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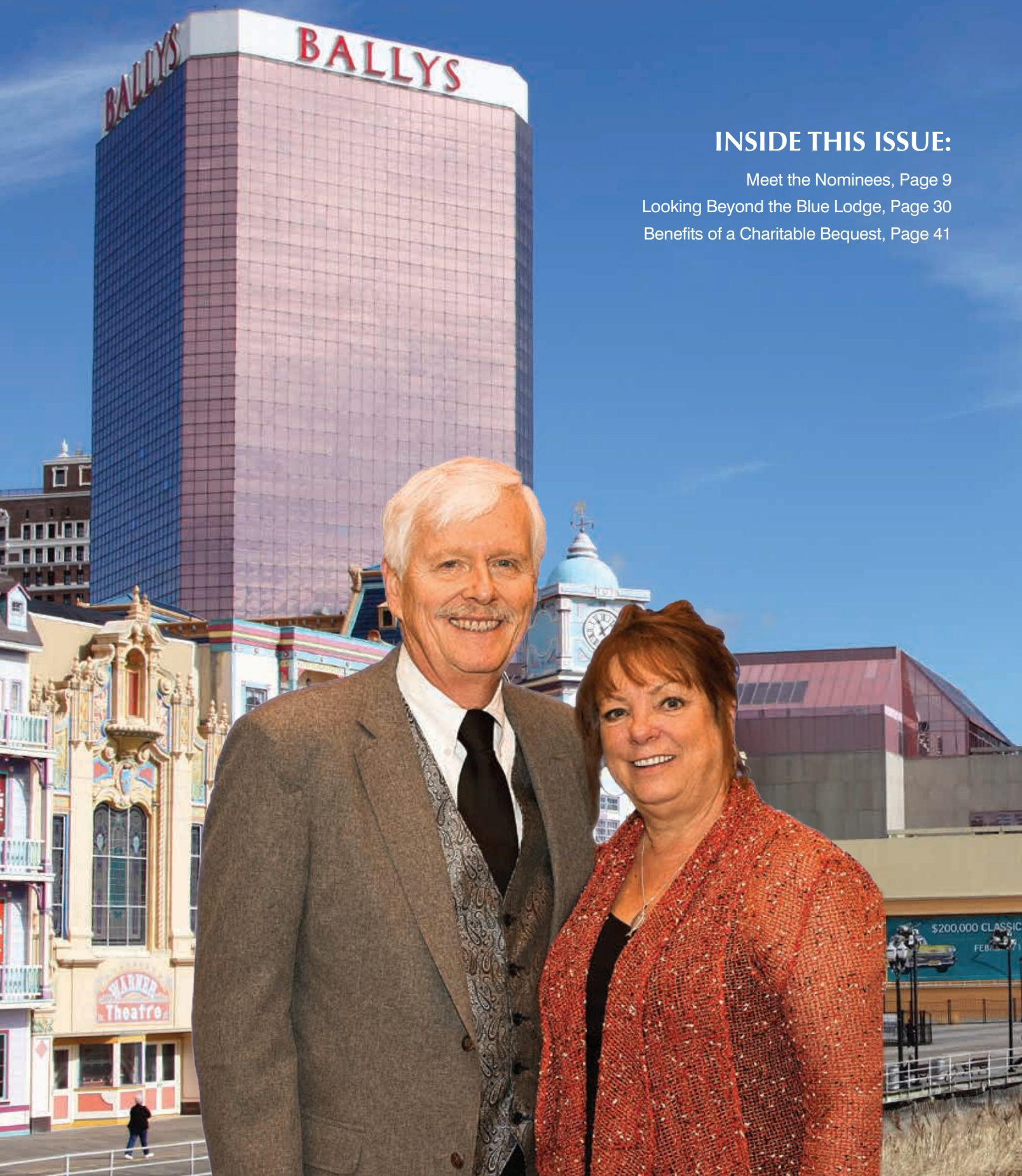
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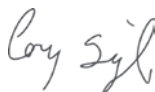
Letter from the Editor

My Brethren,

It has been the utmost honor and privilege to once again serve you this past Masonic year as the Editor of The New Jersey Freemason. I would like to extend the biggest THANK YOU to all the Brethren who have submitted articles highlighting the great work that gets done across the state, the NJF staff writers who issue after issue provide insightful and enlightening articles for you to read, the Elected Line for caring so much about Freemasonry and have dedicated so much of their time to make sure the Fraternity in our state is second to none and of course, to our Grand Master Gerald Sharp, who has provided me the opportunity to continue serving you and doing what I love to do.





I look forward to another great year and will see you all in Atlantic City for our Annual Convention.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



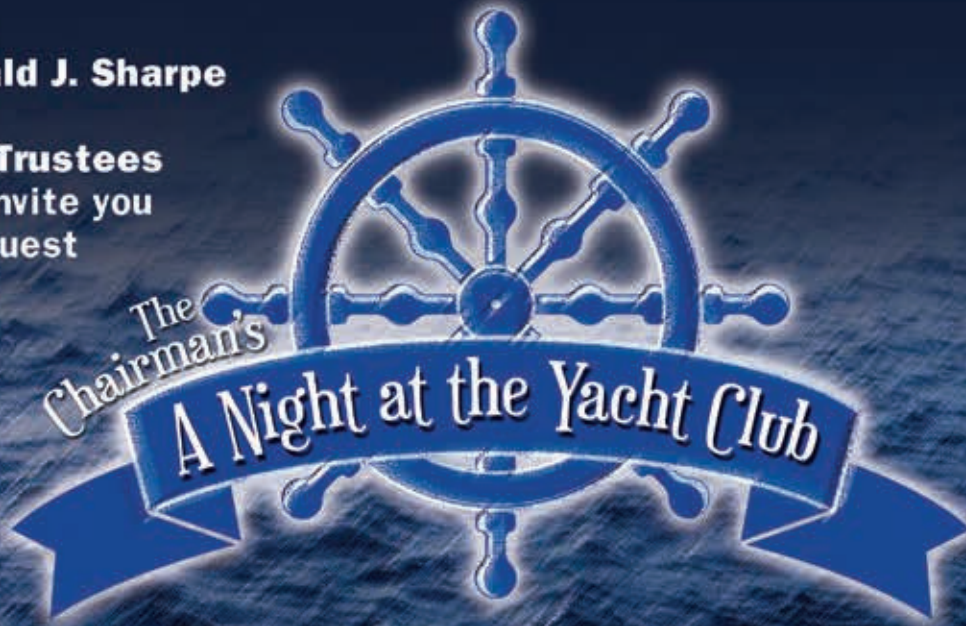
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Editor

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Grand Master's Message



Grand Lodge

Brethren

This is my last article as Grand Master of Masons for the state of New Jersey. In baseball terms, I am rounding third and heading for home. I am getting to the

point where it is time to reflect on what has transpired so far. We have certainly seen an increase in the fellowship at the Grand Lodge level. We began with the striper challenge, the ball game, Grand Jurisdiction Day, and the constitution of Inspiritus Lodge. You made these events all "home runs". The Feast of Saints John was successful way beyond my expectations. While I was expecting maybe 150, we had well over 400. These events show the practical application of the three Fs program. The Fellowship at these events was obvious. The Masons attending truly enjoyed spending time together and I have no doubt friendships followed. The light was also evident. Whether it was finding out how talented some of our brothers and sisters are as they demonstrated their singing and dancing skills on Tilghman Island to feeling like our most famous Mason was with us at the feast. These events strengthen our fraternity. They worked because you, my brethren, made them work. The same should be happening at the lodge level. It starts with the fellowship. Many of the strongest lodges are the most active lodges. Lodges where the brothers gather before and/or after the meeting for social time, seem to be the ones best exemplifying the three Fs. The Masons First program has gained a lot of traction in our jurisdiction. As I travel the state, brothers are constantly coming up to give an example of how the lodge has taken this initiative to heart, Brothers helping Brothers. The other dialogue we have discussed around the state is, have we cheapened Free Masonry? My thoughts have been well received on the subject. We need to improve the investigation process, the mentoring process and our meetings. As I have spoken about these topics, I see brothers shaking their heads in the affirmative. After the meetings they come up to tell me that what I said is what they have been thinking. It isn't rocket science. We have plenty of Masons. The numbers don't concern me. The fact that we are not providing what they came to us for, does. It is as simple as improving the product. I have great hope we will do just that. As stated at the beginning of this article, I am rounding third but I am not done. I just returned from representing the Charity foundation in Fl., we leave tomorrow for the Grand Masters trip to Costa Rica. We return for a week and it is my honor to represent you at the North American Conference of Grand Masters. Last year, I had dinner with the Grand Master of Bulgaria and the Grand Master of Russia who were guests. It is truly an experience to discuss the principles of Masonry with leaders from all over the world. We have the "open table lodge on Feb. 27th, another Dinner and Jammin on March 14th and what I consider perhaps the highlight of the year, the Chairman's Ball on March 21st. I again thank you in advance for your

continued support and being part of this great fraternity.

