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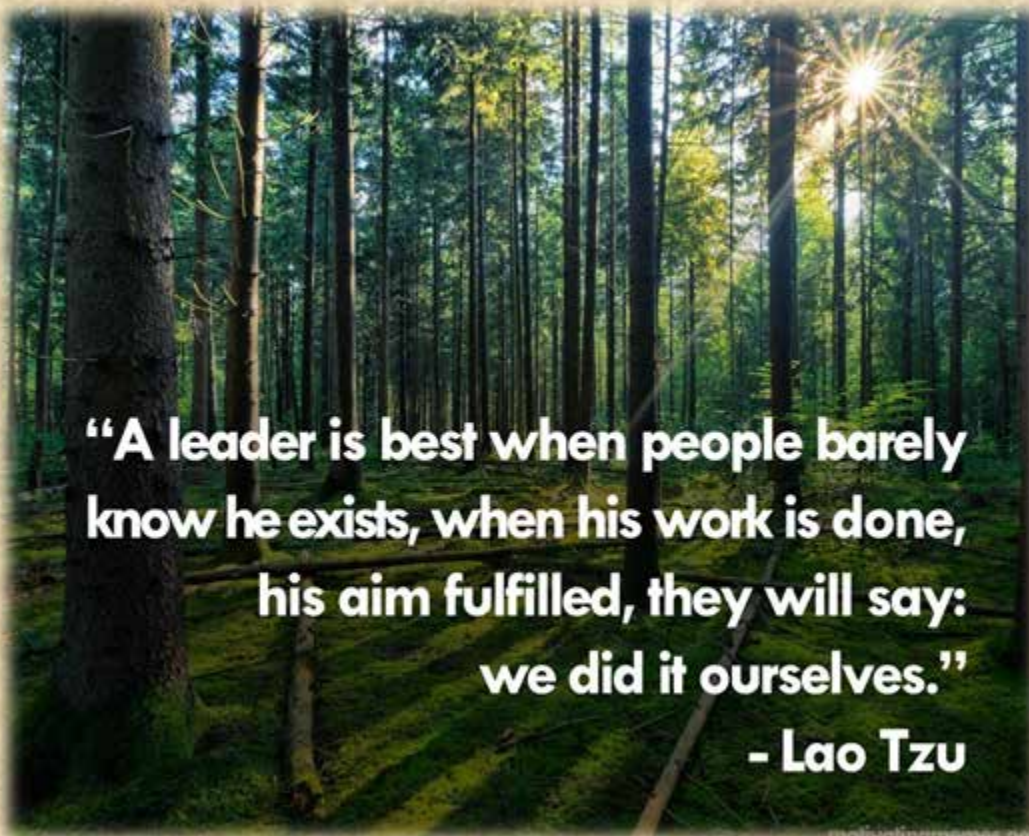
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Grand Master

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**“A leader is best when people barely
know he exists, when his work is done,
his aim fulfilled, they will say:
we did it ourselves.”**

- Lao Tzu

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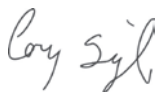
Brethren,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer break and are ready to get back to business. From all the submissions we've received during the summer months I can see that going dark didn't stop you from continuing doing the work of a Mason.

I would like to thank our Most Worshipful Grand Master for asking me to continue on as your Editor and aim to keep bringing the Brethren of New Jersey the best educational and enlightening information in each and every issue of "The New Jersey Freemason".

If there is anything you would like to see covered or have any suggestions please send them to EditorNJF@yahoo.com.

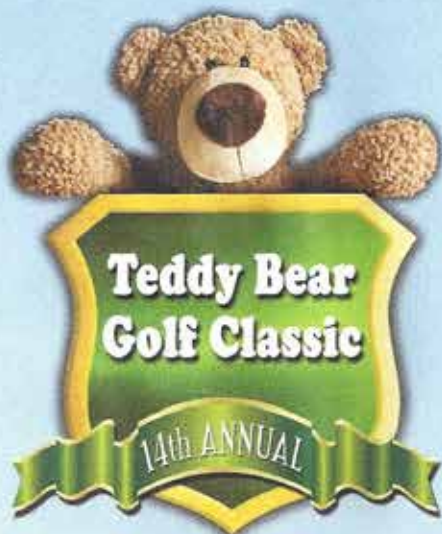
Yours in the Craft



RW Cory Sigler

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Grand Master's Message



Grand Lodge

My Brothers,

When I was elected and installed Junior Grand Warden I knew there was a long journey ahead of learning and collecting and sorting the knowledge,

necessary protocol, and honing personal and business skills for the major office of Grand Master.

As Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master there is a certain amount of responsibility that increases each year. But the ultimate office of Grand Master is where, in the words of Most Worshipful Harry S. Truman, PGM, Missouri, -is where the buck stops!

I have always been fair, honest and above board, doing everything "by the book" with everyone throughout my life. I have lived that way and will continue in my short term as your Grand Master to respect my obligation to lead and govern the Craft pursuant to the rules, regulations and the Constitution and Laws of our Great Fraternity. I stay committed to you my Brothers 1000 percent. How can I go wrong when I have over 20,000 helpers?

We have started on a great year of programs and projects with many more coming up. I urge you to join the Grand Lodge, your Lodge and your Brethren to have a meaningful and memorable Masonic Year.

We have had our church service, my Reception, The Annual Visscher parade, we have marched in my town (Florham Park) 4th of July parade, and with numerous Staff, Lodge Brothers, Kilties Color Guard, Salaam Shrine and Oriental Band, DeMolay, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Shrine Trolley and many Scottish Rite Dignitaries, followed by a fantastic BBQ at the Stein residence, courtesy of Hank and Karen assisted by many members from throughout the State.

The Grand Master's Golf Tournament was held at Sea Oaks Country Club again this year. There was a threat of rain that never came about, and the 150 or so golfers and supporters enjoyed a wonderful day of sunshine, brotherhood and warmth. The food was excellent and the prizes were outstanding.

We have had many Lodge visitations for significant anniversaries, a public dedication at the site for the new Raritan Valley Lodge building under construction, which was covered by local newspapers, attended by the Mayor and council and a large showing of Brothers.

We had the honor to visit Brethren as far as Providence Rhode Island to present a 70 year token to a Brother, 107 years young, and we were accompanied by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, many of their Brothers and a large group of my staff and aides. We also visited another 70 year token honoree more locally situated. At both events we were also privileged to have many of their family members in attendance. Also our historic meeting and dinner with the Grand Master of the Philippines, his Staff and Plaridel Lodge was an experience to remember.

Among the many upcoming events will be a cornerstone ceremony in Caldwell, with Essex Lodge #7, at the home and museum of President Grover Cleveland, which will be attended by many dignitaries from throughout the State

and Country. Keep your eyes open for notices on the Grand Lodge Calendar, your lodge trestleboards, the daily Freemason posting and Facebook for these interesting and worthwhile events. Don't forget our "Wyatt Earp Shoot" (contact RW Mike Holt). These events will become a part of our history so don't miss out. Our cruise in September to the northeast United States and Canada has been on line and well-advertised.

Finally, we are planning a trip to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in October and will visit House of the Temple with a family style dinner at the famous "Carmines" in Washington. Long day, but again, well worth the effort.

My Brothers I am proud to be your Grand Master, my Staff and I are working for you. Join us and be part of your fraternity and your Lodge.

Again I thank you for your continued support and confidence.

God Bless the United States of America and our Military.

God Bless you all, Enjoy your Freemasonry, your family and life itself.

