross
- Secretary New Jersey College No. 18

#### Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey

- Bethel Chapter No. 111
- Worth Patron
- Bordentown Chapter No. 257

#### Haggai Lodge of Mark Master Masons

- Right Worshipful Master
- Secretary
- Solomon Lodge Mark Master Masons {Charter Member}

#### Grottoes Of North America

- Yalomed Grotto
- Monarch

#### Knight Masons United States of America

- Southern New Jersey Council No. 11
- In the Officer Line.

#### Allied Masonic Degrees {AMD}

- J. Howard Haring Council No. 116
- Secretary/Treasure
- Sovereign Master
- Brearly Council No. 325
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sovereign Master

#### Member Royal Order of Scotland

#### Knights Of The Red Cross of Constantine

- Saint Stephen Conclave
- Puissant Sovereign

#### Joshua Association

- President
- Life Member

#### The Society of Saints John

#### New Jersey DeMolay Alumni Association

- Legion of Honor

#### Societas Rosicrucian

- New Jersey College

#### Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar High Priests

- Sea of Galilee

#### Mount Laurel High Twelve-Club No. 770

- Vice-President

### Statement:

The Grand Lodge Trustees are one of the supporting pillars of Freemasonry in New Jersey. The responsibilities of these men include managing the business affairs of our Grand Lodge in concurrence with the Grand Master. I believe it is paramount that our trustee should have a broad Masonic outlook and an understanding of financial matters as related to our fraternity.

My personal experiences in past supervision of a number of Masonic bodies throughout the state and the related challenges during 37 years of masonry give me a substantial foundation for service as a Trustee.

With an ever-increasing desire to be of service to our craft, born during those first steps as a Master Mason, I seek your support for the position of Grand Lodge Trustee.

Thank you my Brothers  
God Bless Our Fraternity





Grand Lodge

# Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote 2 of 4)

## RW Neal A. McCarthy



### Personal:

After graduating from High School, enlisted in the United States Army in October 1965 serving 3 years on active duty and Honorable Discharged as a Sergeant E-5. Upon

returning to civilian life, I took the civil service exam and joined the Rockaway Township Police Department in Dec 1968, serving 25 years before retiring in 1993. During that 25 years, was a member of North Jersey Lodge No 18, Fraternal Order of Police and then helped form Rockaway Township Lodge No. 31 in 1970, serving 15 years as Secretary 4 years as Vice President of Lodge No 31.

Elected State Secretary, of the New Jersey State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police serving 1980 to 1984. In 1996 after retirement was requested to serve as Manager of the NJ FOP News which I did until 1999.

Member of Rockaway Township American Legion Post No. 344. Member of Birchwood Fire Co. No 4, of the Rockaway Township Fire Department for 8 years, serving as Vice President and President for 5 of those years.

Volunteer on the National Ski Patrol for 6 years. Believing that children are our future, started coaching Soccer for the Rockaway Township Youth Soccer Association. Beginning with an in-house team then moved up to Coaching a Traveling Team playing in the Morris County Youth Soccer League. In the Morris County Youth Soccer League, I coached a Select Team during the summer, taking teams to tournaments throughout the Tri-State area as well as Boston, MA and Laval Canada. Served as League Registrar for the League and as a District Commissioner for the New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association also serving on the Appeals Committee of the NJSYSA.

On June 25, 1972, married my wife Denise and raised two sons, William C. and Neal A. III. At present, there are 3 Grand Children; Colleen M, Jakob A and Owen J, with the 4<sup>th</sup> expected in July 2014.

### Masonic History:

• Member of Acacia Lodge No. 20, serving as Worshipful Master in 1996 and again in 2008.

- Dual Member of Harmony Lodge No. 8.
- Honorary Member of Colonial Prospect Lodge No. 24.
- Senior Grand Deacon 2003
- District Ritual Instructor, 11<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

2008 to 2010

- District Deputy Grand Master, 11<sup>th</sup> Masonic District 2011 to 2013

• New Jersey Masonic Wheelchair Track & Field Meet Committee 2006 to present. Serving as

Vice Chairman 2007- 2011 and Chairman 2012 to present

- Masonic Community Charity Committee 2013

- Baldwin Chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons.
- High Priest of Triangle Chapter No. 50 in 1998.
- DDGHP of the 18<sup>th</sup> Caputular District 1999 to 2006.

- Recipient of the Junis C.M. Schmidt, Distinguished Service Medal.

- Quayle Council, Royal and Select Master's, serving as Thrice Illustrious Master 2000.

- DDGM 2 Crptic District 2002 to 2008.

- Trinity Commandery No. 17

- Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Northern New Jersey, Chapter of Rose Croix line.

- Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Salaam Temple.

- New Jersey Council No. 10, Knight Masons

- Royal Order of Scotland

- Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots NJ Pyramid No. 2

- Southern California Lodge of Research, Grand Lodge of California

- Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1861, Grand Lodge of Virginia

- New Jersey Lodge of Research No. 1786, Grand Lodge of New Jersey

- 11<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Past Master's Association.

- Masonic Kilties of New Jersey, served as President 2004 to 2006

- North Jersey Past Master's Masonic Association served as President 2004

- South Jersey Master's and Wardens Association
- Received The Grand Cross of Color,

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls August 2013.

- Received Honorary Legion of Honor, The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay in October 2013

### Hobbies:

Skiing, soccer, genealogy, travel and my Grandchildren.

### Statement:

To be successful, an organization requires not only strong Leadership but a strong sound financial plan as well. Being able to step up and make tough financial decisions, even though those decisions may be unpopular with the membership, is a most if the organization is to succeed. I agree, it may be nice to do something that's popular with the membership but sound leadership requires that it must also be fiscally responsible. The Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws places that responsibility directly in the hands of the Grand Lodge Trustees, therefore, they must account for Grand Lodge spending. During my Military & Police Career, I learned the need for responsible spending. It paid off after my retirement when I was called back by the President of my Police Union to bring an out of control Union publication back out of the red. Though it wasn't accomplished overnight, in less than a years, the paper was again running in the black and two years latter was able to run successfully without a manager and I continued into my retirement. Tough decisions had to be made to change outdated printing & mailing methods. Suppliers that had been used for years were changed because it was in the best interest of the union to save money. This was all accomplished without missing a publication deadline and providing a superior product to the membership. Those choices were made to cut cost and do what was in the best interest of the union because that is where I felt my sole responsibility rested. As I head into my 20<sup>th</sup> Year as a voting member of our Grand Lodge, I can say with certainty that, whenever I made a decision, be in my Lodge, my District or Grand Lodge, that decision was made for what I felt was best, not of me but for those who would be affected by that decision. I am ready to help make some of the tough decisions regarding the future of our Grand Lodge and it's finances and with your vote and support in Atlantic City, we can make a difference.

## RW George A. Olsen, PDDGM



### Personal:

I am married. My wife, Julie and I have two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren. Both of our sons George, Jr. and Mark are Master Masons. JR is a Past Master and both were DeMolay. Both my wife

Julie and daughter Deborah are Past Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star. My oldest

grandson, Daniel, is a Past Master Councilor of Phoenix Chapter DeMolay and a Chevalier.

### Education:

Dickinson High School, Jersey City; a Bachelor of Science in Education from Newark State Teachers College now Kean University; a Master of Arts in Education from Montclair State University; a Doctorate in the Administration and Supervision of Higher Education from New York University; and additional Continuing Education and Study leading to a Concentration in Manufacturing Engineering and an understanding of Business Administration at New York University.