In closing, it comes to mind that this may be the last time I have a chance I have to address all of the members of this great fraternity. I would like to leave you with a few final thoughts. First and Foremost, I humbly thank you for the opportunity to serve. I have never forgotten the words in the installation of the Master, "the brief authority which you are about to exercise springs only from the body of Masonry, and that you owe to those who's gift it is to preserve peace, love and unity among them". I have always kept those words in mind. While I represent Grand Lodge, my most important obligation is to my Brothers. To those who are unhappy with our fraternity and think they have the wisdom to change it, consider positive ways to make it better for all us. While the road has had a few bumps, it has been one of the greatest experiences of my life to serve as Grand Master.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

M. W. Gerald J. Sharpe
Grand Master

February

- 19 Districts 12th, 15th, 19th Reception OV of the Grand Master
- 20 Learning Center Reverse Raffle at Sea Oaks
- 21 Polar Bear Plunge - Seaside Heights
- 22 PV - East Orange VA Home Visit 9:30
- 23 GM OV - Vineland Lodge Gold Collar Degree
- 27 Grand Lodge Open Ladies Table Lodge Fellowship Center
- 28 24th District Table Lodge

March

- 1 PV Vineland VA Visit 10:30
- 2 PV High 12 Club
- 6 - 7 York Rite Weekend
- 8 PV Lyons VA Visit 9am
- 10 10th District Reception
- 13 Merchantville Table Lodge 6 pm
- 14 GM DeMolay Class Trenton Temple
- 14 Jammin With Gerry and Beefsteak Fund Raiser Crescent Shrine Doors Open 4pm
- 15 Legion of Honor
- 20 Brotherhood Night Nur Shrine Temple Delaware
- 21 Chairman's Ball Fellowship Center
- 22 - 27 Grand Lodge of Tennessee
- 27 OV 23rd District Reception
- 28 COD at VOCNJ
- 29 24th District Rededication of Cape Island Lodge
- 30 North Jersey Candidates Night - Venetian Ball Room Garfield NJ
- 31 North Jersey Charity Ball - Venetian Ball Room Garfield NJ

April

- 1 Central Jersey Candidates Night - The Forge in Woodbridge NJ
- 11 Traveling Scottish Rite Degree at Trinity Lodge 79
- 11 Grand Marshal and Secretary to GM Reception Fellowship Center
- 14 SJ Candidates Night - Sea Oaks CC 5pm
- 18 VOCNJ Bordentown - Scottish Rite State Wide Reunion
- 21 - 23 Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Grand Master's 2015 Calendar



Grand Lodge

Deputy Grand Master's Message



My Brother,

As April draws closer, and if I am afforded the one vote to elect me as your Grand Master, I would like to thank you in advance for the support and confidence you have shown me.

Over the many years that I have been a Mason, I have always encouraged unity, not only in our Blue Lodges, but for all Masonic bodies to bond and become stronger and closer together. We must keep up our good work to remind each other and the world at large, every day, what a great Brotherhood we are. From our Scottish Rite, York Rite, DeMolay and Rainbow, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Golden Chain to name a few. We must ALL work together and appreciate each other's particular organization. Although we are all Masons sometimes there can be a bit of confusion as to who is who and who's doing what.

I am sure we will labor together, not only next year but in years to come, and remain the respected and resilient group of Brothers and Sisters that we have always been.

Much has been planned for next year so don't be shy, join in and enjoy the Fellowship and Brotherhood.

I am looking forward to seeing you in April.

Yours in the Craft,

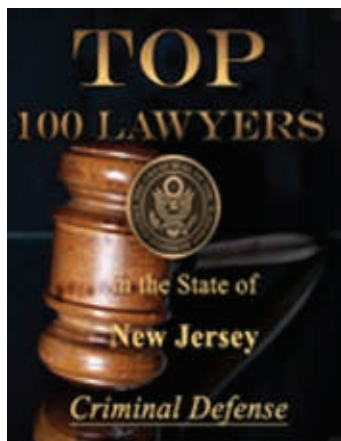
Anthony W. Montuori
Deputy Grand Master

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Senior Grand Warden's Message



Grand Lodge

Brethren,

The time has arrived once again for the Brethren of our great fraternity to elect our next Junior Grand Warden. Each candidate is

well qualified, has served in many capacities serving your Blue Lodges and Grand Lodge. To better understand the qualifications of these Brothers it is imperative that we attend the candidate's nights and listen to their visions for the future of Masonry. Let's give them the support they deserve!

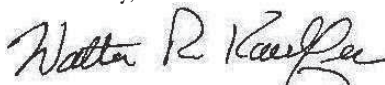
At this writing the Elected line and myself are about to make the yearly pilgrimage to Florida for several luncheons inviting many former "Jerseyites" who now reside down yonder in a warmer climate. This will be my second trip reuniting with many old friends and brothers. Our purpose for this trip is to keep our Brethren informed of new and exciting plans and improvements pertaining to our Masonic Home, Scholarships available, our Masonic Charity Foundation, estate planning and updates pertaining to "Ashlar's" visions on future development on our existing acreage and most importantly- moving forward to financial stability in the future.

Let's talk about mentoring. As most of you know mentoring is a favorite topic of mine, it is the basic and most effective method of retaining the new Brothers who have joined this great fraternity. We have shown that a Lodge that has an active mentoring program will have a retention rate of approximately 60-80%! A successful mentor program starts the day the candidate is elected and realistically for years after he is raised. I have had requests lately for the mentor program "package" which I had put together some 3-4 years ago which includes, a DVD with a power point program for each degree, mentor wallet contact cards and hard copies of the program itself. If you would like additional copies of the program please contact me and I will forward you this valuable tool.

Brethren remember, keep our fraternity strong, new Masons are made in the Lodge, we keep Masons through more light, knowledge, Mentoring and community involvement. God Bless you All!

See you in Atlantic City my Brethren!

Fraternally,


R.W. Walter R. Kaulfers, S.G.W.



Junior Grand Warden's Message

The Magic of Quality

Brethren,

Traveling several times by air recently, I was struck by a

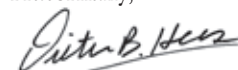
realization. All of the airports were very busy, with travelers all going every which way. Yet everyone who was traveling had to pass through TSA security checkpoints. No exceptions. Not one person could be allowed to slip past, no matter how minor it may have seemed, without posing a possible serious danger to all the travelers. What an awesome task and responsibility.

The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master have been speaking about how we as Masons should be guarding our West Gate via our petitioning and investigation process. We too have to be careful to not allow just anybody to slip through

our process of becoming a member. Just like security checkpoints at the airport, our procedures should be practiced just as diligently, precisely and observantly. The Grand Master has stated that Freemasonry is not for everybody and everybody is not for Freemasonry. I agree with that statement.