Yours in the Craft,

M.W. Anthony W. Montuori
Grand Master

September

- 5 Hawthorne Fortitude #200 Centennial
- 6 MSA-OV East Orange VA
- 8 GLI #3 - DGM
- 10 - 19 GM Cruise
- 16 Deputy School
- 20 OV: Cornerstone Laying - Grover Cleveland Birthplace
- 23 First District Golf Outing
- 28 Teddy Bear Golf Outing

October

- 3 PV: ANC Wreath Laying and Scottish Rite
- 4 - 5 Grand Lodge of Delaware
- 9 Phillipsburg #52 Table Lodge
- 10 Square and Compasses Day
- 11 200th Anniversary of Navesink 9
- 14 NJ 33rd Society Dinner
- 17 JGW Reception
- 18 Washington Association of Masons
- 21 Board Meeting and Deputy School
- 23 - 25 Masonic Leadership Conference
- 27 SJPM&W Association's Fall Meeting
- 28 OV: Brearley #2 - 225th Anniversary
- 29 Reception #2/8

November

- 2 Reception #3/4
- 4 PV: Table Lodge, Wyckoff 287
- 7 GMO: Deputy's Charity Ball
- 9 GLI #21 - SGW
- 11 PV: Table Lodge at Mt Moriah #28
- 19 Reception #5
- 21 Grand Master's Class: VoCNJ & VoNNJ Reunion
- 28 PV: GL Museum Beefsteak & Basket Auction

December

- 5 Feast of St. John
- 16 Board Meeting and Deputy School
- 21 Gothic-Fraternal Lodge #270 Installation

Grand Master's 2015 Calendar

Deputy Grand Master's Message



Brethren,

This spring, the Grand Master along with the elected Grand Lodge officers traveled to the former site of Raritan Valley Lodge to perform the Ceremony of Consecration. Their Masonic Temple was destroyed during a vicious winter storm. Immediately, the brethren of the Lodge began plans to build a new Masonic edifice. It was important to the members that they maintain their presence in the community.

Many Freemasons, townspeople and local dignitaries attended the ground breaking ceremony. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Anthony W. Montouri with the Elected Line consecrated the future building site with corn, wine and oil. Afterwards, he gave an inspiring message.

Raritan Valley Lodge and the Grand Lodge officers are looking forward to the cornerstone laying ceremony of this new Masonic edifice. It was wonderful celebrating the future of Raritan Valley Lodge's new temple. The Temple will serve as the visible presence that Freemasonry is alive and well in the community.

I speak at various Grand Lodges of Instruction about change. As we evolve as men and Masons, it is inevitable the we

might entertain the notion that we need to seek change. However, our Masonry teaches us such messages of great importance that need not change with the times. I believe that rather than changing our Lodges, we must transform them to make them more relevant. We must continue to educate our new members, encourage their ideas, look forward to their participation and congratulate them on their accomplishments.

In closing, consider this quote. *"I have yet to find the man, however exalted his station, who did not do better work and put forth greater effort under a spirit of approval than under a spirit of criticism."* Charles M. Schwab

My brothers "Embrace the Future."

R.W. Walter R. Kaulfers
Deputy Grand Master

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, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

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Senior Grand Warden's Message



Grand Lodge

Look up at the Blue Sky

Are you ready to start thinking creatively in new and original ways for Freemasonry to be

relevant in today's society?

Take a moment and look up at a beautiful Blue Sky. The Blue Sky is seemingly endless, makes you relaxed with powerful positive feelings. It gives you hope and energy. The Blue Sky lets you dream about anything and everything without judgment so that you do not ask yourself "why", but "why not". Zig Zigler says *"Your attitude will determine your altitude"*. One of my favorite songwriters, Jimmy Buffet, puts it another way when he sings *"changes in latitude, changes in attitude."*

In Freemasonry, if we feel confined, restricted and fearful of the future by changes in attitude in our society, then we will be confined, restricted and fearful of the future. The ancient Hermetics said that life is a great pendulum, either going up or down. They also said that you could change its direction at any given moment by your attitude.

If we look up at the Blue Sky, using our **MASONIC GPS** of Groundwork, Passion and Skills, and make a conscious decision to move the pendulum upward again, then it will happen. Have no doubt that we can achieve anything

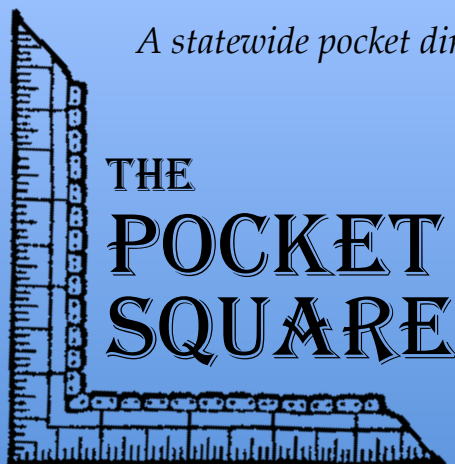
with our attitude. If we all think that way, then with the multiplier effect, the pendulum will have no choice but to move upward.

How do we begin? By acting and being selfless to each other at all times. By believing in each other. By supporting each other. By creating an environment in Freemasonry that respects the past and paves the way to the future that encourages all Brethren to be a part of it. Every effort should be made to convey, explain and exemplify that through Freemasonry we are relevant today, perhaps even more so than ever before. There are many, many ways to achieve this in our great craft.

Brethren, our Craft is great, make no mistake about it. Then, today, and tomorrow, our Craft will be great. It has been said, *"your greatness is not what you have, your greatness is what you give."* Let's look up at the Blue Sky, leading the way to the future with an attitude of greatness.

Fraternally,

Dieter B. Hees
Senior Grand Warden



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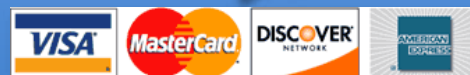
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Grand Lodge

Junior Grand Warden's Message



Brethren,

Will the Millennial Generation do more to change the face of the Craft than the Baby Boomers or X generations their fathers or the Veteran generation's their grandfathers? The Veteran's generations are those born before 1943. The Veteran's generation is referred to today as the "Greatest Generation." The Baby Boomers are those born between 1943 and 1964. Their children are the X Generation, born between 1964 and 1985 and the Millennial Generation born between 1986 and the early 2000s. The Millennials are the first generation to grow up completely digital. They are the 4th generation in our lodge's mix of generations. Technology for them is not something new or something to be mastered. It is just part of the environment. They grew up in a highly programmed and highly structured environment. When I was a kid, my mom would tell me to go out and play. Millennial kids had supervised "play dates." They went on to a very busy family calendar. Millennial kids had soccer teams, tae kwon do clubs, adventure clubs, the list goes on. When millennial kids wanted to get together calendars had to be checked. Living this programmed life means that Millennials grew you in structured social groups. Millennials are more likely to be joiners. They are more open to and willing to join groups than their parents the Baby Boomers and Generation X. Getting along and working in teams is essential to Millennials, they grew up solving problems in teams. Since they are so comfortable in groups they are joiners. Those looking at Free Masonry are looking for a meaningful and authentic experience. They are attracted to our "old" ways. Expediency

Masonry turns this generation away.

They are not interested in just having a business meeting. They are savvy consumers. To them Masonry is a collaboration not something to be consumed. Recent surveys reveal that for Millennials love and respect trumps money as a source of "status." Unlike their parents with bumper stickers that read "whoever dies with the most toys win" for the Millennials it is "whoever dies with the most friends wins." This is a shift that is important to Masonry. Millennials carry the best qualities of their previous generations. They have the team spirit of the Boomers. They have the "can do" attitude of the Greatest and the technological savvy of the X Generation. They are more likely to sacrifice personal benefit for the good of the group. Shared experience is important to them. They are not looking for "drive through" Freemasonry. Millennials don't want easy Freemasonry. They want real, meaningful and authentic. They are team players looking for leaders that are facilitators. They are used to structured environments. They are looking for meaningful Masonic Labor.

Fraternally,

Roger Quintana
Junior Grand Warden

Happenings at West Hill

Submitted by MW Joseph Rival, PGM

GREAT NEWS!!! We were just notified today that we have been **awarded a grant of \$4,000** by the NJ Historic Trust!!! We have some paperwork to fill out before we actually get the check, but it has finally happened. We have tried several times in the past and been turned down each time but, now things are finally starting to come together. This money will be used to reimburse the MCF for some of the money that they spent to repair the foundation walls.

Please keep Saturday, Sept. 5th in mind as we will be having a "work party" that day. Since Outreach & Development will be moving out, we would like to start the renovation of the second floor. Carpets will need to be taken up, lighting fixtures removed, walls patched and some more PAINTING to be done. It seems like there is always painting to be done. Refreshments will be supplied. We have actually had some bedroom furniture donated in anticipation of the restoration. Everyone is welcome.