### Professional:

I served in the United States Marine Corps as an enlisted man being Honorably Discharged as a Sergeant E-5 to accept a Commission as an Officer. I was again Honorably Discharged as a Major after a combined service of twenty years of both active and reserve duty.

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/

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## RW George A. Olsen, PDDGM

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 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 an all male program only. In addition during that same time and under my leadership 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 a three year term. I was reelected four 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.

### Community Service:

My community involvement has been as, Cub Master, Scout Master, Troop Committee Member, and presently the Institutional Representative to the Scout Troop and the Cub Pack 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 during 30 of those 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. I was elected by the congregation of my church to Chair the Pastoral Search Committee during 2000/2001, 2007/2008, and again in 2011.

### Masonic History:

- Raised in West Orange Lodge #205 - 1959
- Affiliated Hope Lodge #124-1981  
Worshipful Master 1987  
Secretary 1988 to 2000
- Merger with Genesis Lodge #88 - 2000  
Secretary 2001 to 2013  
A total of 25 years as a Lodge Secretary
- 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: Two terms 2005 to 2011  
Served on the Budget, Audit and Scholarship Committees and as the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for three years
- Presented with the Meritorious Service Award in 2011
- Masonic Community Charity Fund: 2001 - present  
Chairman 2013 - present
- Other Grand Lodge Committees both Past and Present:  
Education and Service  
Strategic Planning
- Charter Master: New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research and Education #1786
- Dual Member: Essex Lodge # 7
- Dual and Charter Member: Wisdom Lodge #300 ( Charter surrendered)
- Dual and Charter Member: Jacques DeMolay Lodge # 318 Served as  
Senior Steward and a Trustee until the Charter was surrendered
- Honorary Member: Hawthorne Fortitude Lodge #200
- Northern Council # 10 Knight Masons USA - Excellent Chief (2008):
- Masonic Kilties of New Jersey- President (2007 - 2009)
- Member: Allied Masonic Degrees - Harold V. B. Voorhis Council
- Associate Member New Jersey Police Square Club

- Member: Court House Square Club

### Masonic Affiliations:

Valley of Northern New Jersey, AASR; Union Chapter #7 RAM; Quayle Council #17 RSM; North Jersey Past Masters and 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 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 (68 years); DeMolay Alumni Association; and former Advisory Board Member, Lincoln Park (Phoenix) Chapter, ODM

### Statement:

Brethren, for the past 54 years, I have derived great satisfaction from being a New Jersey Freemason, especially the last 27 years as an active member of the Grand Lodge, especially during my six years (2005-2011) as a Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee, and most surely during the last 14 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.



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## RW Thomas L. Winter, DDGM



### Personal:

Born: Hoboken,  
New Jersey 1949  
Resided: Dumont  
New Jersey, 1954-1971  
Scouting: Troop 131  
Dumont, NJ;  
Eagle Scout: 1963;  
Scoutmaster: 1971-1973  
Married: Alison L. Trott

Residence: Congers, New York

### Education:

Graduate: Dumont High School, 1967  
BME: University of Hartford, Hartt College  
of Music 1971  
MS: Iona College, 1999

### Professional:

Retired: Public School Music Educator Paramus,  
New Jersey Public School System 38 years  
Professional Musician since 1965  
Recipient: New Jersey Music Teacher of the  
Year, 1995  
Recipient: Governors Award Excellence in Arts  
Education for Music, 1995  
Treasurer: Music Educators of Bergen County  
Inc., 1980-2004  
Secretary: North Jersey School Music Association,  
1981-1989  
Member at Large: New Jersey Music Educators  
Association, 1983-1987

### Masonic History:

- Member: Eclipse Lodge #259 F&AM, Rutherford, NJ
- Raised: 1973
- Worshipful Master: 2002
- Lodge Trustee: 2003-2011
- Eclipse Masonic Association Trustee: 2000-2006
- Dual Member: John T Heard Lodge AF&AM Ipswich, MA Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
- District Deputy Grand Master: 4th Masonic District 2013-present
- Chairman, Masonic Resource Committee: 2011-present
- Secretary, Grand Lodge Trustees: 2011-present
- Member: Constitution and Laws 2011-Present;

Strategic Planning 2011-Present;  
Educator of the Year 2009-Present

- Past Member: Grand Lodge Committee on Ritual 2010-2012;  
Education Committee 2007-2009
- Recipient: Grand Lodge of New Jersey Lecturers Award of Excellence 2006
- President: Society of the Saints John 2013
- District Ritual Instructor: 4th Masonic District, Grand Lodge of New Jersey 2006-2009
- Past President: North Jersey Past Masters Masonic Association
- Past President: Bergen County Courthouse Square Club
- Past Presenter: Masonic Leadership Conference 2008-2010
- Masonic Kilties of New Jersey
- Harold Van Buren Voorhis Council No. 260, Allied Masonic Degrees
- South Jersey Past Masters Association
- 32° Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Northern New Jersey
- Lebanon Chapter #32 Royal Arch Mason
- Kane Council #2 Royal and Select Masters
- Hugh de Payens Commandery #1 Knights Templar
- 4th District Masters and Wardens Association
- Dad: Bergen Chapter DeMolay Leaders of New Jersey
- Member: Board of Governors, Hasbrouck Heights Masonic Learning Center
- Masonic Author: Short Talk Bulletin, Journal of The Masonic Society

### Statement:

The Grand Lodge Trustees are responsible for managing the business affairs of Grand Lodge. The word "business" includes all matters pertaining to the finances and property of Grand Lodge.

For the past two years, I have been the Secretary to the Grand Lodge Trustees. I have witnessed the decision making process of the Trustees and have an intimate knowledge of the issues that have been met and solved. Additionally, I know the challenges that the Grand Lodge will face in the future. The proceeds from the sale of Acacia Lumberton Manor will require an understanding of tax implications, the process of transferring monies into various funds, and insuring that these funds are properly invested. Additionally, the new charitable foundation must be organized

with proper bylaws. The Grand Lodge Trustees must govern how this foundation will be used to further the charitable giving of Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Trustees must be visionaries. This charitable entity will be a perfect vehicle for seeking donations from major corporations located in our Grand Jurisdiction as well as receiving tax free donations from individuals. I feel that the Grand Lodge Trustees will also afford valuable counsel to present and future Grand Masters as they decide which charities they will support from this fund.

As a public school music educator, I was very active in various county, region, state, and national music education associations. These associations were formed to provide performance opportunities for public school students of all ages as well as professional development for its members. I had the pleasure of holding elected and appointed offices on their executive boards. Music Educators of Bergen County Inc was incorporated in 1982 and I was elected its first treasurer. At the organizational meeting we passed the hat to develop our treasury and raised less than \$100. As the years passed, through sound management and fiscal responsibility, this treasury grew to over \$35,000 and continues to fund a number of honors performing groups, instrumental and chorus festivals for all age groups, professional development for music educators, and scholarships for graduating High School seniors pursuing further music education. As treasurer, I implemented budgets, audits, and fiscal procedures and policies which continue to this day. This county organization is the model for others around the nation.

Being a professional musician and married to a professional violinist, I managed the finances, expenses and scheduling for both of our careers. For many years, my wife and I owned a successful music studio, which required learning additional business skills. Presently, we successfully buy and sell antiques and collectables.