We should strive to build a strong craft with a quality experience for us all, starting with the investigation process. Using our **Masonic GPS: Groundwork, Passion, Skills**, with a laser focus on quality. Our Masonic experience, participation rate, positive results will multiply many times over and empower us to forge ahead into the future.

Fraternally,


Dieter B. Hees
Junior Grand Warden



Registration Procedure for Electronic Balloting Deadline April 8th

By R.W. Barry P. Kornspan, PDDGM
Chairman, Balloting and Registration Committee

Per C&L, Past Masters may cast their ballots for elected Grand Lodge offices (Title 3, Article IV, Section 2, Part 1) using an Internet connection. This article will outline the process you must follow in order to vote at a location **other than** the Balloting & Registration Room at the Annual Communication in Atlantic City. You may vote from any computer that has an Internet connection and Web browser.

You MUST REQUEST AN OFF-SITE BALLOT by PRE-REGISTERING.

To pre-register, you must send an email **by April 8th, 2015** to OFFSITEVOTE@NJMASONIC.ORG containing:

- Your full name
- Your email address
- Your Member Number (found on your dues card or through your Lodge Secretary)
- NJ Lodge Name/Number

Once your eligibility is verified, you will receive a confirmation email stating that you have successfully registered. Approximately 5-7 days prior to the start of balloting (April 22), you will receive an email with an encrypted link that will, once balloting begins, take you to the appropriate webpage. The email will also contain additional information and instructions. Remember, **registration for off-site voting will close on Wednesday, April 8th.**

Balloting will be open from approximately 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 22 until sometime between 9:00am and 10:00am Thursday, April 23 (all times Eastern). Once balloting starts, an email will be sent to those who have registered reminding them that the ballot is now open. Please note that the times for the start and end of off-site voting are variable depending on when the Grand Master starts and stops balloting on-site. Off-site balloting will end at the same time as on-site balloting. **Please do not take a chance and wait until the last minute – vote before 9:00am Thursday!**

You may request an off-site ballot if you are a Past Master (PM) and a member in good standing of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, F&AM. Please note that the WM, SW and JW must cast the vote assigned to their office on-site (per C&L). If the WM, SW or JW is also a PM (previous year) and they are not able to attend the Annual Communication, they may only cast their PM vote off-site and must follow the procedure above to register for that ballot.

Please address all questions regarding this procedure to GLNJVoting@gmail.com.

Uncontested Nominees for Office



Grand Lodge



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



Deputy Grand Master
Walter R. Kaulfers
Mosaic Lodge #194
3rd District



Senior Grand Warden
Dieter B. Hees
Sunrise Lodge #288
20th District



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



Grand Lodge Trustee
Neal A. McCarthy
Acacia Lodge #20
11th District



Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee
Carl H. Doan
Mt. Moriah Lodge #28
19th District



Brian Johnson
Essex Lodge #7
8th District



Keith A. Herman
Rising Sun Lodge #15
18th District



Masonic Charity Foundation
Richard Schmidt
William F. Burk Lodge #230
3rd District



Leonard Vander Horn
Clifton Lodge #203
4th District

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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 The Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Rd, Burlington, NJ 08016.

When: Saturday, MAY 16, 2015 at 9:30 am

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Grand Lodge

Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote 1 of 3)

RW John Dyer



Personal: Born and raised in Pennsville, NJ. Blessed to be the proud parent of my daughter Crystal.

Education: Graduated from Pennsville Memorial High School.

Attended Salem Community College receiving an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement.

Professional:

- Proud member of the US Navy
- Served in Operation Earnest Will
- Served in Operation Praying Mantis
- Served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm liberating the country of Kuwait
- Awarded the Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (2), Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (3), National Defense Medal, after which I was Honorably Discharged
- Salem County Correctional Facility-County Correctional Officer
- State of New Jersey-Department of Corrections-Senior Corrections Officer 1997 to present

Masonic History:

Raised in Pennsgrove Lodge #54

- Worshipful Master of Pennsgrove-Excelsior #54, 2007
- Duel Member of Woodstown Lodge #138
- Worshipful Master of Woodstown Lodge #138, 2010
- Recipient of the Grand Lodge Past Master Pin

- Member of Order of the Eastern Star Pennsgrove Chapter #86
- Past Patron of Pennsgrove Chapter #86
- Appointed to the 2010 Grand Staff under MW Joseph H Rival Jr. as Grand Sword Bearer
- Appointed in 2011 as Future Grand Marshal 2014
- Current Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge

Masonic Affiliations:

- Member of 21st District Past Master, Master, and Warden Associations
- Member South Jersey Past Master, Master and Wardens Association
- Member of Crescent Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America Glassboro Forrest #1
- Member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Southern NJ
- Member of Society of St. Johns
- Member of Order of the Eastern Star Pennsgrove Chapter #86

Grand Lodge Committees:

- Battleship NJ Committee
- Chairman of Battleship NJ Committee
- Youth and Service Committee
- 21st District Chairman for Chips Program

Community:

- Life Member of VFW Post 1952
- Past Volunteer Fireman Carneys Point Fire and Rescue Department
- Past Emergency Medical Technician Carneys Point Fire and Rescue Department
- Past Assistant Chief Carneys Point Fire and Rescue Department
- Salem County ARC Walk Volunteer
- Present Polar Bear Plunger NJ Special Olympics
- Member of Salem County Sportsman's Club
- Active Member FOP Old Oak Lodge #6
- Active Member of PBA Local 105
- American Red Cross Blood Drive

Phone Committee

- Past American Red Cross CPR Instructor

Statement:

I want to be your next Junior Grand Warden. I am seeking this office because I whole heartedly believe I can and will make a positive impact on our Grand Lodge. Having been fortunate enough to be appointed to two Grand Staffs serving several Grand Masters as well as their Elected Lines has provided me with the insight of what our Great Fraternity needs as we move forward.

Whether it was setting up staff, committees, or Masonic events the one common goal that made all of these successful was "Brotherhood" and we need to continue to move that forward utilizing "Mason's First" in all of our endeavors.

This past year we have been working towards the "3 F's" of masonry (Friendship, Fellowship & Further Light) My main objective will be to expand the Fellowship of our gentle craft even further. We need to ensure that we start the relationships to make our craft stronger as soon as a candidate enters our buildings, introduce him to all the members, making him feel like he's a part of what's going on, being comfortable inside the lodge will make him want to be involved, and he'll take all the lessons and become a fruitful member of our fraternity. We need to reach out to members ensuring they are "Not forgotten" in troubled times make sure charity starts at "Home" first.

I believe that I have the strong leadership needed to bring our fraternity back to its roots and to fulfill our fraternal destiny. It cannot be accomplished with the help of each and every one of my brothers as you "Are" our Grand Lodge. I cannot do this without you and ask for your vote to ensure we make "Masons First".

Finally brethren, it's not a bell until it rings, it's not a song until it sings, and it's not Freemasonry until you live it!

RW Dale Lynch



Personal: Life-long resident of Voorhees Township, NJ. Married to my wife, Pamela for 32 years. We have 2 children, our daughter Courtney and our son, Travis.

Education:

Eastern Regional High School, Voorhees, NJ
Nathaniel Hawthorne College, Antrim, NH
Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
Burlington County Police Academy, Westampton, NJ
State of NJ Substitute Teacher Certification.

Professional:

Retired from the Voorhees Township Police Department as a Sergeant.