Don't forget Sept. 26th. That's the day of the Civil War Encampment!! Each year it gets better. President Lincoln will join us and possibly Mrs. Lincoln also. There will be person weaving baskets from the 1800s. And don't forget that loud cannon - WOW!! After things have quieted down some we will be having some entertainment from the 6th NH as they sing and string around the campfire just like the soldiers did during the Civil War. Entrance to the Encampment (10 - 4pm) is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Admission to the campfire (7:30 - 9pm) will be \$10 per person. On Friday night RW Roger Quintana, our JGW, will be hosting a renowned medium at the Manor House. She will be investigating our ghost and will investigate any souls of departed friends and relatives for the audience also. Please contact RW Quintana for more information. It should be very interesting.

Things are really starting to pick up and we are very excited. Stay tuned for more "Happenings at West Hill" in the next issue.

An Evening with the Spirit of West Hill

Featuring Rev. Janet Nohavec

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Rev. Janet Nohavec is internationally known for her evidential mediumship. She is an approved overseas tutor for the prestigious Arthur Findlay College in Stansted, England. A former Roman Catholic nun, she has been featured extensively on television, radio and printed press. Her client base extends to over 20 countries and her private reading waitlist runs over a year. Her evidential form of mediumship has been researched by several university groups. Her private practice and church are based in Pompton Lakes, NJ.

West Hill is a historic manor house that was built between May 1797 and July 1799 for Samuel and Susanna Emlen.



Grand Lodge

Breaking New Ground

Spot Light on
NJ Freemasonry

Submitted by RW Moises I. Gomez, Grand Historian

Out of adversity and tragedy comes hope, out of darkness comes light. This Masonic Temple will rise again like the mythical bird Phoenix who rises out of the ashes to be reborn once again. This could be said of Raritan Valley Lodge No. 46 when on February 14, 2014 the lodge suffered a catastrophic roof collapse due to a heavy accumulation of snow and ice. This Temple, which had served the brethren well for almost sixty years, was now in ruins. This tragic event however did not deter the brethren in their quest to rebuild. From the moment they received the disheartening call from town officials that their beloved building had collapsed, they jumped right into action in true Masonic fashion and began to salvage what they could. Many of their precious artifacts and accoutrements which had been held by this lodge since time and memorial were now lost in the blink of an eye. Tragedies like what this lodge suffered are very difficult to deal with and comprehend. However, from that very day this lodge and its members had already made up their resolve not to dwell on what had just occurred, but instead pulled their resources together and began the long process to rebuild their beloved temple.

Like their predecessors, this lodge comes from a long lineage of freemasons who aspire in the face of adversity and put their best foot forward. This lodge traces its roots back to 1767 when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania warranted Basking Ridge Lodge No. 10. Many members of this lodge were very influential, and played key roles in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1786. The lodge was re-named Solomon's Lodge No. 1 in 1787 and for the next forty years they met in many locations throughout Somerset County. This lodge went dark for several years, as did many lodges during the anti-masonic period. It once again surfaced in Somerville re-chartered as Solomon's Lodge No. 46. It



would continue to meet as such they merged with Eastern Lodge No. 105 of Bound Brook, forming Raritan Valley Lodge No. 46 in 2005.

This lodge and its brethren have served this community for many generations, and has been a beacon of light to its citizens. Always involved in community affairs the lodge laid the cornerstone of the Historic Somerset County Court House building in 1907, and re-dedicated it again on its 100th anniversary in 2007. It can be said that this lodge is a foundry of great men. Since the Revolutionary War of which over forty of its members fought, and participated in. It has also included men who were pillars and leaders of the community. Which include Bro Fred Hess a one-time Mayor of Somerville, and Speaker of the NJ State Assembly, and even a U.S. Ambassador all were forged in the halls of this great temple.

On March 11, 2015, the Somerville Planning Board approved the plans for a new temple on the site. This building will consist of two floors, and 10,000 square feet ➤



GM of Philippines Makes Official Visit to NJ



Grand Lodge

It is not every year that the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines gets to visit the Northeast part of the United States of America, thereby making July 2, 2015 a very significant date for Filipino-American Masons of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey.

MW Tomas G. Rentoy III on his way to the Imperial Session of Shriners International in Houston, TX made a very special effort to visit the Grand Lodge of New Jersey so as to have fellowship and break bread with the Brothers of Plaridel Lodge No. 302 and the Grand Line of our Jurisdiction. MW Rentoy had been communicating with me since last January, and telling me; "*Kuyang Val, help me look for ways and means to make into fruition my plans of visiting the Garden State.*"

The affair was graced no less by the presence and a personal visit of MW Anthony W. Montuori, the Grand Master of Masons of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey. And for all these, MW Rentoy, his Lady Nancy, and his delegation would like to express their most profound appreciation and "Thank You" to the Brethren of New Jersey most specially to GM Anthony W. Montuori,



his Lady Roe, the Past Grand Masters, the elected line and the whole Grand Staff for giving him such a magnificent and awesome reception.

It might be of interest to note by the Brethren that MW Rentoy's relationship with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey goes a little deeper and started when he was still the Junior Grand Warden and Illustrious Potentate of the Mabuhay Shrine Temple of the Philippines. At that point in time, I was called and requested by RW Glenn Visscher, Chairman of the Museum Committee and the late MW Bill Morris, Grand Secretary to help the Museum of Masonic Culture on finalizing the World Fez Collection. My mission was to procure the Mabuhay Shrine Fez and when I went to Kuyang Tom (Bro Tom) as he is fondly called - without batting an eye, he says to me, "*Kuyang Val, I will give you my personal Mabuhay Fez and Pin to use as you deem fit.*" Last week, he spoke with RW Glenn Visscher at

the Peninsula Lodge reception and promised to give and donate to the Museum whatever he can find in the Philippines to augment our Museum Collection. And Brethren, the rest is History.

Breaking New Ground

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of space including a dining room, offices, kitchen, and a lodge meeting room.

The members of this lodge led by its Worshipful Master Joseph K. Barbara wanted to kick off this auspicious occasion in true Masonic fashion. They invited the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to assist with breaking in a new era in this lodges long, and distinguished history.

On June 28, 2015, MW Anthony W. Montuori, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey along with the Grand staff were invited to participate in the Groundbreaking ceremonies. The Grand Master opened Grand Lodge for the purpose of symbolically consecrating the ground in the time old tradition using the Corn-Wine-Oil ceremony, in preparation for the groundbreaking. In front of a large crowd of spectators, the Grand Master along with the elected line, Mayor Brian Gallagher, Worshipful Master, and members from the lodge, district, and Grand staff members proceeded to break ground. In true fashion, they all put on their hard hats, grabbed their shovels led by our Grand Master who was giving a ceremonial Golden shovel. They all then broke ground together paving the way for a new temple. Reminiscent of the Union Pacific Railroad driving in the last Golden

Spike connecting the East and West coast of America. This Golden Shovel would also connect once again the close ties between Freemasonry and the community it serves. (This is the web site link to the newspaper article) <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/local/somerset-county/2015/06/29/somerville-masonic-lodge-breaks-ground/29471669/>

It is not often one can participate in such an event steeped in history, and involving the whole community. I must say it was truly an awe-inspiring moment one, I shall not soon forget. The prosperity and commitment displayed by this lodge should be a shining example to us all, and the world. That our fraternity is one of the greatest builders of men always putting forth our greatest tenants, and core values.

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth!