The decision to seek election as a Grand Lodge Trustee was not made lightly. It is a position of great responsibility and requires judgment and integrity to act independently. I believe that I have the necessary business experience and qualifications to serve our Grand Lodge as one of its Trustees. I hope to earn your vote.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

# GOOD LUCK

to all candidates running!

# Thank you for your service to the craft!



# Report on Emergent Communication of the MCF



Grand Lodge

By: Ricardo Fernandez, PM

An Emergent Communication was ordered by our Grand Master MW David A. Dorworth on February 19, 2014 to inform all New Jersey Masons on the status of the Masonic Charity Foundation and the NJ Masonic Home in Burlington, NJ.

MW Dorworth opened the meeting with a history of the Masonic Home. Briefly, it was first established in 1898. The Masonic Charity Foundation (MCF) was incorporated in 1930 to take care of the needs of New Jersey Masons. In the late 1990's the Masonic Home was modified to provide the current skilled nursing units which were quite popular at the time but have lost much of their appeal in the current senior market and are currently under-utilized creating poor usage of available space and a significant loss of income.

In 2008-2009, the national financial crisis caused a loss of about 22% of the Masonic Charity Foundation's portfolio investment. This, under-utilization of the home, pro-bono fraternal care and high expenses led to financial distress and called for a significant fiscal reassessment of the Masonic Home. A management company was contracted to improve finances.

2012 presented further challenges when mold was found in the older part of the home and required extensive remediation with a significant associated cost.

In 2013, Ashlar Creative Solutions (ACS), a subsidiary of the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was signed to a Master Services agreement to manage our Burlington Masonic Home. Their parent company, Masonic Villages of PA, manages five other senior citizen retirement sites, one in Texas and 4 more in Pennsylvania, one of which is the Elizabethtown, PA site that many of us have toured. This senior retirement complex is quite well reviewed, filled to occupancy and profitable.

On April 1, 2014, Ashlar Creative Solutions will become the new managers of Operations at our Masonic Home. They will function as the CEO's for the MCF while the MCF board will still maintain governance and strategic direction for our masonic home.

A new project that has been initiated is the Senior Living Style Apartment Units. This is a major remodeling of the outdated residential units into individual rental apartments for seniors. This project should be completed by the Spring of 2015.

These units will be available as one and two bedroom apartments in a variety of configurations with a areas of 585 to 990 square feet. Apartments will have living rooms and full functional kitchens with associated dining areas. Some will also have dens. They will be available for rent with monthly rates \$2500 to \$4100 depending on the desired configuration, square footage and whether single or double occupancy.

These monthly rates are all inclusive and contain many desired features, including meals. A fuller description is

available in detailed brochures and can be obtained from the contacts below. The units are available to Masons and non-Masons alike.

Eighty four units are planned for completion. These are currently presold with a waiting list. A survey will go out to our brethren in the near future to determine what they would like in future senior accommodations. Two walk through model units have been available for tours at the Masonic Home. The sample unit was opened in September 2013. Please call 877-544-2273 to arrange a tour.

The cost of the renovations has been estimated at \$10 million dollars, which will be paid in a period of 8-years from a combination of MCF assets and income, restructuring of the old debt at better rates and new bank loans.

Although the 84 units are spoken for, brethren are encouraged to contact Linda S. Andress, director of community relations, at 609-239-3833 or [Lsa@njmasonic.org](mailto:Lsa@njmasonic.org) if there is any interest for themselves, relatives or friends. Future need will define further future development of this concept.

It is the hope that the current direction will move the MCF and the Burlington Masonic Home in a direction which is in keeping with the interested and needs of the senior community while still keeping the MCF and the Masonic Home both financially viable and profitable as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Law Enforcement Affiliated Degree Team



### **Is looking for Master Masons.....**

Active or Retired from Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice to join our Degree Team.

Interested?

Contact RW Raymond W. Taylor,

[Rtaylorsec119@aol.com](mailto:Rtaylorsec119@aol.com)

MW David A. Dorworth,  
President

Already a member? Contact Ray to update your information.

**Current: TITLE FOUR, Section 4, Balloting**

Part 1. Right to Vote. The right of a Master Mason to vote in his Lodge can be affected only by his suspension or expulsion. The Tyler, when a member of the Lodge, has the right to cast his ballot on all occasions.

**Proposed: TITLE FOUR, Section 4, Balloting**

Part 1. Right to Vote. The right of a Master Mason to vote in his Lodge can be affected only by his suspension, *expulsion, or failure to pass the Master Mason examination*. The Tyler, when a member of the Lodge, has the right to cast his ballot on all occasions.

**Statement:** Clarifies the Bylaw that only a Master Mason in Good Standing who has successfully completed his Master Mason Degree and passing his Master Mason examination may ballot.

RW Jack K. Smith, Jr. DDGM 15<sup>th</sup> District

**Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE XI, Section 4, Part 3**

Part 3(a). Reading of Charges. At the next regular communication of the lodge in which the charges has been filed, the Secretary shall read the charge to the lodge, and if such charge be received by a majority vote thereof, he shall promptly serve or cause to be served a true copy thereof, upon the accused, either personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

**Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE XI, Section 4, Part 3**

Part 3(a). Reading of Charges. At the next regular communication of the lodge in which the charges have been filed, the Secretary shall read the charges to the lodge, *excluding the names of the accuser and the accused. The term "Brother Accuser" shall be used to reference the accuser and the term "Brother Defendant" shall be used to reference the accused. The generic term "Brother" shall be used regardless of the participant's Grand Lodge title to ensure anonymity*. If such charge be received by a majority secret ballot vote thereof, he shall promptly serve or cause to be served a true copy thereof, upon the accused, either personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. *The involved parties shall be identified after the vote has been closed and the results announced.*

**Statement:** The intent of this legislative change is to reduce confusion and favoritism amongst the brethren when voting on unmasonic charges. Such charges should be voted upon based on the merits of the charge itself, not the personalities involved in said incident. After the vote the names can be released as they will be public as a logical course of events.

RW Vincent Etzel, JGS, Sunrise #288

RW Michael Tucker, DRI, Sunrise #288

WB Denis Johnson, PM, Sunrise #288

**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, Past Masters *and Distinguished White Apron 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 distinguished service has brought great credit upon our fraternity and Freemasonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Joseph Roger (JR) Avanti, PM Belcher Lodge #180.

**Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE X, Section 1, Part 6**

Part 6. Prohibition on Participation by Non-Master Masons. Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Masons may not participate in any Masonic ceremonial.

**Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE X, Section 1, Part 6**

Part 6. Participation by Non-Master Masons. *An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason may participate in or perform the work of an examiner in any degree which they have heretofore received and have passed the examination satisfactorily. An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason may also participate in a public Masonic ceremonial.*

**Statement:** This would allow an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason who has passed the exam for the degree being conferred to be an Assistant Marshal, do the working tools or the apron presentation (if that was part of their exam), or be the examiner for a degree. It would also allow an EA or FC to participate in a public installation, a public cornerstone laying or a Masonic funeral.