Masonic History:

Raised in Laurel Lodge No. 237, 1986

- Worshipful Master of Pennsgrove-Excelsior #54, 2007
- Worshipful Master - 1993
- Secretary - 2001 - 2005
- Grand Chaplain - 1996
- Grand Marshal - 2010
- 18th District Ritual Instructor - 2011
- 18th District Deputy Grand Master -

2012 - 2014

- Grand Lodge Strategic Planning Committee 2012 - 2014
- Grand Lodge Trial of Charges Committee 2000 - 2008, 2010 - 2014

Masonic Affiliations:

- Honorary Member of:
 - Merchantville lodge No. 119
 - Mozart Lodge No. 121
- Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
 - Excelsior Consistory - Valley of Southern New Jersey, Rose Croix Line
- York Rite
 - Royal Arch Masonry - Joshua Chapter No. 51
 - Council of Royal and Select Masters - Van Hook Council No. 8
 - Knights Templar - Crusade Commandery No. 23
 - Triple Tau Council No. 54, AMD
 - Garden State York Rite College No. 18 YRSCNA
- Masonic Kilties of New Jersey
- Society of Saints John
 - Secretary - Treasurer 2013 - 2014
- South Jersey Past Masters & Wardens Assoc.
- The Masonic Society
- The Philaethes Society

Statement:

As my résumé shows, I have dedicated a great deal of my life to our Gentle Craft. Needless to say, I am proud of what we do and would change little in our mission. I am immensely proud of the way we take care of those in need. I am especially

proud of our Masonic Home, the crown jewel of New Jersey Freemasonry. It is the centerpiece of our charitable efforts, worthy of praise to the tireless efforts of those who have made it work for us. If elected as your Junior Grand Warden, I look forward to working with, serving and learning from the dedicated Brethren who serve not only our Masonic Charity Foundation, but all Freemasonry.

My mission is to boldly go where many fear to tread. To develop the most precious resource known to Masonry, those shining beacons of Lodge nights past, our Past Masters. This cadre of benevolent teachers, effervescing fatherly advice, is all too often unmined. This resource has a staggering wealth of experience. In my experience it has been there for the asking.

I would focus our future on the 99.7% of our Masons who most likely will not be going to our Home. This is where will find our strengths and ultimately, almost as a byproduct, enhance our resources to continue our charity at the Home.

My success, professionally and personally as a police officer, husband and father are due in no small part to the skill, patience and support of my beautiful wife, Pamela. Our offspring have flown the nest and are successful in their own right leaving me able to devote my attention to the support and improvement of our craft. My experience in this regard has left me able to better understand the problems new officers are experiencing. (Hence my interest in our Past Masters). I intend to develop and implement programs designed to bring these two assets

Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote 1 of 3)



Grand Lodge

RW Dale Lynch

together for information sharing and mutual support. Brethren, our mission is not the Masonic Home, but the continuation of tradition that makes the Masonic Home possible.

As a police sergeant I was responsible for the supervision of platoons composed of three to eight patrolmen, dispatchers and support staff. I was responsible for taking charge of and overseeing critical incidents and emergencies.

I was instrumental in creating and training a Domestic Violence Response Team comprised of volunteer residents from the community who counseled and accompanied victims of domestic violence through the crisis, supporting and ensuring the victims they would be protected. I was Departmental Range Officer and Firearms Instructor responsible for training and firearm safety instruction.

I have had the good fortune of seeing the workings, routine and direction from the snipers

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position of Grand Marshal and the confidant of the Grand Master for four years. As District Deputy I had the pleasure of working with men going through the chairs and working out their problems that I had dealt with myself while going up the line. I trust my guidance and leadership have strengthened their Masonry and made those good men better.

I ask for your support that I may serve you in the manner you so richly deserve.

RW Roger Quintana, DDGM



Education:

- State University of New York - Purchase, Bachelor of Arts - 1981
- State University of New York - Purchase, Master's Degree in Psychology - 1983
- Rutgers University, Certificate in Labor Relations - 2007
- Registered by the FINRA in Securities -

Investments Advisor 2000 - 2011

• State Licensed in all Major Insurance Line Licenses 2000 - 2011

Professional:

- Weehawken Township - Director of Community Affairs 1985-89
- Weehawken Township - Chairman Rent Leveling Board 1985-1995
- U.S. Dept. of Commerce - Director of North East Operations 1985-1990

Masonic History:

Mother Lodge

- Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric #35 Initiated, Passed & Raised - 1993
- Worshipful Master - 2004
- Secretary - 2006 - Present
- Trustee - 2010

Dual Lodge Affiliations

- Secaucus Hudson #72 Worshipful Master - 2003
- Sons of Liberty #301 Secretary - 2005 Trustee - 2008 - 2014
- Atlas Pythagoras #10
- Peninsula #99
- Monmouth #172
- Inspiratus #357

Grand Chaplain 2006

District Deputy Grand Master, 5th District - 2013 - 2015

Masonic Charity Foundation

- Trustee - 2009 - 2015
- Vice President - 2013 - Present
- Pensions and Benefits Committee - 2009 - 2012
- Strategic Planning Committee - (Chairman) 2010, Current Member
- Hospice Advisory Committee - (Chairman) 2009 - 2010
- Facilities Committee (Chairman) 2013 - Present
- Executive Committee - 2013 - Present
- Home Operations Committee (Chairman) 2013 - 2014

Meritorius Service Medal Awarded - 2010

Masonic Affiliations:

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

- Sublime Prince Member of the Valley of Northern NJ since 2000
- MSA Awarded - 2013

Children's Dyslexia Centers - Scotch Plains Campus

- Board of Governors
- Vice Chairman 2012-2014

Salaam Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S. - Livingston NJ as of 2001

- Ambassador as of 2001

Council of Royal & Select Masters of New Jersey York Rite

- Corinthian Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons
- Adoniram Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters
- Scott Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters
- Trinity Commandery No. 17, Knights Templar of New Jersey

York Rite College

- Garden State College

Northern NJ Council #10 Knight Masons

- Member since 2003

The Red Cross of Constantine

- St. Joseph's Conclave
- NJ DeMolay Advisor 2003 - 2005
- Staff -2003

Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey

- Atlas Chapter No. 99

5th District Masters & Wardens Association

- Vice President - 2002
- President - 2003 & 2004

Hudson County Past Master's & Warden's Association

- Past President, Past Secretary

North Jersey Past Masters Association

South Jersey Past Masters Association

Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots, New Jersey Pyramid

- Toparch 2007
- Supreme Standard Bearer 2006 - 2013
- Received the "National Sciote of the Year" award in 2007 & 2008
- Deputy Pharaoh 2009 to 2013

Society of St. John

New Jersey Police Square Club

Allied Masonic Degrees

- Coxie Council #479
- Secretary/Treasurer,
- Founding Member
- Charter Member
- Sovereign Master 2012

ARC of New Jersey

- Walk Chairman - 2003, 2004, 2005

Grand Lodge Committees:

- CHIP Program (Child ID Program) - 2005 to Present
- Education & Renewal Committee - 2004 & 2005
- Strategic Planning - 2007
- Masonic Awareness - 2009 to Present Chairman
- Leadership Conference - 2013

Outside Business Activities:

- Financial Consultant from 1990 - 2011
- County of Hudson Investigator 1990 - 2009
- County of Hudson Personnel Officer 2009 - Present
- AFSCME Local 2306 President 2005 - 2009
- AFSCME COUNCIL 52 - Executive Board 2005 - 2009

Statement:

My Brothers, I ask for your support in electing me as your next Junior Grand Warden. My goal is to

bring our Grand Lodge back to financial stability, while at the same time blend Brotherhood, Family and Masonic Values to strengthen our Craft. We need to remember that our fraternity is also our Family and our Family is enriched by our Masonic Values.

I support "Quality over Quantity", we are a fraternity of quality men looking to become better men, looking for more "light". Our Leadership Programs are working. I am committed to continuing and enhancing them, thus empowering our lodges' leadership. Our lodge officers have unique talents that are being developed into strengths. By helping them acquire new skills and further knowledge, we will support them, not only in their Masonic careers, but also in their everyday life. I would like to build on the Mentoring Program so that we continue to communicate across generations, impart Masonic Light, and help our members understand and appreciate the tenets of our institution. The Word will not be lost!

We are truly a "Band of Brothers" and need to motivate our Brethren to work as a Family. Ritual is our "Mystic Tie". We must preserve it and protect it. Sharing the knowledge and understanding of our ritual is key to understanding our foundations.