New Jersey Masonic Leadership Conference 2015 Class of M.W. Anthony W. Montuori

- ★ Location: Grand Lodge of Pa., Patton Campus, 1244 Bainbridge Rd., Elizabethtown, Pa., 17022
- ★ www.pmyf.org/conf/campus/directions/index.html

- ★ Dates: Friday, October 23, Saturday October 24
★ & Sunday October 25, 2015

- ★ Times:
 - o Registration- 3:00-7:00 p.m., Friday
 - o Dinner 6:00-7:30 p.m., Friday
 - o Classes begin 7:30 p.m., Friday
 - o The Conference will end by noon on Sunday
 - o Attendees must be present for the entire Conference



- ★ Eligibility:
 1. First preference given to 2015 Senior Deacon (not a PM)
 2. Second preference 2015 JW or lesser station that has not attended a MLC previously (not a PM)

- ★ Procedure:
 - o The application forms **MUST** be:
 - Filled out **COMPLETELY**.
 - Accompanied by a LODGE check, a separate one for each applicant, for \$225
 - Made out to "The Grand Lodge of New Jersey"
 - Attendees are not allowed to pay for themselves.
 - The deadline for registration is September 21, 2015
 - o Due to space limitation, submitting an eligible application does not ensure acceptance.
 - o Applicant will be contacted upon acceptance
 - If the applicant is not accepted, the check will be returned.
 - o The candidate will be required to confirm attendance after the acceptance confirmation has been sent – applicant should confirm that they will attend within two weeks after acceptance confirmation.
 - o Once the applicant is accepted and acceptance confirmed, the application fee is non-refundable.
 - **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - The conference is booked past capacity to allow for attrition, if an accepted attendee finds that he cannot attend, you have until October 1, 2014 to substitute an eligible officer of your lodge (see-Eligibility). Cancellations after the deadlines are not eligible for refunds or substitutions. If you do not have an eligible substitute from your Lodge, the fee is not refundable.

- ★ Included:
 - o Lodging, including bed linens and towels.
 - o All meals.
 - o Educational materials including book *Laudable Pursuit* by Keynote Speaker.
 - o Conference shirt.

- ★ Notice: This is a totally non-smoking and alcohol-free facility! No EXCEPTIONS!

- ★ Attendee's Responsibilities:
 - o To arrive during the registration period and to attend the entire Conference.
 - o To contact the Chairman as soon as possible if he finds that he cannot attend.

- ❖ Applications are to be directed to:
MW John S. Ryan – Grand Secretary
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Attention: 2015 Masonic Leadership Conference
100 Barrack St.
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- ❖ Questions – RW Leonard Vander Horn; Lenvanderhorn@aol.com or
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Submitted by Matthew A. Leilich, WM, Distinguished Lecturer, Amwell Lodge #12

It is common knowledge that the ancient wages of a Fellowcraft Mason consisted of corn, wine, and oil. Many however, object to this assertion. How can corn be associated with these ancient wages when—clearly—corn was first discovered in the New World? Since our ritual predates the age of exploration, must not any reference to corn be some sort of mistake?

The word “corn” is actually Old English, and refers to any type of granular matter. Oats, wheat, barley, rye, even spices, could all be referred to as corn. When used in its verb form “to corn” means to turn a substance into a grain, for example, “to corn gunpowder.” Our ritual therefore, is not actually referring to kernels of corn, but to some type of Old World grain.

It has become a widespread practice among most Masonic jurisdictions to incorporate the use of corn, wine, and oil in the dedication ceremonies of lodges and other public buildings. The most famous of these ceremonies took place September 18, 1793 in Washington D.C., when President George Washington, dressed in full Masonic regalia, laid the cornerstone of our nation’s Capitol building. However, the combination of these three symbolic offerings can be traced back even further.

The principle grains of the Old Testament were barley and wheat. The Bible contains hundreds of references to corn, wine, and oil as separate entities, and over a dozen times the three are grouped together within the same passage (see end of article). They were seen as blessings from God, used as currency, and used as sacrificial offerings.

By the Victorian Era, from which the language of New Jersey’s ritual is derived, the word “corn” was often substituted for the word “salt.” The verb “to corn” meant “to salt” or “to preserve.” Corned beef, for example, contains no actual kernels of corn, but contains a very high amount of salt. In fact, if we examine the wording of our ritual, the word “salt” could be easily substituted for the word “corn.” “The corn of sustenance” simply becomes, “the salt of sustenance.” Our bodies need salt in order to survive, and the meaning still holds true.

Salt was quite valuable in the ancient world. It was the primary method of preserving food, mainly meat, and also made for a good antiseptic, hence the expression, “rubbing salt into the wound.”

One of the busiest ancient Roman trade routes was the famous Via Salaria, a road connecting the capital city to the eastern coast of what is now modern day Italy. Along this route salt merchants drove their oxcarts filled with cargo while Roman soldiers marched alongside protecting their wares. The Roman army quickly adopted the practice of paying these soldiers partly with salt, or with money to buy salt. The Latin word for salt is “sal,” and the modern word “salary”

derives from the Latin “salarium argentums” or “salt money.” This is probably where we get the expression “he’s not worth his salt.” However, the earliest reference to this phrase in printed form does not appear until 1805 when Philip Beaver printed his book The African Memoranda. On the other hand, the expression “not worth his salt,” could also have been associated with the ancient Greek practice of trading salt for slaves.

Other references to salt used as money can be found in Marco Polo’s writings. While traveling in China in the late 13th century he noted that images of the Grand Khan were pressed onto tiny salt cakes and used as coins. Salt was so rare in the African Empire of Mali (1235-1600 A.D) that it was quite literally worth its weight in gold! Ounces of salt were traded for ounces of gold.

There is concrete historical evidence that salt was used by various ancient peoples as a form of currency. Furthermore, our ritual clearly states that a Fellowcraft Mason’s “wages [were] corn, wine and oil”—wages—being the key word. Assuming that the “corn” of our ritual was “salt,” the assumption that a Fellowcraft Mason was paid in salt would be both grammatically and historically correct. In all probability however, the before mentioned “corn” was probably some sort of cereal grain. It is interesting to consider though, that salt might have been part of a Fellowcraft’s wages, and even if this was not the case, it certainly adds seasoning to our Masonic understanding.

Deuteronomy 11:14 *“That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.”*

Deuteronomy 12:17 *“Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand.”*

Deuteronomy 14:23 *“And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always.”*

Deuteronomy 18:4 *“The firstfruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.”*

Deuteronomy 28:51 *“And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.”*

2 Chronicles 31:5 *“And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all ➤*



the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly."

2 Chronicles 32:28 *"Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks."*

Nehemiah 10:39 *"For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God."*

Nehemiah 13:5 *"And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests."*

Nehemiah 13:12 *"Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries."*

Hosea 2:8 *"For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Ba'al."*

Hosea 2:22 *"And the earth shall bear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall bear Jezreel."*

Joel 2:19 *"Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen."*

Joel 2:24 *"And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil."*

Haggai 1:11 *"And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands."*

Mentoring the Mentor

Submitted by W.B. Robert Howard, JR.

All Masons, especially younger Masons will inevitably find themselves asking, who were these wise and virtuous men that wrote our ritual? What were they thinking and what were they trying to tell us through the ritual? One way for the mentor to respond is to turn the question around and direct the protégé to do a little research and provide the answers to you and the lodge.

Although, it may be that some elements of our ritual were influenced by operative traditions and certain ancient ceremonies, there is a significant portion of our ritual that was written and adopted in the relatively recent past. Whereas, we may find ourselves on shaky ground, when we try to link our current ritual to ancient traditions, we can be more confident when we explore more recent refinements to our ritual. In fact, we know exactly when the lectures, charges and interrogatories, which claim much of our attention were introduced to the ritual and by whom.

During our last discussion, we were introduced to William Preston; the self-made man, who wanted to use the lodge room as a sort of university, where Masons could literally build themselves up in a manner akin to a student in a class room.

In 1763, when Preston became a Mason, it was a rather tumultuous time in the development of our craft. The "Third" degree had just been added to the ritual a few decades earlier, the premier Grand Lodge had only been in existence for about 45 years, and the Ancients and Moderns were duking it out, trying to prove that their form of Masonry was more

legitimate. It was a time when the Masonry, which we have come to know was still in relative flux. Put another way, it was a time when a strong intellect could leave his indelible mark on the craft.

Preston began to assemble lectures based on a hybrid of Masonic, Biblical and academic sources. Just as he had raised himself up to a more enlightened plane on the floor of the printing room, Preston would deliver his lessons in the lodge rooms throughout London to educate Freemasons, who may not have had the luxury of a formal education. It is recommended that you and your protégé read Preston's, *Illustrations of Freemasonry* published in 1772, from which you will see portions of our ritual jump out at you.

Since the days of Plato and Pythagoreans, we have seen the rudiments of a classical education forming, which would eventually be comprised of the trivium and the quadrivium. The trivium consists of grammar, rhetoric and logic and the quadrivium is comprised of arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. Combined, they became known as the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. As an indispensable part of a classical education, it was natural therefore for Preston to include the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences in his lectures. You will also see clear references to the Bible in his work; you may want to take a quick look at Kings I, Chapter 7. What is most intriguing is that which appears to be Biblical in his lectures but was in fact added by Preston. (Hint: Try to find a Biblical reference to globes or spherical bodies.)