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**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 the same are due and payable, will 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, will 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 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 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. Notice to the delinquent member may be sent any time after August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for which payment is past due. Ninety (90) days following the mailing of the notice if a merit is still outstanding. The lodge may vote to suspend the member effective on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year for which non-payment has occurred. If payment shall be received prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The vote to suspend shall be null and void. A member that fails to make payment by December 31<sup>st</sup> and is suspended under this part, the member shall be reported as suspended on the lodge's Annual Return for that year.*

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> date. Annual dues are due, on or before, January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and the December 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Return allows the member 365 days (366 days during Leap Year) to pay his dues during the one year period the member will be suspended if so approved by the lodge.

Raymond W. Taylor, Sr., PM, Merchantville Lodge #119  
Saul M. Tischler, PM, Rising Sun Lodge #15  
Glenn E. Latshaw, PM, Maple Shade-Moorestown Lodge #281  
Bernard Madgey, IV, PM, Laurel Lodge #237  
Raymond C. Thorne, PM, Audubon-Parkside #218

**Current:** TITLE FOUR, 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. (Gen Reg. Paragraph 17 above in part, repeated here for references purposes).

**Proposed:** TITLE FOUR, 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 on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the Suspension year upon the announcement of the requisite vote, with reference to approval of the minutes.*

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Raymond W. Taylor, Sr., PM, Merchantville Lodge #119  
Saul M. Tischler, PM, Rising Sun Lodge #15  
Glenn E. Latshaw, PM, Maple Shade-Moorestown Lodge #281  
Bernard Madgey, IV, PM, Laurel Lodge #237  
Raymond C. Thorne, PM, Audubon-Parkside #218

**Current:** TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 1(a) Part 1(a). Time for Election and Reporting. The election of officers shall be held by the several lodges under this jurisdiction at the annual meeting of the lodge, which shall be held not later than the Feast of St. John the Evangelist (December 27). The Secretary of each lodge shall, within one week after such election, report in writing to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary the names of the Master, Wardens and Secretary elected, with their post-office addresses.

**Proposed:** TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 1(a) Part 1(a). Time for Election and Reporting. The election of officers shall be held by the several lodges under this jurisdiction at the annual meeting of the lodge, *which shall be the first regular communication in the month of March.* The Secretary of each lodge shall, within one week after such election, report in writing to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary the names of the Master, Wardens and Secretary elected, with their post-office addresses as well as their email addresses.

MW Glenn R. Trautmann, Past Master Acacia Lodge No. 20

**Current:** TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 1(b) Part 1(b). November Elections. The Annual Election and Qualification may be held at the last regular communication in November providing the lodge By-Laws so state.

**Proposed:** TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 1(b) Part 1(b). February Elections. *The Annual Election and Qualification may be held at the last regular communication in February providing the lodge By-Laws so state.*

MW Glenn R. Trautmann, Past Master Acacia Lodge No. 20

**Current:** 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 t -h 1/. 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:** TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 8(b) Part 8(b). Time of Installation. *The Annual Installation of officers shall be held in the month of March.*

MW Glenn R. Trautmann, Past Master Acacia Lodge No. 20



**Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 9, Part 1(d)**

Part 1(d). Filing dates. The annual reports of fiduciary officers of lodges shall be filed with the office of the Grand Secretary on or before February 15 of each year.

**Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 9, Part 1(d)**

Part 1(d). Filing dates. *The Fiscal Year for all constituent Lodges shall run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The annual reports of fiduciary officers of lodges shall be filed with the office of the Grand Secretary on or before May 15 of each year.*

MW Glenn R. Trautmann, Past Master Acacia Lodge No. 20

**Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 9, Part 1(g)**

Part 1(g). Lodge Annual Return. Each lodge shall by February 1<sup>st</sup> 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 occupations of candidates initiated or admitted during the year; the deaths, demits, suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements of members, and its usual time and place of meetings

**Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 9, Part 1(g)**

Part 1(g). Lodge Annual Return. *Each lodge shall by May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 occupations of candidates initiated or admitted during the year; the deaths, demits, suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements of members, and its usual time and place of meetings.*

MW Glenn R. Trautmann, Past Master Acacia Lodge No. 20

**NEW SECTION****Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 11**

Part 11. Implementation of March Elections and Installations.

- (a) The officers elected and appointed and then Installed in December of 2014 shall serve in that capacity until March of 2016.
- (b) The Grand Secretary will file with the IRS notification that we intend to change the fiscal year for the constituent lodges.
- (c) The lodge Secretary shall file with the Grand Secretary a 3 month (January 1, 2016 – March 31, 2016) fiduciary report in May of 2016. The Annual Return which would normally be filed in January of 2016 would not be filed until April of 2016.
- (d) Lodge By-Laws will reflect the change of the dates of the Annual Meeting and Installation without need of approval of the Grand Lodge. If a lodge holds two regular communications in March then the first March communication will be deemed the Annual Meeting of the lodge and will be the date on which elections are held. If a Lodge currently holds its elections in November then they will now hold the annual election
- (e) This implementation section is self-defeating and will

be removed from the Constitution and Laws following the close of the annual communication in April of 2017.

MW Glenn R. Trautmann, Past Master Acacia Lodge No. 20

**Current: TITLE FIVE, GENERAL REGULATIONS 15**

The election of officers shall be held by the several lodges under this jurisdiction at the regular communication to be held on or immediately preceding the Feast of St. John the Evangelist (December 27<sup>th</sup>), and in case such communication shall happen on the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of December, then such election shall be held at the regular communication immediately preceding such date; and the Secretary of such lodge shall, within one week after such election, report in writing to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary the names of the Master, Wardens and Secretary elected, with their post-office address.

**Proposed: TITLE FIVE: GENERAL REGULATIONS 15.**

*The election of officers shall be held by the several lodges under this jurisdiction at the first regular communication in the month of March and the Secretary of such lodge shall, within one week after such election, report in writing to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary the names of the Master, Wardens and Secretary elected, with their post-office address as well as their email address.*

MW Glenn R. Trautmann, Past Master Acacia Lodge No. 20

**Statement:** The purpose of the foregoing pieces of legislation is to simply align the Lodge year with the Grand Lodge year. There are multiple advantages to implementing this change. Currently when a Worshipful Master and the Brethren of his lodge start out a new Masonic Year on January 1<sup>st</sup> they must follow the edicts and plans of the Grand Master. In April we then elect a new Grand Master who comes in with his own plans and edicts that must be followed even if it completely changes the plans a lodge has in place.

By moving the Installations out of December, they will no longer conflict with Christmas and Hanukkah. It will allow the Brethren to spend quality time with their loved ones during the holiday season.

Each year several installations must be rescheduled due to inclement weather in December.

**Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE II, Section 1, Part 10**

Part 10. Edicts. Edicts of a Grand Master issued during his term of office remain in effect until rescinded by a subsequent Grand Master.