Our candidates come to us with the expectation of having to "work" their way into the Lodge. Prior to contacting us, they generally have already watched all of the TV programs and conducted online research about Freemasonry and come prepared with certain expectations. We must always remember that membership in our Craft has to be earned by learning, in the same way and manner, the work that was passed down to us from our forefathers. Not everyone who knocks at our door will complete the journey, but those that do, those that are found worthy through the effort they put forth, will become Brothers who are well qualified to lead our Fraternity into the future and ensure its prosperity for many generations to come. Isn't this the quality of brother we are all looking for?

We need to maintain our standards at high levels. Those standards must not be changed from year to year. Our Grand Master has returned to the traditional standards of ritual proficiency for our candidates. I share his beliefs that we will hold more dearly those things that we labor hardest to achieve. As your Junior Grand Warden I will support the programs established by the Elected Line to preserve continuity and insure success.

In 2009, you elected me to serve on the Board of the Masonic Charity Foundation and in 2012 you re-elected me to a second term. I am very grateful for your confidence and support.

Your Charity Foundation Trustees oversee an annual operating budget of \$40 million. This is the team that has brought a huge deficit (\$15.9 Million in 2008) under control and by 2016 expects a full recovery.

In 2013-14, I worked as a liaison between our Board of Trustees and Masonic Villages of Pennsylvania



Grand Lodge

Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote 1 of 3)

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RW Roger Quintana, DDGM

to establish a management partnership for our Masonic Home. Together, we are providing a management team that reflects our Masonic values while providing quality care that is second to none.

My Brothers, we must never forget the mission of our Masonic Foundation. First and foremost charity starts at home. I believe we can and must do more. In order to reach this goal, we must return to financial stability. The good news is that we are almost there. As your Junior Grand Warden I will continue doing everything I possibly can to see that we carry on this path.

I currently serve on the Executive Committee and Strategic Planning Committee. I assisted in the establishment of Acacia Hospice, which has provided services to our Brethren in their time of great need as well as providing a positive revenue source for the Charity Foundation. I have toiled for several years promoting the idea of a Home Health Care License for the Foundation, which would give us the option of expanding services to the Brethren throughout the state. It has finally come to fruition and can be shortly implemented.

As your Trustee, I have a proven track record of innovation and achievement. I am a team player, and as a team, we have worked diligently through our financial difficulties and have overcome many challenges. For the last two years I have served as Vice-President to the Board and have also chaired several committees. I am currently serving my second term as Chairman of the Facilities Committee. This committee oversees the conversion of the licensed residential rooms, which were running a huge vacancy and deficit, into Senior Living Apartments. There is currently a waiting list and the project will provide positive revenue when completed.

I was born of working parents, who instilled in

me strong work ethic. I started working at an early age. When I was 12 years old, I worked after school in a local store. I worked part-time through high school and college. I am not afraid of hard work and have never been.

Professionally, I am currently the Personnel Officer for the County of Hudson. This is my 25th year of service. As Personnel Officer, I am Director of the Human Resource Unit that oversees a department of over 800 employees. My duties include oversight over budget, labor relations, and human resources. I am known for my fiscal and moral integrity. I practice honest leadership, and value teamwork. A productive employee is one that is part of a team. I credit much of my business success to having conducted myself according to my Masonic values. I meet my staff on the Level. I act by the Plumb and part upon the Square.

Last year I enjoyed serving on the Social Media Committee. I have worked on communicating the Grand Lodge events to the membership through social media outlets such as Facebook. You might ask why I enjoy it so much, given that it is not as stressful or demanding as other more crucial responsibilities that I have held. The answer is simple: I feel a great satisfaction when I know that I am bringing our fraternity closer together as a family. When I initially started posting pictures on social media, I received a message from a Past District Deputy who was living out of state thanking me for helping him stay in touch with his district. Then there was an elderly Brother who was home-bound, but was now connected to the fraternity through the postings. The messages have not stopped since. From Brothers, wives, widows, we all got closer and more in touch, strengthening our connection to one another, and to our beloved Fraternity overall. Today, others are picking up and posting events on their lodge sites and the inter-

communication continues to grow.

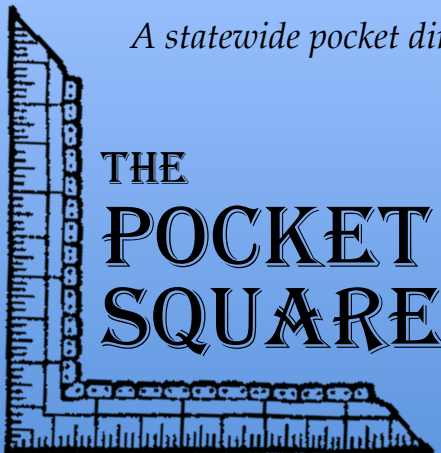
I have served two lodges as Worshipful Master and am a dual member of several others. Each lodge has its own character, and is special in its own way. As is my custom, I have gone to many installations this year. What I witnessed was one big family. Yet, each lodge had its unique customs, traditions and pride. I cherish that wide range of individuality, uniqueness, and cultures of these lodges and believe that without them there is no Grand Lodge. We must work together to preserve our legacy.

In 2013, I was appointed District Deputy of the 5th Masonic District and currently serve as such. Serving as a District Deputy is key experience for a future Grand Master. When you consider my professional accomplishments, my service as a Charity Foundation Trustee and Vice-President, and my experience as a District Deputy Grand Master, I am sure you will agree that I am the best qualified candidate to serve as your next Junior Grand Warden, and to eventually lead our Craft.

I have two wonderful sons who are 13 and 16 years old. Both are active DeMolay members. They are my pride and joy. I, as well as I am sure you want this fraternity to prosper and continue to be a brotherhood that they, and your sons, will want to join and perpetuate for generations to come.

My Brother, when you are standing in that voting booth, please remember, that your vote is very important! By voting for me, you will be doing your best to insure our fraternity's continued growth and future well-being. I give you my unequivocal promise that I will go above and beyond in serving you and this great Fraternity of ours, with the utmost honesty, dedication, and passion.

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Nominees for Grand Secretary (Vote 1 of 3)



Grand Lodge

MW John M. Colligas



Personal: Married to Beverly for the past 54 years. One daughter, four granddaughters, one grandson and two great grandsons.

Education:
BA Degree Sociology,
Rutgers University.

Professional:

Retired 2005 as Master Probation Officer, of the Judiciary State of New Jersey, Criminal Division Somerset County, after 34 years of service.

Military Service:

U.S.Army 1959 - 1962.

Masonic History, Titles and Memberships:

Received Master Mason Degree in Solomon's Lodge No. 46 on March 23, 1968; Past Master of Raritan Valley Lodge No. 46; Past Secretary of Solomon's Lodge No. 46 having served 10 years, from 1994 - 2004.; Past G.T.C., Past Scribe, and Life Member of SO-RA-BO Forest No. 48 T.C.L.; Corinthian Chapter No. 57 R.A.M.; A.A.S.R. Valley of Central Jersey; Atlas Chapter No. 99 O.E.S.; Past Excellent Chief of Northern Council No. 10 Knight Masons U.S.A.; Society of The Saints John; New Jersey College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana; Board of Governors Scotch Plains 320 Masonic Learning Center for Children, 2000 - 2006; Past President 12th District P.M. and Wardens Assoc.; South Jersey Past Masters and Wardens Assoc.; North Jersey Past Masters and Wardens Masonic Assoc.; The Haggai Lodge of Mark Master Masons; N.J. DeMolay Legion of Honor; Past Commander New Jersey Legion of Honor Preceptory; Instrumental in forming the Rutgers Masonic Club and the Collegiate One Day Class on January 23, 2010.

2009 Awarded the Order of Ish Sodi by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State

of New Jersey; 2009 awarded the Grand Cross of Color by The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; 2009 Awarded the G.L. of NJ Daniel Cox Medal for Distinguished Service to the Craft; 2009 awarded the 33rd and last Degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the AASR of Freemasonry; 2011 Awarded the G.L. of Rhode Island Christopher Champlin Medal for Outstanding Masonic Achievement.