The esoteric scholar might be a little disappointed after reading Preston's work. This is because Preston's goal was



to educate, not necessarily to impart esoteric or mystical knowledge. His lectures read more like chapters from a text book than that of a spiritual odyssey.

According to Albert Mackey, it wasn't until Thomas Smith Webb, born in Boston in 1771 that we were able to see Preston's work whittled down and fine-tuned to something that could fit neatly into our ritual. He paraphrases Webb who tells us that he *"Differently arranged Preston's distribution of the sections, because they were not agreeable to the mode of working in America"*. You can see Webb's work in his *Freemasons Monitor* published in 1792. (Both Preston and Webb's works are easily found on the internet in pdf form.)

Through the efforts of Robert Morris, Benjamin Gleason and others, by the middle of the 19th century, we would start to see the Preston-Webb lectures entering the ritual of various jurisdictions throughout the U.S.

Whereas the period from the end of the 18th century to the middle of the 19th century marks perhaps the most interesting time in the evolution of Freemasonry in our country, it was marred by an event that almost wiped Freemasonry from the map.

It occurred in 1826 in the small town of Batavia, New York, a rural community in the western part of the state. Here a man enters the picture by the name of William Morgan, who claimed to be a veteran of the war of 1812 and called himself "Captain" William Morgan. Originally from Virginia, Morgan eventually found his way to Batavia with his family. Claiming to be a Mason, he attempted to become a member of the local lodge. Dubious of his background, his petition was rejected. In retaliation for this slight, he taunted the local Masons with a threat that he would publish an expose' revealing the complete Masonic ritual.

Soon thereafter, he disappeared and it was asserted that he was killed by local Masons in an attempt to keep him from publishing his tell-all book. The apparent kidnapping and murder of Morgan for attempting to publish a book became known as the Morgan Affair. Morgan became a symbol of free speech and Masonry was seen as the antagonist to this American virtue. Appalled by what had occurred in Batavia at the hands of these Masons, there grew a great animosity towards Masons in this country. Memberships were cancelled, lodges closed and a great anti-masonic sentiment developed in various forms. Anti-masonic newspapers sprung up and there was even an anti-masonic political party, which developed significant support on a national level. His expose' did eventually become published in 1827 under the title of *Illustrations of Masonry: By One of the Fraternity Who Has Devoted Thirty Years to the Subject*. (This work is also available in pdf form on the internet.)

Later in the century, Albert Pike came into the picture and his contribution to the craft was equally extensive

when compared to Preston and Webb. His interpretation of Masonry was more esoteric and if you are looking for a more mystical interpretation of our craft, you might want to take a look at his most famous work, *Morals and Dogma* published in 1871. (You may be able to read this on line; however, there are many old copies of this book haunting most lodges.)

Although, the above discussions are an oversimplification with much intentionally left out; what we have done here is provide you with a skeleton upon which you and your protégé' might focus your research. You can have him prepare a short 10 minute talk for the lodge or if he is so inclined, he might be able to prepare a more ambitious PowerPoint presentation. In any case, there are many exciting areas of study that will certainly keep the Brethren riveted. Assuming your protégé' finds interest in the above topics, the following are some basic questions he might address:

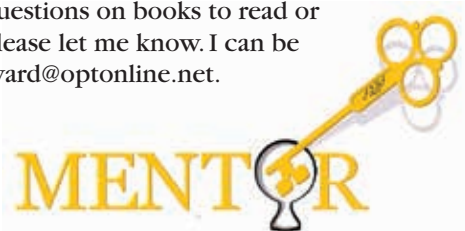
Where did our ritual come from?

1. Who was Preston, how did he influence our ritual and how do his lectures compare to our ritual?
2. How did Webb influence the ritual and what other contributions did he make to Masonry in the U.S.?
3. For what are Robert Morris and Benjamin Gleason most remembered?
4. What major contribution did Albert Pike make to the craft?
5. How did the Morgan Affair influence Masonry in the U.S.?
6. How did the anti-masonic movement influence presidential politics?

Although, the answers to some of these questions may be obvious to some readers, the point is that they can form the basis of some compelling research for a young Mason. In any case, this is but a sampling of the questions that can be addressed after taking a look at those people and events, which have influenced the craft during its formative years in this country. You and your protégé' will enjoy uncovering some unknown facts and the Brethren of your lodge will be glad to learn something new.

Here's something to consider; if you want to fill the seats in your lodge, prepare a flyer and make an announcement to the District that your lodge will be hosting a lecture on Preston-Webb, Pike, the Morgan affair or some other Masonic topic; I guarantee that 'they will come' and you will have a night to remember.

If you have any questions on books to read or topics to explore, please let me know. I can be contacted at rwhoward@optonline.net.





Take Me Out to the Ballpark

Submitted by RW Moises I. Gomez, Grand Historian

Play Ball! And so begins Americas greatest past time sport of Baseball. And from this grand old game have come many traditions, one in particular The Ceremonial First Pitch. Baseball has produced many national past times and traditions like the seventh inning stretch where one can stand and stretch and grab a ballpark frank while they played "take me out to the ballpark". That song was replaced with "God Bless America" after the September 11 terrorists attacks on our nations soil. (By the way this song was written by Bro. Irving Berlin who was made a Mason at Munn Lodge No. 190 in NYC in 1910).

The Ceremonial First Pitch is thrown by the guest of honor and marks the end of the pregame festivities and the start of the ball game.



This tradition was started 105 years ago when Washington Senators manager Jimmy McAleer suggested that the President Taft who was in attendance, through out the first pitch. President William Howard Taft (1909-1913) being a little hesitant at first went along with the request and did toss out the ball to catcher Walter Johnson.

This first pitch occurred on April 14, 1910 on opening day between the Washington Senators and Philadelphia Athletics. This started a long standing tradition of throwing out the first pitch before the start of a baseball game which still holds true today. (By the way Bro Taft was made a Mason at sight on February 18, 1909 within the body of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 of Cincinnati, Ohio by Grand Master Charles S. Hoskinson. His father and two brothers were also Masons, and belonged to this lodge as well. His father Alphonso Taft was one of the founders of the infamous Skull & Bones at Yale university).

Holding true with tradition on August 16, 2015 MW Anthony W. Montuori Grand Master of Masons was on hand to through out the Ceremonial First Pitch. While attending the Yankee organization minor league team Trenton Thunder

vs Reading Fightin' Phillies at Arm & Hammer field in Trenton, NJ. Before thousands of fans our Grand Master walked onto the field and took to the mound. After a brief warm up he stepped on the rubber adjusted his cap, squeezing the rosin bag a bit, then giving the catcher one last look for the

sign, and through a perfect strike. Cy Young would have been proud of him! Many staff members along with family and friends gathered for an evening at the ball park. We gathered at the private Yankee Club House for a BB-Q, drinks and fellowship to watch and enjoy Americas past time. This club house was air conditioned and had its own private tier seating outside.



Although the Trenton Thunder lost 2-0, I must say it was a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon taking part in Americas greatest past time.



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GM Honored at the NJ AMD In-Gathering

Masons in Action

Submitted by R.W. Mobamad A. Yatim, PGH

The 2015 New Jersey Statewide Allied Masonic Degrees In-Gathering was co-hosted by Dabar Council No. 161 and James Giles Council No. 427 and was held on August 1st at MB Taylor Lodge No. 141 in Hammonton, NJ. This year's guest of honor was M.W. Anthony W. Montuori, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey, who is also a member of Alexandria Council No. 478 A.M.D.