RW Gerry Sharpe, DGM Keystone Lodge #153

**NEW LEGISLATION****Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 9, Part 5**

Part 5. Social Media Protocol and Code of Conduct. When corresponding, or otherwise posting or communicating electronically via public or Masonic social media, New Jersey Freemasons:



- (a) Shall conduct social media activities in such a way that he reflects his membership in the Craft. He shall act in a way that presents a positive image of his membership in Freemasonry, and of Freemasonry in general, to the world.
- (b) Shall be aware that his postings are a permanent record and his conduct shall endeavor to influence the world with a positive opinion about him personally and all organizations to which he belongs, particularly of Masonic affiliation.
- (c) Shall reflect the highest standards of morality and integrity, as he should practice within the Lodge.
- (d) Shall ensure that our fraternity is represented to the high standards in which we believe, and to regulate his actions through Brother to Brother intervention. A Mason shall advise a Brother if he feels the postings are improper within the framework of our By-Laws, rules, regulations and Edicts, and shall whisper friendly counsel as appropriate.
- (e) Shall not identify any other Freemason as a member of the Craft unless he has first obtained the consent of that Brother, or the Brother has already identified himself as such in that same social media.
- (f) Shall not discuss Lodge notices, and/or any information contained in a Lodge notice, other than the time and place of the meeting to which the notice refers.
- (g) Shall never discuss anything related to the business of the Lodge or anything which is discussed within the tyled doors of the Lodge.
- (h) Shall never discuss any information relating to an application, or the background or investigation of an applicant.
- (i) Shall never discuss any information regarding a ballot upon an applicant.
- (j) Shall insure that the posting of pictures or videos of Lodge events shall comply with the By-Laws, rules regulations and Edicts.

**Statement:** The presence of New Jersey Freemasons on various social networking sites is growing exponentially and it is drawing attention to the Fraternity. By participating on such sites as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and others, we should strive to make that attention as positive as possible. When we represent ourselves as members of the Fraternity, we become someone's impression of Freemasonry. As such, it is important that we act accordingly, and subscribe to the lessons we are all taught as Masons, in terms of how we communicate and interact with Masons and Non-masons. This proposed protocol and Code of Conduct is intended to create specific guidelines and boundaries in the context of social media, in order to preserve the good character of the Fraternity, and the perceptions of the communities in which we live and work, of the good and wholesome nature of Freemasonry. We know and understand that the communications we present on social media are received far beyond the limited circle of our fraternity, and always presenting our

Masonic values in these communications will assist in nurturing the high regard in which the fraternity is held by those who know us; and in inculcating an understanding of the same among those unaware, uninformed or just learning about our Craft. By adopting these protocols, and not permitting our passions to overstep these bounds, we should not materially err.

RW Roger Quintana, PM BSMTMD # 35

RW Cory Sigler, PM Hawthorne Fortitude # 200

RW Roy Simpadian, PM Fidelity # 113

## ADD TO APPENDIX

### 94.1, Schedule of Voting

The Secret Ballot by Balls and Cubes Method. Reception of Charges for Unmasonic Conduct Majority against a member

Necessary for Affirmative Result. Secret Ballot

Jurisprudence Committee

## By Laws of the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey; Proposed Amendment to TITLE SIX, ARTICLE III, Section 3

### Current: ARTICLE III, Section 3

No person who shall have served for six years or more, consecutively, as a member of the Board, shall be eligible to serve again as trustee until at least three years shall have elapsed since the date on which he last served as a member. The period between two annual meetings shall be considered as a full year, regardless of the exact dates on which such meetings are held.

### Proposed: ARTICLE III, Section 3

*No person who shall have served for nine years or more, consecutively, as an elective member of the Board, whether elected or appointed, shall be eligible for election or appointment as an elective member of the Board until at least one year shall have elapsed since the date on which he last served as a member. This provision shall not require a member so elected to resign prior to the end of his elected term, notwithstanding such election would cause him to exceed nine consecutive years.* The period between two annual meetings shall be considered as a full year, regardless of the exact dates on which such meetings are held.

### Statement:

When the current by-laws were written in 1984 the duties of the members of the Board of the Masonic Charity Foundation were less technically complex and less time consuming than they are today. The Masonic population of New Jersey was at that time also considerably larger than it is currently. The MCF needs Board members with a mix of various technical skills, including health care, building and facilities management, finance, accounting, investment management, land development, leadership, law, fundraising, etc. The time commitment to serve well on the Board today is considerably more than the one day a month typically



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## 227<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Legislation

needed a quarter century ago. As a result it is becoming more difficult to attract qualified candidates for election. In the six elections between 2009 and 2014, candidates ran unopposed in four elections, and four candidates ran for three seats in the other two. This By-Law change will allow elective members of the Board (the nine members elected directly), if they choose to run for the office and if they are re-elected by the membership, to serve for an additional three year term. In addition, by specifying the term limit applies to the

elective positions only, the language clarifies that the restriction does not apply to a person who served as an elective member and was immediately thereafter elected Junior Grand Warden.

RW Richard P. Schmidt

RW Gregory J. Scott Peninsula Lodge #99

RW Edgar M. Coster Madison Lodge #93

WB Angelo A. Caprio Enterprise #31

South Jersey Past Masters Masonic Association

### Candidates Night SJPMMA

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Sea Oaks Country Club

99 Golf View Drive, Little Egg Harbor Township

\$35 per person

Contact your DDGM for Tickets

North Jersey Past Masters Masonic Association

### Candidates Night NJPMMA

Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

The Brownstone

351 West Broadway, Paterson

\$35 per person

Contact your DDGM for Tickets

Central Jersey Past Masters Masonic Association

### Candidates Night CJPMMA

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Forge Inn

1002 US 9, Woodbridge

\$45 per person

Contact your DDGM for Tickets





## Grand Lodge trip to Costa Rica

Grand Master Gerry Sharpe  
and First Lady Janice are  
pleased to announce their 2015

January 31 to February 7, 2015

Prices are per person based on double occupancy and are for the hotel only.

Airfare will be added when the rates are released by the airlines.

Junior Suite Garden View \$1589

Junior Suite Ocean View \$1694

### Single Rates:

Junior Suite Garden View \$2310

Junior Suite Ocean View \$2457

The Riu Palace Costa Rica is an all inclusive hotel which includes ALL your meals, drinks (premium alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages), taxes and tips.

Roundtrip transfers of \$76.00 are additional as well as trip cancellation insurance.

Please call Margie @ Seaview Travel 609-652-5010

for information on deposit requirements.

# 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR GOLF CLASSIC

for the benefit of

**“The Children’s Dyslexia Centers of New Jersey”**

at Burlington Country Club, Burrs Road, Westampton (Mt. Holly), NJ

## Monday, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

**10:00 AM REGISTRATION** and free gifts  
Complimentary warm-up at driving range

**11:00 AM LUNCH** Hot dogs, hamburgers, iced tea and lemonade

**12:00 PM SHOTGUN TEE-OFF** (best ball) scramble format  
Ladies and Seniors over “60” may play from the forward tees  
(except prize holes)

**HOLE-N-ONE** on selected par 3 wins you \$5,000 and \$5,000  
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**DRAWING** for chance to hit for One Million Dollars

Limited to first 100 players with full payment of \$165.00. Ladies are welcome!

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**HOLE SPONSOR:** Platinum-\$1,000.00 Gold-\$500.00 Silver-\$250.00 Bronze-\$100.00 (May purchase more than one)

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Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Exit NJ Turnpike at exit 5, right on Rt 541 approx 1 mile to Burrs Rd, left to Country Club. From I-295 exit 43B, south to Burrs Rd, left to Club. From Rt. 130-at Burlington take Rt. 541 south to Burrs Road, left to club. Need directions call: 609-267-1887.



Brothers, how often have you witnessed the transformation of hundreds of acres of landscape literally before your eyes and in less than an hour? I am willing to wager that most of you answered never!

On December 14, 2103 I was privileged to help participate in the transformation of Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC from lightly snow covered rolling hills with white head stones to rolling hills with white head stones and a green balsam wreath and red bow placed one after the other at each grave marker. That cold Saturday morning at 12:00 noon, with rain threatening 142,000 wreaths were laid on veterans graves by thousands of volunteers. And all this was done in quiet reverence and in less than an hour.