Honorary Member of the following Lodges:

Kittatinny No. 164; Condon-Overlook No. 163; Palestine No. 111; Eclipse No. 259; Philo No. 243; Harmony No. 8; Host No. 6; Madison No. 93; Mozart No. 121; Colonial-Prospect No. 24; Princeton No. 38; Union No. 19; Plaridel No. 302, Honorary Member Hunterdon County Forest No. 13, T.C.L; Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

DDGM 12th. Masonic District 1997 - 2001; 2003 elected to a 3 year term as Trustee of the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey; Chairman of Foundation Charities Committee. Grand Lodge Committee on Sports Promotion 1996 - 2002; Grand Lodge Committee on Renewal 2002 - 2004; Grand Lodge Committee on Ritual 2002 - 2004; 12th District Ritual Instructor, 1995, 1996; 2008 elected Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Jersey; 2008 - 2009 Chairman of the Board of Trustees Masonic Charity Foundation; Right Worshipful Grand Instructor, 2009 - 2011; February 23, 2010, elected to a seven year term as a member of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of The Grand Masters of Masons in North America

Community:

Member United Reformed Dutch Church, Somerville, New Jersey for the past 54 years. Deacon, Elder and past vice president of Consistory and delegate to the Classis of Delaware-Raritan.

Statement:

Perhaps you wonder why I am a candidate for Grand Secretary. Well, I want to give back something to the fraternity who elected me as

Grand Master. I seek the position so that I can use my skills and abilities to benefit the fraternity and be of service, once again, to the brethren of this Grand Lodge

My qualifications have been earned through a life-time of hard work and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Professionally, I have retired after spending over three decades working in the NJ Judicial system as a Master Probation Officer. During those years I learned how to develop and implement policies in one of the most demanding and exacting areas of government.

The skills I developed in my profession carried over into my more than 45 years of Masonic service. Whether working for my Lodge, District, and our Grand Lodge or in my profession, the desire to provide the best service possible is what has guided my life.

I ask that you to please read and digest the information indicated in my candidate resume and biography. Two of the more pertinent pieces of information contained therein is that I was the secretary of my lodge for a period 10 years and that I was elected to and presently serving as a commissioner on the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons for North America. As such, I am well aware of the duties and the amount of time required in performing the duties of the lodge secretary and I have acquired the knowledge of "conducting the general correspondence with the lodges and brethren over the whole world."

This and my service as the Grand Master, the Chairman of the Masonic Charity Foundation, and other accumulated skills, have prepared me to make a positive contribution to our fraternity as the Grand Secretary of our Grand Lodge.

Our Grand Lodge needs men who are committed to maintaining the high standards that have come to characterize our Grand Jurisdiction. Your vote will give me the opportunity to help maintain those high standards..

MW William L. Morris, Jr., PGM, GS



Initiated: June 1984
Passed: October 1984
Raised: November 1984
Worshipful Master
Loyalty: 1990, 2004
Worshipful Master Atlas
Pythagoras: 1997

Masonic History, Titles and Memberships:

Received Master Mason Degree in Gavel Lodge No. 273 on November 5, 1984; Master of Gavel Washington Lodge 1990; Master of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge 1997 and Master of Loyalty Lodge 2004; have served as Secretary and Treasurer of Loyalty Lodge. Assistant Secretary and Trustee of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge; A.A.S.R. Valley of Northern New Jersey; Corinthian Chapter No. 57 R.A.M.; Adoniram Council No. 9 R. & S.M.; Past Commander, Trinity Commandery No. 17 K.T.; Atlas Chapter No. 99 O.E.S.; Past Excellent Chief of Northern Council No. 10 Knight Masons U.S.A.; N.J. Pyramid No. 1 A.E.O. of Sciots; NJ Pyramid No. 2 A.E.O. Sciots; Past President, Society of The Saints John; The Royal Order of Scotland; Past Sovereign, New Jersey College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana; St. Joseph Conclave Knights of The

Red Cross of Constantine; Treasurer, Board of Governors Scotch Plains Children's Dyslexia Center; Union High 12 No. 127; Member 10th District P.M. and Wardens Assoc.; South Jersey Past Masters and Wardens Assoc.; North Jersey Past Masters and Wardens Masonic Assoc.; Garden State York Rite College No. 122; Harold Van Buren Voorhis Council No. 260, A.M.D.; N.J. DeMolay Legion of Honor; Washington Association; Salaam Shrine, Oriental Band; Honorary Member Azure Masada Lodge No. 22; Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Grand Lodge Appointments and Elected Offices:

Junior Grand Steward 1992 - 1993; DDGM 13th Masonic District 1997 - 2001; Elected Deputy Grand Secretary 2001 - 2008; Grand Lodge Computer Committee 1993 - 2006; Grand Lodge Balloting Committee 2007 - 2008, 2013; elected Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of NJ; 2009 elected Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of New Jersey; 2010 elected Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Jersey; 2011 elected Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Jersey. 2012 to Present elected Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Masonic Accomplishments:

After joining Gavel Lodge in 1984 and working my way through the officer chairs, I was elected Senior Warden in 1989 and also assumed Station of Worshipful Master. As part of the Worshipful Master's duties I had to print addresses on

Trestleboard envelopes utilizing an ancient address-o-graph machine. Being involved in personal computer applications development at the time I created a program to manage the lodge's mailings by printing computer labels. Later I expanded the program to include additional membership information required to manage my Lodge. After my term of Worshipful Master was completed in 1991, I became Treasurer and then Secretary of Gravel Washington Lodge. In 1992 - 1993 I was appointed Junior Grand Steward on Most Worshipful George S. Martin's Grand Staff. During that year, a talent hunt was conducted by the Grand Lodge Computer Committee. I presented my system to the Committee in 1993, it was accepted to be the standard program for Lodge Secretaries. Many features were added to the system working with the Grand Lodge Computer Committee including monthly reports, return of election and annual report. All this cut down the secretary's workload from hours to minutes, by keeping accurate membership information. 1997 - 2001 I was appointed District Deputy Grand Master 13th Masonic District.

In 1997 was given the challenge by Most Worshipful Gerald H. Grosskopf to utilize voting machines replacing punch cards for balloting at the annual communication. Also needed, was reporting on membership attending the annual communication which I created. From 2001 - 2008 I was elected Deputy Grand Secretary my duties included editing the Grand Lodge Proceedings



MW William L. Morris, Jr., PGM, GS and the Annual Communication, focusing on Registration and Balloting. Other duties were assigned to me as needed.

In 2004 Grand Master Daniel M. Wilson, wanted to hold a large One Day Class in multiple locations around the state of New Jersey. I created a system for registering the candidates and assisted in the training and installing the equipment at the sites. The registration went very smoothly without any glitches and we had over 1,600 new Masons raised that day. In 2005 the Junior Grand Warden had the idea of having remote balloting for Past Master too vote for the Elected Officers of Grand Lodge at remote locations. I created software and setup notebook computers at 5 sites north and west of Atlantic City. Data communications was an issue of transmitting the ballots cast. The final year of this process required my travel to a registrar's home to retrieve the computer and report the results to the Grand Master. In 2012 the Grand Master as required by the Constitution and Laws wanted to again have Off-Site Voting. The Internet had become a part of our daily lives at that time, so a Website was created to allow remote Past Master's the opportunity to vote. I managed the registration and distribution of Voting Codes. We had approximately 200 remote voters sign up and approximately 100 votes cast during voting hours.