The In-Gathering work this year was thematically aligned with the Order of the Secret Monitor. The Secret Monitor Degree was conferred that day by members of Giles Council and certificates were presented by Grand Master Montuori, assisted by R.V. Henry G. Able III, Grand Superintendent of NJ to all those in attendance. Furthermore, the following papers were presented and discussed:

- V.: David Tucker of Dabar Council No. 161 on "The Lessons of the Secret Monitor"
- V.: Michael Neuberger of Da Vinci Council No. 477 on "Is Arguing with God Good for the Soul: Lessons from the Mark Master Degree"
- V.: Howard Kanowitz of J. Howard Haring Council No. 116 on "Lessons from a Conflicted Life"

As in previous years, the In-Gathering was very well attended by Freemasons from New Jersey and neighboring states. Most Worshipful Montuori, who was accompanied by his staff members who are also members of the Allied Masonic Degrees, offered words of wisdom to the brethren at the conclusion of the event, and sounded the final gavel. It was truly a great day of fellowship and enlightenment. The Allied Masonic Degrees is an invitational organization dedicated to Masonic research and education and to the preservation of ancient detached Masonic degrees. To learn more about it, please visit www.NJAMD.com.



60 Year Pin Awarded

Submitted by RW Moises I. Gomez, Grand Historian

MW Anthony W. Montuori Grand Master of Masons made a special visit to honor one of our senior Past Grand Masters. Traveling across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania to present MW Leopoldo Locksley "Leo" Otway PGM with his 60 year Masonic pin.

MW Otway a native of the Bronx was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Palestine Lodge No. 111 on November 3, 1955, and served as its worshipful master in 1973. He held many positions in Grand Lodge throughout his Masonic career. He was appointed Grand Tyler in 1975 and Grand Marshal in 1977. MW Otway has served in many Grand Lodge committees including President of the Masonic Charity Foundation in 1985. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd degree 1993.



MW Otway served as our 131st Grand Master for the year 1991. It was fitting and truly a worth while trip to Pennsylvania to honor a wonderful man and brother, who served our gentle craft from the Grand East as our Grand Master.



Metuchen Masonic Treasure Hunt

The Metuchen Masonic Treasure Hunt, now in its 8th year, was conceived by J.W. Cristian A. Ossa of Mt. Zion Lodge #135 of Free and Accepted Masons, not only as a way to raise Masonic awareness in the community, but also to provide a fun, educational and challenging adventure for children. For the past several years, over 130 children have registered for the event, and arrive (with their moms and dads) ready to solve puzzles that take them throughout the town, as well as in and around the Lodge building. Metuchen town appreciates the event as it brings a significant amount of foot-traffic and awareness to the downtown area. The event challenges children to “think outside the box” and live out a real adventure like Ben Gates from National Treasure, by walking around town (physical exercise), and solving puzzles and riddles, including the famous Masonic pig-pen cypher! Upon completion, the children receive their Treasure: a Certificate with their name, and various prizes donated not only by Mt. Zion Lodge, but also by the stores in Metuchen town.

As RW Hees said at this years’ opening ceremony to large crowd made up of Mason’s children as well as many from the surrounding community: *“People ask what Mason’s do. This is what we do. We hold events that provide fun and enjoyment to the community!”*

The event continues to be free, with any money raised from the sale of magnets and other items going to charity.



Polar Bear Plunge Chilling Success

Submitted by RW Dieter B. Hees, SGW

The 2015 Polar Bear Plunge was again a chilling success. Our Hiram On Ice Team had 51 members and raised a total of \$21,125.54. Don’t know where the \$.54 came from but we’ll take it!

It was a very, very cold, windy day. Even the sand on the Beach was frozen! Great representation of NJ Freemasons enjoying friendship, family and charity for the NJ Special Olympics who raised a new record of \$1.666,393.

Pictured are Gothic-Fraternal Lodge #270. The members names (no particular order): Bro. Gregory J. Adams, Amy Adams, Bro. Michael Pylypiak, JoAnne Pylypiak, Bro. Thomas Carl, Bro. Christopher Bonelli, Cady Clas, Bro. Vikas Sharma, and WB Scott A. Maban, PM





43rd Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Masons in Action

On June 3, 2015, members of the 10th Masonic District gathered to celebrate its 43rd annual scholarship awards ceremony at LaFayette Lodge #27, Rahway, NJ, featuring RW Dieter B. Hees, SGW, as key note speaker. Since 1973, the 10th Masonic District has assisted more than one hundred young men and women from families within our district achieve their educational goals.

This year's newest award recipients, Brendan Mulvihill, Nathan Sands, and Avi Shapiro, distinguished themselves through outstanding academic and civic achievements, and we wish them much continued future success.

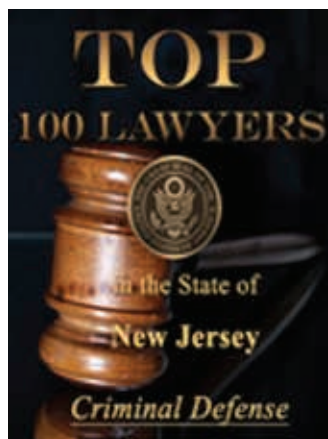


Front row: 10th District Deputy Grand Master RW Michael Holt; Scholarship recipients Avi Shapiro, Brendan Mulvihill, Nathan Sands and Matthew Nielsen (past recipient 2014) and Senior Grand Warden RW Dieter Hees (key note speaker)

Back row: Members of the 10th District Scholarship committee; WB Dr. Rajaram Rao, Trustee, RW Ronald Labr, Chairman, RW Lawrence Thoma, Trustee and WB John Kolchin, Secretary.

Famous Mason Memorial Day Float

Trenton Cyrus #5 did it again this year recreating their Famous Mason's Float for the Memorial Day Parade in Pennington, N.J. Brethren from the lodge appeared in costume as Famous Masons of the past. Represented in the float were Teddy Roosevelt, Mark Twain, Davy Crockett, Harry Truman and Charles Lindbergh, Douglas MacArthur, Ben Franklin and Wild Bill Hickok. (Brothers John Owen, Howie Dumhart, Bob Vecere, Jr., Morris S Fabian, Jeff Bozarth, Morris G Fabian, George Scirrotta, and Carl Jacobson respectively).



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70 Year Gold Token Awarded

Submitted by Bro. Neal A. McCarthy

On June 25, M.W. Anthony W. Montuori, Grand Master of Mason's Of The State Of New Jersey, presented a 70 Year Gold Token to Worshipful Brother Charles G. Dickerson, Master of Acacia Lodge No 20, in 1972.

Seated is WB Dickerson. Standing l to r are: MW Anthony W. Montuori, RW David R. Tweed, Secy To The GM, RW Neal A. McCarthy, Aide To The GM, RW Raymond W. "Pete" Greene, PGT, RW Vincent J. DeFrank, PGC, Worshipful James Caruso, Mater of Acacia Lodge No 20 and RW Lawrence H. Kalish, DDGM.



Annual Florham Park 4th of July Parade



Submitted by RW Moises I. Gomez, Grand Historian

Our Grand Master MW Anthony W. Montuori led the parade marching in the annual Florham Park 4th of July in his home town. Many Masonic organizations including Kilites Color Guard, Salaam Shrine & Oriental band, DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, the Shrine Trolley, and many Scottish Rite dignitaries joined in the days festivities. This parade honoring our nations birth was well attended by many brethren from across the state along with family and friends. This was followed by a wonderful BBQ at the Stein residence, courtesy of Hank and Karen Stein, assisted by many members of our fraternity.

Grand Master's Golf Tournament

Submitted by RW Moises I. Gomez, Grand Historian

The Grand Master's Golf Tournament was held at Sea Oaks Country Club again this year. There was the possibility of rain however in true Golf fashion the rains held up. 150 golfers and supporters enjoyed a wonderful day of sunshine and fellowship. There were plenty of food and prizes to be had by all. No hole in one but a great day overall!



Exceptional Brethren Get Gold in the Fifth

Masons in Action

Submitted by Bro. Derek Santiago

The Fifth Masonic District is blessed with a long tradition of outstanding leaders on whose shoulders today's officers stand, and June 3 was the occasion for saluting with Gold Tokens those who have achieved great milestones.

Peninsula Lodge #99 in Bayonne welcomed a grateful, admiring, and large audience June 3 to salute a trio of exceptional Masons with the rare honors. Most Worshipful Anthony Montouri, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Walter Kaulfers, Deputy Grand Master; RW Roger Quintana, Junior Grand Warden; and RW Gene Margroff, Grand Marshal led the delegation of supporters, as RW Freddy Nuñez, District Deputy Grand Master, hosted the Gold Token Night. The honorees were Distinguished White Apron Brother Albert K. Resnick and RW Martin I. Weinberger, Past Grand Chaplain, both for 70 years of service to the Craft in Peninsula; and W. Richard Vincentz, Past Master of Blue Stone-Mystic Tie-Malta-Doric Lodge #35 in Secaucus.