The evening prior to this ceremony at a dinner in a VFW Post in College Park, Maryland, Morrill Worcester addressed the gathering of well over 150 volunteer drivers, convoy escort personnel and Arlington organizers. I would like to share with you part of the speech he delivered that evening. Over the past 22 years of the Wreaths Across America program, to place wreaths not only at Arlington but at graves through out the United States and in Foreign Countries, he has been asked countless times "What is a Veteran's Wreath?"

He said and I quote, "A Veteran's Wreath is made up often balsam bouquets. Each bouquet helps describe a veteran. The first bouquet stands for the veteran's faith in God. The second bouquet stands for the veteran's love for one another. The third bouquet stands for the veteran's strength, work ethic and character. The fourth bouquet stands for the veteran's honesty and integrity. The fifth bouquet stands for the veteran's humility, selflessness and modesty. The sixth bouquet stands for the veteran's ambitions and aspirations. The seventh bouquet stands for the veteran's optimism for their fellow American and for our country. The eighth bouquet stands for the veteran's concern for the future and for future generations. The ninth bouquet stands for the veteran's pride in carrying out their duties. The tenth bouquet stands for the veteran's hopes and dreams that didn't always come true, but left them with no regrets.

Now, this wreath, made of the ten bouquets becomes a symbol of honor, respect and victory. It's made from evergreens which symbolizes longevity and endurance. Its circular shape symbolizes eternity as it has no beginning and no end. Its clean forest scent symbolizes purity and simplicity. Its red bow symbolizes great sacrifice.

So this year when you lay a wreath on a veteran's grave you'll know it's not just a wreath. It'll be your personal gift to an American Hero. And you'll swell with pride and you'll have a tear in your eye knowing you've done something very, very special."

As Morrill Worcester spoke, I felt, once again, the ties which originally drew me to the Wreaths Across America program, 5 years ago and those of my being a Mason. Did you pick up the words he used like faith in God, love for one another, character, honesty, integrity humility, country, future generations, hopes, no regrets? All words we find in our Masonic ritual.

In the past years our Grand Masters and elected line have been most supportive of this program, as have the Brothers of the Lodges in the 17<sup>th</sup> District and Lodges throughout the State of New Jersey. This year alone 288 wreaths were placed in cemeteries in Ocean and Monmouth counties all made possible by support of my Masonic Brothers. Three public ceremonies were also held on Bay Head, Point Pleasant and Freehold. All were held on December 14, 2013 at 12:00 noon.

This year on December 11, 2013 as the convoy from Maine made it's way to Arlington also marked the first year that a six foot wreath was placed in the outdoor plaza of the Statue of Liberty. Over 150 were in attendance and the invocation was offered by RW Michael Carducci, Grand Chaplin. Next year, according to Morrill Worcester, the plan is for the wreaths to be some 35 feet in diameter.

Brothers, the freedoms we enjoy are ours because of the service and sacrifices of our veterans and in many cases Brothers; who do sit and have sat in our Lodges, next to you and me. The shame is on us if we ever forget to remember them and their service.

If you wish to sponsor a wreath in 2014 contact me or visit the Wreaths Across America display at Grand Lodge in Atlantic. And if you choose to sponsor a wreath, may I repeat what Morrill Worcester has said, "It'll (the wreath) be your personal gift to an American Hero."

To all MY Brothers who have, over the years, and continue to support the Wreaths Across America program - MY SINCERE THANKS.





## Happenings at West Hill

By Most Worshipful Joe Rival, PGM

Great news, we were just notified that West Hill (the farmhouse, next to Fellowship Center – the old Grand Lodge Office), as of December 18, has been listed in the “**National Historic Register**”!!!! It has been a long and tension filled wait. In July we were voted to be listed as a NJ State Historic Site. **NOW**, we are waiting to hear if “Friends of West Hill” has been awarded a 501c3 status. On January 29, the Friends of West Hill held it’s Annual meeting and the following officers were elected: Joseph Rival – chairman, Carl Doan – vice-chairman, Judy Rival – sec/treas.

We were asked by the Burlington County Historic Sites to make a presentation before their meeting in January. RW Carl Doan represented the “Friends” and did an outstanding job; so much so that we have been asked to host the next meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The members of this organization were so impressed that they are anxious to visit and see this beautiful building. This is truly a giant jump for us as we are finally being recognized by the “historic community” as a site



worthy of notice and inclusion in historic New Jersey.

We are currently looking into a “wine pairing dinner” sometime about the middle of May. This is where you are served, usually, 3 foods and then you sample some wines that would be a good choice to “pair” with the food. We are also looking into the possibility of hosting a “Masonic beer crafters” fair. Since June will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the surgery on Suzanna Emlen – in the house, we are considering a walk-a-thon for breast cancer to honor her memory. There is also the possibility of a Civil War Re-enactment in the fall.

It’s amazing to think that just a few years ago, we thought the farmhouse was just an old building that some wanted to

tear down. **NOW**, we are finding out there is quite an historic attachment to this historic manor house.

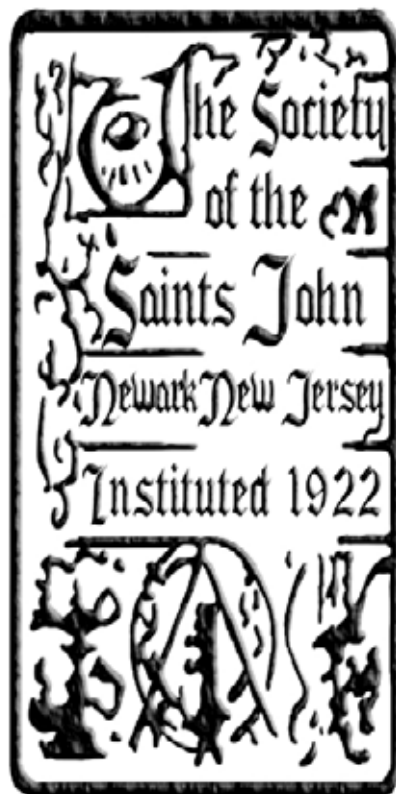
Stay tuned, more is “Happening at West Hill”.

## The Society of the Saints John

By President RW Patrick C Weisgerber Sr.

**What is it, what is its purpose and who can be a member?** Well, I decided to ask these questions to a couple of Past Grand Masters who are members. One said, “*the Society is a group of dedicated Master Masons who get together to socialize, network and share in each others company*”, another one thought, “*the Society proved a great place to make new Masonic friends from all over the State*”, and then this PGM said, “*the Society of the Saints John was formed to expand our experiences in and about Freemasonry, in a social setting on a wonderful evening of Brotherhood with an added bonus of an excellent meal, drink and an interesting Masonic presentation/paper by a learned Brother.*” So, the PGMs answered two of the three questions leaving me to answer the third one, WHO can be a member....YOU!

The Society of the Saints John meets three times a year. At each meeting there is a social hour with hors d'Oeuvres and a cash bar, a first class buffet dinner and then a short presentation by a learned Brother. The yearly dues are \$85.00 all inclusive except for the bar. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact me at EUST73@gmail.com for further information. BTW you are a guest at your first meeting. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at Scottish Rite Central Valley in Bordentown.