During trips to the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, I visited with software vendors who provided Internet based software for Grand Lodge and Lodge Management. What appeared to be the leader in this field was Enable Labs, developers of the MORI system. 2008 - 2012 I was a member of the Progressive Elected Line

(Junior, Senior Grand Wardens, Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master) In 2010 voting machines were not available from Ocean County or elsewhere around the state due to School Board Elections. I proposed that we switch to Touch Screen computers replace the unavailable voting machines. Minor glitches occurred but fair and honest balloting continued through this past year. During the late '90's a brother from South Jersey felt the need to replace my software with a more modern Windows based product. I agreed with him and shared the specifications of my system with him. As my contribution to the Grand Lodge and the Secretaries of New Jersey I never changed them for software or associated materials. The Windows program does have a fee attached for distribution and maintenance. Some Lodges are still utilizing my now 19 year old software. After serving my term as your Grand Master I felt that I could best serve our fraternity by running for the position of Grand Secretary. Being retired I could devote daytime hours to our Grand Lodge Office working with the office staff to modernize some of the procedures. During my time as Grand Secretary we have published many back years of Grand Lodge Proceedings, updated the Constitution and Laws, managed Grand Master Trautmann's Amnesty Program, and managed the Attendee Registration of the Masonic Leadership Conferences which was out of control before I took it over.

Another innovation which I created as Grand Secretary was to barcode the membership cards. This innovation is just now being implemented in a number of other Grand Lodges. It significantly reduced the waiting time at the Annual Communication and also has been utilized at

Emergent Communications and Registration and the Masonic Leadership Conferences.

Statement:

Innovations will continue like I have proposed, created and administered during my 30 years as a Freemason and will continue to develop innovations if re-elected as your Grand Secretary. The implementation of the MORI system has been a difficult process. The original system was developed to support the Grand Lodge of New York. Modifications have been made to support other states including the state of New Jersey. The Grand Lodge Office currently utilizes software called the Raisers Edge, while this software is excellent for managing fund raising efforts of the Masonic Charity Foundation. Due the complexities of the record management for Freemasons in the state, like information must be entered into multiple fields, input errors can occur and timely information is not always available. The MORI system will solve many issues; the time for implementation has been extremely long. We are almost to the point of releasing the MORI system to all Lodges. Training and Support are my forte having spent 40+ years in the Information Technology profession.

As a Charter Member of the Masonic Secretaries Association I have participated in their meetings ever since its inception and have provided support for Lodges seven days a week, answering and/or returning phone calls and emails on a timely basis. I enjoy working with Lodge Management and wish to continue as your Grand Secretary, please support my efforts to complete the implementation of the MORI system and other duties which may be assigned to me.

MW John Ryan



Personal: Born May 12, 1943.

Education: University of Miami - BS Degree. Fairleigh Dickinson University - Additional credits. International Business Machines (IBM) - Computer Program Degree.

Professional:

Publishers Distribution Company, Inc. www.pdgmags.com - C.E.O. - 1977 - Present. Founded company to distribute and market special interest periodicals to the newsstand in North America. Purchased Annas International, Inc. www.annasint.com In 2004 to export North American periodicals to all foreign countries that sell English language periodicals. Founded Metro Publishing Limited in 1996 and published "Coastal Cruising" and "Italian Food, Wine & Travel" magazines.

Masonic Information:

Master Mason Degree - January, 23, 1985, Livingston Lodge No. 11, Worshipful Master - 1990, Grand Chaplain Grand Lodge of New Jersey - 1997-1998, East Orange Veterans Hospital Representative - 1987-1997, New Jersey State Coordinator Masonic Service Association - 1997-2003, District Deputy Grand Master 8th Masonic District - 1998-2003, Masonic Charity Board of Trustees - 2003-2010, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge - 2003-2004, President of Masonic Charity Foundation - 2003-

2004, Junior Grand Warden-Elected 2004, Grand Master of New Jersey - 2007-2008, 33 Degree Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction - 2009, Chairman, Masonic Charity Foundation - 2007-2008, Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee, Past Chairman & Founder of Essex Chapter DeMolay, Past Chairman, Grand Lodge Committee on USS New Jersey Battleship Fund, Past Chairman, Children's Learning Center, Newark, NJ, Past Sovereign Master, Harold V.B. Voorhis Council No. 20, AMD of USA, Past Excellent Chief, Knight Masons Council No. 10, Past Toparc, Ancient Order of Sciots, Next Puissant Sovereign, St. Josephs Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Past Board of Directors, George Washington Masonic Memorial, Member of Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, M.M.M.'S.

Concordant and Appendant Bodies:

New Jersey Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, New Jersey Council of Deliberation AASR, Grand Council Royal & Select Masters, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Commandery Knights Templar Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Tall Cedars of Lebanon, High Twelve, Ancient Order of Sciots, New Jersey College S.R.I.C.E., Society of Saints John, New Jersey DeMolay Legion of Honor, New Jersey DeMolay Alumni Association New Jersey Past Masters Association, Royal Order of Red Branch Eri, Garden State York Rite College No. 122, Past Vice President National Sojourners Chapter No. 42, Haggai Lodge of Mark Master Masons, The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey.

Other Lodge Memberships:

Hannibal Lodge No. 224, St. George's, Bermuda, Alexander-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Virginia.

Honorary Membership:

Musconetcong No. 42, Kittatinny No. 164, Penns

Grove-Excelsior No. 54, Condon-Overlook No. 163, Nutley No. 25, Essex No. 7, Harmony No. 8, AzureMasada No. 22, Alpha No. 116, Eclipse No. 259, Host No. 6, Jacques DeMolay No. 318.

Other Affiliations:

President Board of Trustees, USS New Jersey Battleship, Vice President Board of Trustees Breakers East Inc.

Statement:

The Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge Office are two vital components within our Masonic Fraternity which handle the administration of all corporate business matters and communication within our jurisdiction and throughout the Free & Accepted Masonic world. The Constitution and Laws of this jurisdiction state eight important duties of the Grand Secretary, which must be maintained and administered on time and with completion. Key responsibilities include: maintaining all records of Grand Lodge including all aspects of the Annual Communication, publishing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge by December 15 of each year, and maintaining an open line of communication with the Lodge Secretaries and the Brethren.

Since its implementation in 2013, the Mori Computer System is another major responsibility of the Grand Secretary. I plan to administer the Mori Computer System accurately and to closure.

These are but a few of many required responsibilities of the Grand Secretary, as well as all directives from the Grand Master. My years of corporate business expertise and Masonic experience fully qualify me for the office of Grand Secretary.

227th Annual Communication Legislation



Grand Lodge

Current: **TITLE THREE, ARTICLE IV, Section 1, Part 2** Emergencies Interfering with Annual Communication. In the event at the time scheduled for any Annual Communication of our Grand any Federal or other regulation shall restrict the attendance thereat or travel thereto:

Proposed: TITLE THREE, ARTICLE IV, Section 1, Part 2 Emergencies Interfering with Annual Communication. In the event at the time scheduled for any Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge any Federal or other regulation shall restrict the attendance thereat or travel thereto:

Statement: This is a housekeeping change. The word 'Lodge' was omitted from the existing statement.

Michael J. Emerson, Genesis Lodge #88

Current: **TITLE THREE, ARTICLE IV, Section 2, Part 3** Voting by Ballot. When voting is by written ballot, every lodge shall be allowed three votes: i.e., if all three Senior Officers (Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens) are present, each shall cast his own ballot; if one of such Officers is absent, the Senior Officer shall cast 2 ballots; if two of the Senior Officers are absent, the attending Officer shall cast all 3 ballots; and if all three Senior Officers are absent, the proxy duly elected by the lodge shall cast 3 ballots. If the proxy is a Past Master, he may cast 4 ballots:

Proposed: TITLE THREE, ARTICLE IV, Section 2, Part 3 Voting by Ballot. When voting is by written ballot, every lodge shall be allowed three votes: i.e., if all three Senior Officers (Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens) are present, each shall cast his own ballot; if one of such Officers is absent, the Senior Officer shall cast 2 ballots; if two of the Senior Officers are absent, the attending Officer shall cast all 3 ballots; and if all three Senior Officers are absent, the proxy duly elected by the lodge shall cast 3 ballots. If the proxy is a Past Master and is exercising his duty as proxy, he may cast 4 ballots.