"When Masons speak of our need to 'converse with well informed brethren,' we are talking about sitting at the feet of great Freemasons such as these, and profiting from the wisdom and knowledge they impart," said W. Omar Morris, Master of Peninsula. "Gold Token presentations are modest displays of our brotherly love and gratitude for these treasured, venerable brethren."

Resnick represents one of many generations of Peninsula Masons. He was a long time Treasurer of the former Menorah Lodge #249, which consolidated with Bayonne #99 to form Peninsula in 2003, and remains active in the lodge. As a young child, he witnessed the cornerstone-laying ceremony of the Bayonne Masonic Temple 90 years ago.

Vincentz served as Worshipful Master of the former Hoboken Lodge #35, now part of the Blue Stone lineage, in 1969, and



Right Worshipful Martin I. Weinberger of Peninsula Lodge #99 was fêted June 3 at the Fifth Masonic District's Gold Token Night, where he received the honor befitting a Mason of 70 years in the Craft. From left: RW Freddy Nuñez, District Deputy Grand Master; Weinberger's friend June Sturz; Weinberger; and Most Worshipful Anthony Montouri, Grand Master.

presided from the Solomonic Chair again of Blue Stone in 2002, and also served on the lodge's board of trustees for many years. Vincentz assisted with the electrical work inside the Trenton Masonic Temple, literally bringing light to the ballroom.

Weinberger is cherished for many reasons, but mostly for the 49 years he served as Secretary of Menorah #249, interrupted only by the year he served in the East. His institutional knowledge of all things Masonic was put to hearty use by Grand Lodge's By-Laws Committee for many years, and he served on the editorial board of this magazine for a long tenure. He too remains active in his lodge.

The Fifth Masonic District comprises six lodges: Enterprise #31 in Jersey City, Blue Stone #35 and Secaucus-Hudson #72 in Secaucus, Peninsula #99 in Bayonne, Sons of Liberty #301 in West New York, and Plaridel #302 in Jersey City.

Masons Donate to a Worthy Cause

Harmony Lodge #18 presented a \$1000 donation in May to the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation in Toms River. This organization has several Hospitals around our State and a Team which participates each year in our Wheelchair Track and Field Event.

Left to Right: Bro Sean Moroney, RW Dieter Hees, Anthony Baldino, Bro John Lord, WB Donald Baldino, Allison McCallister, RW Joseph Herx, Bro Ken Fitzpatrick, RW Carl DelConte



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Cape Island Lodge Re-consecration Ceremony

*Submitted by RW Moises I. Gomez,
Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge
of New Jersey*

On July 25, 2015 MW Anthony W. Montuori Grand Master of Masons of the state of New Jersey presided over the re-consecration ceremony of the lodge. Cape Island Lodge #30 which was chartered on January 11, 1854 in Cape May County, has been an integral part of that community for over 160 years. This lodge has met in several locations throughout its long history, however in 1966 they moved into their current location located at 1105 Seashore Road, Cold Spring, NJ. After a merger with Hereford Lodge #171 on April 16, 2009 which met in a building which that lodged owned in Wildwood the Crest, NJ. That building was sold and the proceeds used to expand and re-modernized the existing lodge building in Cold Spring, NJ.

After completing the work the lodge members wanted to have a special event to commemorate the occasion along with their annual family picnic. The Worshipful Master Robert H. Boyd along with the District Deputy Grand Master RW Bruce S. Graham invited the Grand Master and his staff to participate in this wonderful, and time honored ceremony to re-consecrate this beautiful edifice. MW Anthony W. Montuori opened a session of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in true form to commemorate the occasion.

He then called upon the members of the United States Coast Guard led by Joseph Orlando Commander of VFW Post 5941 of North Wildwood, NJ to post the Colors, this was followed by a real canon salute.

The Grand Master and his staff proceeded to re-consecrate the lodge building using the ancient Corn-Wine-Oil ceremony which has been used by Freemasons for hundreds of years

across this great nation involving many great buildings, structures and memorable moments. One which comes to mind happened on September 18, 1793 when our then President and Freemason George Washington presided over the cornerstone laying of the U.S. Capitol in full Masonic regalia using this same ceremony witnessed here today in Cape May County.



After the ceremony we had remarks from members of the lodge, district and Grand Staff members including Jeff Van Drew New Jersey State Senator, 1st District also a member of this lodge. Many local and state officials were present at this ceremony including Assemblyman Robert Andrzejczak, Erik Simonsen Lower Township Councilman, Cape May Council members Shane Pessagano and Jack Witcherman. The Worshipful Master of the lodge WB Robert H. Boyd was then accepted on behalf of the lodge a Joint Legislative Commendation from the state of New Jersey. To honor and congratulate Cape Island Lodge #30 upon the grand occasion of celebrating their building re-consecration. "On behalf of its citizens for efforts shown by Cape Island Lodge #30 and its members to promote and improve our community."

The festivities continued following the ceremonies with the awarding of \$6000.00 worth of scholarships to six Cape May residents, after which came a family style picnic which lasted through the late evening.

There's no doubt of the dedication this lodge has to the community and its members. For over a century and a half this lodge has proven it can stand the test of time. Form its work in the community to forging many prominent leaders from its hall of members. I have no doubt this lodge will be around for another 150 years and beyond.

Congratulations to Cape Island Lodge and all its members past and present for their commitment to excellence and service to the community.





Raritan Valley Lodge #46 Breaks Ground

Masons in Action

Raritan Valley Lodge #46 began an exciting, new chapter in its long history on June 28, 2015 when a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the lodge's property on N. Doughty Ave. in Somerville. The groundbreaking ceremony was presided over by Grand Master Anthony W. Montuori. Also on hand were Senior Officers of the Grand Line, representatives of the 12th Masonic District, Somerville Borough officials, brethren, family, and friends.

Highlights of the event included the ceremonial consecration of the site with corn, wine, and oil. Corn signifying plenty, wine representing prosperity and gladness, and oil for joy and peace. Remarks were offered by many including Grand Master Montuori, Most Worshipful John M. Colligas, Past Grand Master and member of Raritan Valley Lodge #46, and Joseph Barbara, current Worshipful Master of Raritan Valley Lodge #46, who said, *"Today is more than a ground breaking for our new lodge building. It is another symbol of the strength of our fraternity."*

Construction is expected to begin soon on the lodge's new home, replacing the previous lodge building which was destroyed by a roof collapse in February, 2014. The new building will consist of two floors and 10,000 square feet of space, including a dining room, offices, kitchen, and lodge meeting room.

"It's not every day that we have a groundbreaking for a new lodge in New Jersey," added Right Worshipful 12th District Deputy Grand Master William Zeltman. *"Raritan Valley had some odds stacked against them. What is it that makes a lodge that's in trouble come together and succeed? It's the brethren that are within it."*

According to Somerville Mayor Brian Gallagher, *"It's wonderful to welcome the Masonic Lodge back to Somerville. When your roof collapsed, it reverberated around town. In quick dispatch, it was discovered you were going to rebuild. In the world that we live in now, it is gratifying to see an organization that espouses ethical and moral values of faith, family and community actually flourishing. Welcome home."*

Raritan Valley Lodge #46 has a long and rich history in Somerset County. The lodge can trace its roots back nearly 250 years and has been meeting in Somerville since 1802.





Freemasons Honor 107 Year-Old Member

The Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey traveled to East Providence, RI, June 18th to help celebrate the one hundred seventh birthday of Mr. Alfred Booker, a resident of Eastgate Nursing Home, and to commemorate Mr. Booker's seventieth anniversary as a Freemason.

M. W. Anthony W. Montuori was accompanied M. W. Raymond J. Hassell, Grand Master of Rhode Island, and by five members of the staff of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and two members of the Rhode Island Staff, all of whom participated in the celebration organized by the Nursing Home and Mr. Booker's family.