By NJF Staff Writer Bro. Martin Bogardus, 32°

The increasing presence of New Jersey Freemasons on various social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, (among others) has drawn unprecedented attention to our fraternity. Whereas once our actions were limited to public-private interactions and printed media, our presence is now felt through our electronic footprint as well. When we represent ourselves to be members of the Fraternity online, we become the world's impression of what Freemasonry is. As such, it is vitally important that we conduct ourselves accordingly as befitting the Craft when communicating with both Masons and non-Masons alike since we rarely get a second opportunity to correct a poor first impression.

Collingswood Cloud Lodge's introduction with Social Media began in November, 2011, after a lodge discussion yielded fruit concerning how to better serve the needs of our brethren. Though our website does a good job of communicating information to the brethren; it was recommended to us that by using Social Media, it could help us provide more timely up and up-to-date information to our membership by taking advantage of the connectivity of groups that Social Media provides. Changes in venue or cancellations could be sent out at the click of a button to be received. And with each interaction, the potential for personal relationships to be strengthened is advanced; to reach out to an errant brother who has strayed from the craft, to comfort a grieving widow in her time of sorrow, or an opportunity to congratulate our brethren on job well done.

As we grew, a wonderful thing happened; conversations with our brethren outside of Collingswood, NJ, became more frequent, followed by more interactions with other lodges in the 18th District and the State. Soon we were breaking through borders in neighboring states and finally countries around the world. Our ability to interact with brethren ceased to be limited by our geography and was only limited by our desire to fellowship.

Fast forward to today; having had the distinct honor and privilege of speaking with so many distinguished brothers around the world, I wanted to share some of the wonderful stories I experienced while serving as our electronic ambassador both here and abroad. So, the engineer in me thought about the best way to accomplish this feat and I decided to create a map of the world plotting each location of every person who has a relationship with Collingswood Cloud Lodge.

The results were simply nothing short of amazing. At the time of this article we have relationships with over 1341 Freemasons, Eastern Star members and Masonic Widows in all 50 states in America and in 62 countries around the world. What makes this fact so compelling is that beyond initially inviting our brethren to become members, we did

not solicit or request people to become friends with us. On the contrary, each person who requests friendship is carefully questioned and vetted to see if they have something meaningful to contribute to our group. If the answer is no, then they are politely declined.

Our demographics were divided roughly between 71% U.S. (952) and 29% (389) non U.S. members though some people were difficult to place by location, e.g. military servicemen serving overseas, expatriates, people declining to list current location or hometown. Our criteria for determining residency were length of habitation in locale - 1 year or more to qualify as their residence, or to use their hometown in absence of other information.

As expected, most of our friends in the U.S. were located in the northeast part of the United States - about half - and the balance were in the northwest, south, mid-west, and southwest. Our next biggest demographic was in South America (143) of which 89 were from Brazil, then (128) in Europe of which 42 were from United Kingdom, Pacific Rim including Australia was (58) of which 22 were from the Philippines' and 15 were from Australia, Eastern Europe had (34) of which 22 were from Romania, Russia had 5, and Ukraine 2, Middle East had (26) of which 11 were from Lebanon, for a total of 389.

But, Freemasonry is more about fellowship and fraternity than just densities and demographics. It's about brotherly love and friendship between Masons whether across the aisle or across the world. It's watching great events unfold like witnessing the rebirth of Freemasonry in Egypt after 50 years of Masonic darkness, where being a Mason is more than a casual choice of an organization to belong, but an act of conviction, a declaration of war against those who would tell us what we can and cannot think. I had spoken several times with these brothers after the Arab Spring and listened to how their desire for masonry changed the political landscape of the country and made them better men. How I admired these courageous men, risking the lives of themselves and their families if extremists ever learned their true identities. As George Orwell opined: "In a time of universal deceit - telling the truth is a revolutionary act." It makes me take a hard look at myself when I grumble about conditions in the U.S. and realize how fortunate we are to openly come together and fellowship.

Another thing I'm interested in is how Masons in other countries greet each other and identify themselves. As we use /G\ , G.O.A.T.U. or SMIB in our correspondence, many other countries' fraternal greetings include ∴ or ∴ in their salutation - a nod to the 47<sup>th</sup> Problem of Euclid of which we all familiar. Brothers from Brazil typically say, T. F. A. ∴ **tríplice e fraternal abraço** - 'triple fraternal embrace' in English. Masons in Spanish speaking countries use T. A. F. ∴ **El Triple Abraço Fraternal** (T. ∴ A. ∴ F. ∴) but it means the same exact thing. In Mexico they use, "**Muchas gracias por**" ➤



# Freemasonry and the Social Dynamic (continued)

**su amistad QQ.: HH.:** - many thanks for your friendship.  
Q: H.: is shorthand for Dear Brother.

In France, Masons use **F.** (for Fraternity or brother), **T.:C.:F.:** **Tres Cher Frère**, meaning Very Dear Brother, or **S.:S.:S.:** the initials of the Latin word **Salutem**, meaning Greeting, repeated thrice and also found in the French as **Trois Fois Salut**, meaning Thrice Greeting. Also, in the Philippines' they have a wonderful custom between Masons; they call each other "**kuyang**" originating from the Tagalog word **kuya** meaning brother. Even more interesting is that when a younger mason is addressing an elder mason, he uses the Tagalog honorific po as in "**po kayung**" to show veneration and respect.

Of course there is no perfect way to greet a brother, other than with the same respect you would have him accord you, as you would in any encounter whether in person or on-line. What is important is that we remember - **what we say online today will stay with us for the rest of Masonic careers.** I am reminded of the Fellowcraft Charge about when conversing with other brothers, **to judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice.** Let's walk together and tread carefully, as our footprint will be seen for a very long time. /G\







# YANKEE CLUB & CONFERENCE CENTER



Located on the luxury suite level behind home plate, the Yankee Club includes a 90 minute all-you-can-eat buffet. This upscale hospitality area features a collection of Major League Baseball memorabilia, Audio/Visual capabilities, private wait service, a fully stocked bar with bartender and balcony seating. The room is climate controlled, has several TVs and features large windows overlooking the playing field.

***Sunday Aug 10th, 2014 5:05 PM start***

## Picnic Menu

### Entrees

**Hamburgers**

**Hot Dogs**

**BBQ Chicken**

### Sides

**Potato Salad**

**Garden Salad**

**Baked Beans**

### Snacks

**Chips**

**Cookies**

Fountain soda and water is included with the buffet.  
Beer, wine and bottled water can be purchased separately.

**\$34 per ticket**

## Grand Staff 2014 Day at the Trenton Thunder!

Come join the Grand Master and First Lady for a day at the ballpark. Sit in air conditioned Yankee Club and watch the Trenton Thunder (Yankees) play the Akron Aeros (Cleveland) at Arm & Hammer Park in Trenton, NJ.

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# 2014 Officer's Seminar Presentations Online



Masons in Action

In case you missed the seminar that was held on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Trenton Historical Masonic Temple the presentations are now available on Youtube.com

**R.W. Roy Simpadian “Leadership”**

<http://youtu.be/HcmNAGfoDs4>



**Brother Robert Howard- “Mentoring Program”**

<http://youtu.be/44f4NcU37vo>



Or search for “Roger Quintana” who has uploaded almost 50 videos of Masonic events throughout the state.

## Cycle for Survival



*Submitted by Joseph Carney, Worshipful Master, Livingston #11 F&AM*

On Saturday February 8, 2014 members of Livingston Lodge #11, participated in the Annual Cycle for Survival at Equinox Gym in Summit, NJ. This daylong cycling event raises

money for rare cancer research for Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Our eight man team called the ‘Masonic Maniacs’ raised over three thousand dollars in ten days. The charity has amassed over 14 million dollars since January 2014, making it their highest total ever in one season ever.



# 2014 Grand Master's Golf Outing

**Monday - June 16, 2014**

Registration - 11:00 A.M.

Shotgun Start - 12:30 P.M.

Social Hour - 5:30 P.M.

Dinner, Prizes & Awards - 6:30 P.M.

Location - Sea Oaks Country Club, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

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# National Sojourners Evening Under the Stars

*Submitted WB Moises Gomez, Vice President, National Sojourners Northern New Jersey, Chapter No. 42.*

On Saturday 22, 2014 members and guests gathered to celebrate President and Brother George Washington's Birthday. National Sojourners, Northern New Jersey Chapter No. 42 held its meeting at the Ford Mansion & Museum in Morristown, NJ and presented our guest speaker Illustrious William "Bill" Sizemore II, RADM US Navy Retired, and Grand Executive Director for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, SMJ. Our meeting was opened in due form by Chapter President Maj, Robert Garvey, US Army, Retired. The colors were posted and the Toast to the Flag was presented by Past National Sojourners President William "Bill" Turner and his lady Patti in colonial uniform.

We were very honored to have with us RW Anthony Montuori, SGW of The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and Lt. Col. Keye Perry, Sr, National President of the National Sojourners.

This location has special significance in US history. For a time during the Revolutionary War the Ford Mansion served as Headquarters for the Continental Army under Washington's command. So it was fitting to hold our meeting at this historic location while celebrating Washington's Birthday. As part of the ceremonies we invited members of Potomac Lodge No. 5 of Washington D.C. to attend our evening along with the Washington Gavel. This wonderful and unique artifact which was used by President George Washington during the Masonic ceremony of the Cornerstone Laying Dedication of the US Capitol on September 18, 1793. After the ceremonies he presented the Gavel as a gift to then Potomac Lodge No. 9 ( now no. 5 ) The Gavel was displayed for all to see and take pictures after which members of the lodge gave a

brief presentation on the history of the Gavel by WB William Turner, WB Don Holliday and WB Pierre Goze from Potomac Lodge. No. 5.

This meeting was closed in due form and in tribute to the extraordinary man and Freemason President and Brother George Washington.

The Purposes of National Sojourners shall be to organize Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Senior Non-Commissioned Officers of the uniformed services (past and present) of the United States, and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons, into Chapters, for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true Patriotism and Americanism throughout the Nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed forces of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military need of National Defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the National Security.

I would like to personally extend a sincere thanks to all those who participated in organizing this wonderful event and for making it an enjoyable evening for all. Especially to Chapter President Maj, Robert Garvey, US Army for allowing me to organize this event, WB Michael S. Rothman, Worshipful Master of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10. for his support, to the members of Cincinnati Lodge No. 3 in Morristown, NJ for allowing the use of their lodge to have our dinner before the meeting, and William Maurer for setting up a wonderful display at the museum containing artifacts and documents from Brother George Washington.







## 18<sup>th</sup> District Aids Philippines Typhoon Victims

Masons in Action

*Submitted by WB Bud Madgey, PM. Laurel Lodge No. 237*

Recently the Brethren of the 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District conducted a relief effort to aid the victims of the devastating typhoon that struck a large geographical area of the Philippines. The Brethren of the district collected clothing, food, water and other much needed supplies and sent nine large cargo boxes to assist in the relief efforts. We also received great cooperation from Hiram Lodge No. 5 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of NJ, who upon hearing of our endeavor, collected several bags of clothing and relief items along with 30 cases of water to be sent with the items that we collected.



## Fidelity Brother Receives Plaque for Blood Donation

*By Edgar (Skip) Schmidt PGC, State Blood Chairman*

On December 5, 2013, I had the privilege to not only watch Distinguish Brother Larry Williams elected to the Office of Junior Warden of Fidelity Lodge # 113 in Ridgewood, but with the help of his son, Senior Warden Frank Williams and Right Worshipful Roy Simpadian, Grand Chaplain, present a

plaque from the Grand Lodge to honor Brother Williams for donating over 500 pints of blood to mankind. This amounts to over 63 gallons from one individual, and to help save many lives that might have been lost. We thank the brother for the donation he has made over thirty years.



*Pictured: R.W. Raoy Simpadian, Grand Chaplain • R.W. Doug Dampman, DDGM of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District • D.B. Larry Williams, 2014 Junior Warden • W.B. Adam O'Brien, 2014 Worshipful Master • RW Edgar (Skip) Schmidt State Blood Chairman • Bro Frank Williams, 2014 Senior Warden*

## MCF of NJ Plans Renovation & Improvements

Beginning in the spring of 2014, the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey will commence renovations to an existing building to provide 84 retirement living units on its 450-acre campus. The first units are expected to open in August 2014. As part of the construction, accessibility improvements also will be made to the front entrance.

The Board of the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey retained Ashlar Creative Solutions, a consulting and management firm owned by the Masonic Villages of Pennsylvania, to provide development services for the reconstruction and marketing of the residential living building on the Masonic Home of New Jersey campus. Partners in the project include the award-winning Wohlsen Construction Company and RLPS Architects of Lancaster, Pa.

*"I am pleased that in two months, we have reserved over 100 percent of the 84 apartments. This repositioning is important for our mission, and it has been our pleasure working with Ashlar Creative Solutions,"* David A. Dorworth, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and chairman of the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey, said.

The renovated space will include a mix of one-bedroom, one-bedroom deluxe, two-bedroom and two-bedroom/den residences and the addition of a wellness center. Residents will have access to on-campus amenities including art and ceramic studios, beauty shops, an ice cream parlor, putting green, restaurant dining, walking paths, a woodshop and a chapel. Monthly service fees include optional dining plans, housekeeping and maintenance of residences, and snow and trash removal, among other services. Monthly service fees will range from \$2,500 to \$4,100.

*"In addition to this modernization project, the Masonic Home will offer residents enhanced programming and social and recreational opportunities to maximize the potential services and amenities for residents and the community,"* Cindy Shemansky, administrator, said.

*"We are pleased with the great progress we have made with marketing,"* said Jennifer Schwalm, president of Ashlar Creative Solutions. *"Thirty-six reservations in the first two months is tremendous and shows, with the strong reputation of the Masonic Home of New Jersey and the right project, how successful our Masonic communities can be."*

Since its inception in 1898, the Masonic Home of New Jersey has been committed to providing superior care and enhanced quality of life for its residents. It is a leading senior care community in Burlington, N.J., which is open to the public and provides retirement living, assisted living, skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation services, respite care and hospice care. Learn more at [www.njmasonic.org](http://www.njmasonic.org).

With Masonic Villages of Pennsylvania's 140+ years of long-term care and community service experience, its newly launched Ashlar Creative Solutions looks at businesses with a fresh, experienced perspective. The firm assists organizations with management services; development services for new or expanded programs and services; educational programming; operational mission reviews, including revenue enhancements and efficiency measures; fundraising consulting services; and strategic planning services. More information on Ashlar Creative Solutions is at [www.ashlarcreativesolutions.com](http://www.ashlarcreativesolutions.com).

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