Alfred Booker marked both milestones in excellent spirits and reasonably good health, despite his advance age, amid a gathering of family, friends and fellow residents. He was presented with a Seventy Year Gold Pin and certificate from the Masons as well as a proclamation of congratulations from the Hon. Gina Marie Raimondo, Governor of Rhode Island. He was also delighted by a proclamation of Alfred Booker Day by Hon. Thomas A. Rose Jr., President of the City Council and Mayor of East Providence.

At the request of the nursing home administrator, the Grand Masters each gave brief comments about Brother Booker and answered questions about Freemasonry. M. W. Brother Montuori, R. W. Brother Dale S. Keller and R. W. Brother Edgar M. Coster are all members of Madison Lodge No. 93, Madison, NJ, which Mr. Booker joined in 1945, while working in New York.

Mr. Booker has led a remarkable life. Born in Rhode Island, he was orphaned at the age of six in 1914. Holding many jobs at a very young age, he supported himself and went on to be an All American soccer player and graduated from Northeastern University with a degree in engineering. He subsequently became a specialist in commercial fire insurance, retiring after 45 years with his first employer. His wife predeceased him at the age of 100. He has two daughters, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Pictured, left to right: Hon. Gina Marie Raimondo, Alfred Booker; M. W. Anthony W. Montuori, M. W. Raymond J. Hassell, GM (RI)

New Council of Royal and Select Masons



WOW.....what an exciting time for Freemasonry in New Jersey!!!!!!

Saint Andrew's Council U.D. Royal and Select Masters has been approved to operate Under Dispensation for the year 2015 by Most Illustrious Richard C Amme, Grand Master of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Jersey.

Above picture illustrates the presentation on Monday, May

11th 2015 at Union Chapter No. 7 RAM.

Since the ceremony, the Council conferred the Royal Master Degree with such precision, a Most Illustrious Grand Master commented that *'it was the best conferral of that Degree he has EVER seen'*.

Great pride and a love for Cryptic Masonry is shared by all of us as founding members of this Council, and we can't wait to see where it takes us!



On Saturday June 6th and Sunday June 7th, the 38th Annual New Jersey Masonic Wheelchair Track & Field Meet was held at North Brunswick High School. This year 56 amazing athletes competed in track & field events, swimming, weight lifting and archery. Congratulation to the amazing athletes who won a total of 182 metals, of which 139 were Gold, 29

Silver and 14 Bronze. As in the past, trophies were awarded for Best Athlete Male & Female, Sportsmanship Award Male & Female and Coach's Award Male & Female.

The winners were:

Best Athlete, Male: Miguel Jimenez Vergara of North Jersey Navigator's PSC

Best Athlete, Female: Eli Ruiz-Torres of North Jersey Navigator's PSC

Sportsmanship Award, Male: Chase Marcott of Rochester Rookies

Sportsmanship Award, Female: Caitlin Goerlich of Children's Lightning Wheels

Coach's Award, Male: Scott Niles of Rochester Rookies

Coach's Award, Female: Helen Newman of HSC Cruiser's

The **R.W. Richard Cadmus Scholarship Awards**, \$500.00 for 4 years were presented to:

Raymond Martin of North Jersey Navigator's PSC for 2012

Jerson Calderon of North Jersey Navigator's PSC for 2013

Bridgette Wise of Children's Lightning Wheels for 2014

Stephen Koziel of Children's Lightning Wheels for 2015

This years Equipment donation of \$2,000.00 went to Children's Lightning Wheels and the New Jersey Order of

The Rainbow For Girls, presented checks for \$900.00 to each of the four Teams.

The meet was successful, thanks to the tremendous turnout of volunteer's again this year. Mason's and family members were joined by a large contingent of Young Lady's from the Assembly's of New Jersey Rainbow for Girls and a contingent from New Jersey DeMolay as well as three members of the North Brunswick High School Honor Society. Special thanks to Right Worshipful George Mackanin and the Masonett's for preparing and feeding all the athlete's, their family, coaches and volunteers.

Also to Restaurant Depot, Nathan's and Entenmann's for there donations which helped cut the cost of our meet. But most of all, on behalf of the Athlete's, Coach's, Family's and your Committee, I wish to thank all the Lodges and Friends of Freemasonry who's generous donations made it possible once again to have a successful meet, without taking any money from Grand Lodge. I can't possibly thank you enough for your financial support.





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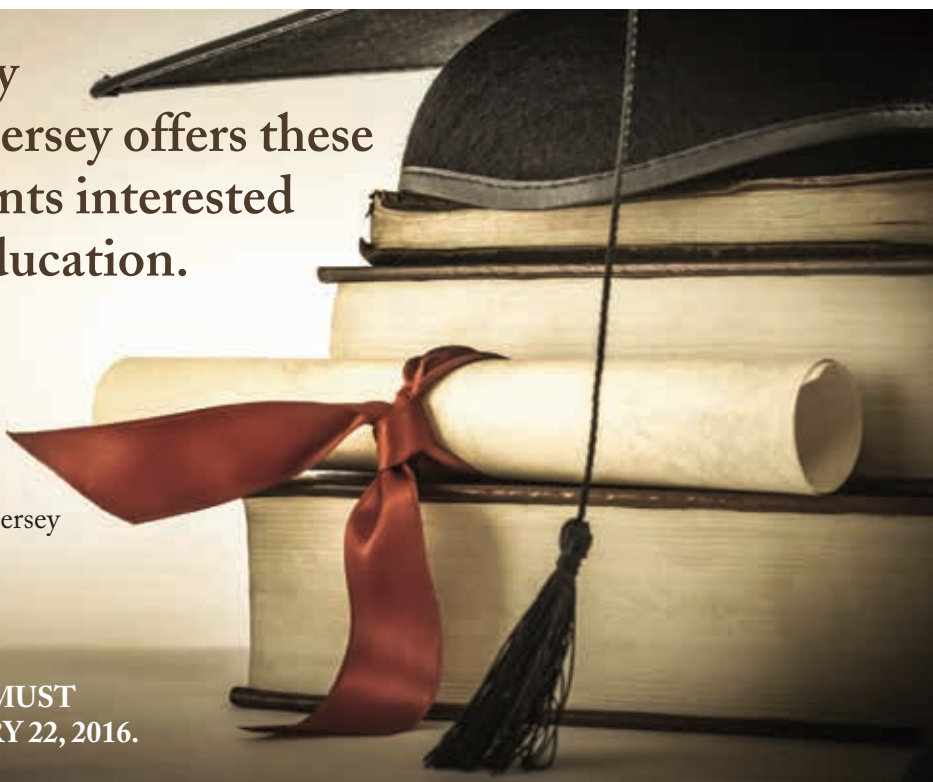
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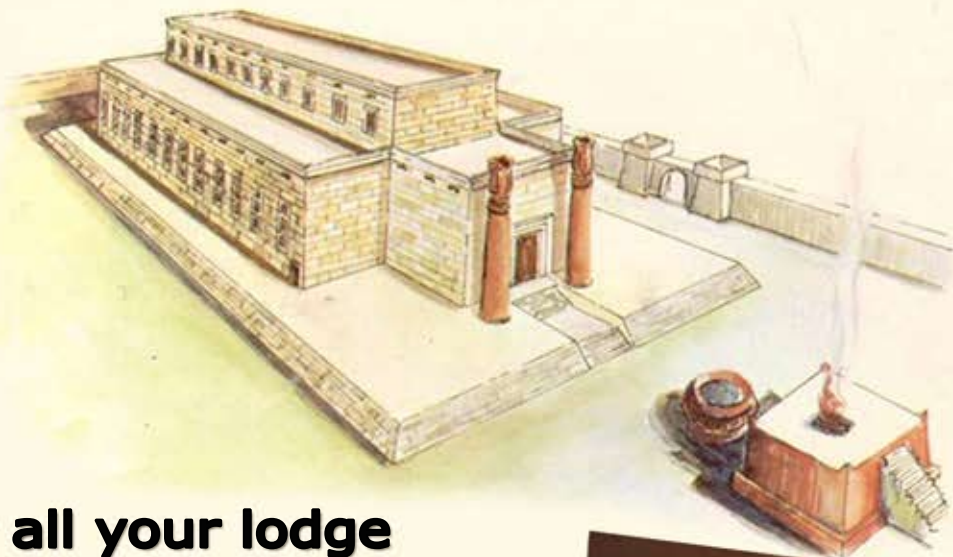


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