Statement: This is simply a clarification of the existing language. The current statement could be interpreted that a proxy who is also a Past Master would cast 4 votes. The language change simply spells out that the proxy would only cast 4 votes when exercising his duty as proxy (namely, when the Senior Officers are absent).

Michael J. Emerson, Genesis Lodge #88

Current: **TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE II, Section 2, Part 3(c)** Investments. They are authorized to invest the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge to be determined by them from time to time, as not being required, to meet existing obligations or to defray immediately prospective expenditures already authorized in such funds or other securities, including stocks, as those in which a fiduciary may invest. They ... And when the word "they" is used, it means the trustees. They are hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for investment advisory services with respect to the investment of the funds of Grand Lodge with a firm, a bank, or trust company with experience in providing such investment advisory service. All investments shall be made in accordance with accepted financial practices, and no investment of Grand Lodge shall be assigned. They are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with or through an investment advisory service, a bank, a trust company, or any other financially qualified and responsible depository within or without the state of New Jersey for custodial service for the investment portfolio of the Grand Lodge. With respect to each and

every investment by them, a permanent record shall be made thereof, and a copy of such permanent record shall be promptly provided to the Office of the Grand Secretary. When in the exercise of their best judgment and discretion, the trustees or a majority of their number, shall deem it advisable to sell any of the securities owned by the Grand Lodge, they shall do so to the best possible advantage. The income realized during each fiscal year from the investment of monies and funds in the general fund, or from the amortization of bonds, discounts, or premiums and the charges from investment advisors and custodians shall be recorded in the Operating Account periodically as determined by them. At the close of each fiscal year any excess funds in the Operating Account as determined by them shall be transferred to the general fund.

Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE II, Section 2, Part 3(c) Investments. The Trustees (hereafter referred to for the remainder of Part 3(c) as 'they', 'them' or 'their') are hereby authorized to invest the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge (defined as those funds not being required for the functioning of the Grand Lodge, as determined by them) from time to time to meet existing obligations or to defray immediately prospective expenditures already authorized in such funds or other securities, including stocks, as those in which a fiduciary may invest. They are hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for investment advisory services with respect to the investment of the funds of Grand Lodge with a firm, a bank, or trust company with experience in providing such investment advisory service. All investments made by them shall be in accordance with accepted financial practices, and no investment of Grand Lodge shall be assigned. They are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with or through an investment advisory service, a bank, a trust company, or any other financially qualified and responsible depository within or without the state of New Jersey for custodial service for the investment portfolio of the Grand Lodge. With respect to each and every investment made by them, a permanent record shall be made thereof, and a copy of such permanent record shall be promptly provided to the Office of the Grand Secretary. When in the exercise of their best judgment and discretion, they (or a majority of their number) shall deem it advisable to sell any of the securities owned by the Grand Lodge, they shall do so to the best possible advantage. The income realized during each fiscal year from the investment of monies and funds in the general fund, or from the amortization of bonds, discounts, or premiums and the charges from investment advisors and custodians shall be recorded in the Operating Account periodically as determined by them. At the close of each fiscal year, any excess funds in the Operating Account as determined by them shall be transferred to the general fund.

Statement: This is mainly clarifications to the existing language. It is customary in any legal document to place any language that changes how a party is referred to at the beginning of a document or section and not in the middle. Also, some of the other statements regarding the powers of the Trustees were firmed up, and one late instance of 'the Trustees' was replaced with 'they' (as per the opening statement in the section).

Michael J. Emerson, Genesis Lodge #88

NEW Section: **TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE II, Section 3, Part 2(d)**

Proposed: (d) Should the District Deputy Grand Master be ►



the Treasurer or Secretary of a lodge in his own district, the Grand Master will appoint a qualified, disinterested party to perform the duty of reviewing the books and records of that lodge.

Statement: This addition allows for a proper review of lodge and financial records without conflict, as the District Deputy Grand Master would be reviewing his own books or records for proper form.

R. W. Barry Kornspan, PDDGM, AzureMasada #22

Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE II, Section 3, Part 5

Part 4. Grand Pursuivant. The Grand Pursuivant shall be stationed inside the door and announce the names a titles of all persons reported to him by the Grand Tyler:

Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE II, Section 3, Part 5 Part 4. Grand Pursuivant. The Grand Pursuivant shall be stationed inside the door and announce the names and titles of all persons reported to him by the Grand Tyler.

Statement: This is a housekeeping change. The Grand Pursuivant's title is misspelled at the beginning of Part 5.

Michael J. Emerson, Genesis Lodge #88

Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 5(a)

Nominations. Nominations for elected officers of a lodge shall be submitted at the regular communication of the lodge immediately prior to the lodge's Annual Communication:

Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 5(a) Nominations. Nominations for elected officers of a lodge shall be submitted at the regular communication of the lodge immediately prior to the lodge's Annual Communication. **A brother nominated for more than one elected office may only accept one nomination.**

Statement: If a brother is nominated for two or more elected offices (including Lodge Trustee), he may only accept and be considered for one office. By putting this legislation in place, it preserves peace and harmony which could be upset by a brother being nominated and running for multiple elected offices until he won.

R. W. Barry Kornspan, PDDGM, AzureMasada #22

Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 6

Votes required for Election Candidates. In an election for officers, except the Worshipful Master, any member who receives the votes of a majority is elected, if otherwise qualified, whether previously nominated or not:

Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE VII, Section 5, Part 6 Votes required for Election Candidates. In an election for officers at a lodge's Annual Communication, only a candidate previously nominated in proper form who receives a majority vote is elected.

Statement: This change prevents a brother not properly nominated at the previous regular communication of the lodge from receiving a majority of the votes cast in an effort to subvert proper processes.

R. W. Barry Kornspan, PDDGM, AzureMasada #22

Current: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE IX, Section 4, Part 5(b)

Balloting on Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues. If there is more than one ballot for non-payment of dues, and there is no objection from the members present, the ballot may

be spread collectively. If but one black cube be cast, the ballot must then be spread on each individual suspension separately.

Proposed: TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE IX, Section 4, Part 5(b) Balloting on Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues (NPD). If there is more than one ballot for non-payment of dues, and there is no objection from the members present, the ballot may be spread collectively. The same rules will apply to this collective ballot as to a single NPD vote (as per TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE IX, Section 8, Part 2(a) of the GRAND LODGE BY-LAWS).

TITLE FOUR, ARTICLE IX, Section 8, Part 2(a)

(Reprinted for clarification)

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.

Statement: There are occasions where Lodges have a significant number of NPD Suspensions to handle. As these are a 2/3 majority vote when balloted on individually, it does not seem appropriate that a single black cube can nullify the collective ballot. This change would allow the same 2/3 rule that governs the individual NPD ballot to apply to the collective ballot.

Michael J. Emerson, Genesis Lodge #88

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 in Masonic Ceremonies

(a) Tyled Ceremonies. An EA or FC Mason may wear his appropriate apron and participate in the following:

- A degree which they have previously received and successfully passed the examination. Their participation may be as an examiner of another Entered Apprentice at a subsequent exam, as an Assistant Marshal, or as an officer with proper instruction from his lodge.
- A Masonic Funeral service.
- An Official Visit of the Grand Master and reception to honor GL staff (with proper notice to the Grand Master)
- Installation of Lodge Officers

(b) Public Ceremonies. An EA or FC Mason may wear his appropriate apron (when proper to do so) and participate in the following:

- Masonic Funeral service.
- Cornerstone Laying
- Official Visit of the Grand Master and reception to honor GL staff.
- Installation of Lodge Officers
- Parades

Statement: We need to be more inclusive with our members as they progress in their degrees, and provide more

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Grand Lodge

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opportunities for them to participate in and with their lodge. Additionally, an EA or FC who wishes to participate in their apron in a Funeral Service for a relative or mentor should be able to do so.

R.W. Barry Kornspan, PDDGM, AzureMasada #22
Joseph Herx, PM, Harmony #18

Grand Lodge Trustee Legislation

Current: Title Four: Grand Lodge By-Laws

ARTICLE II. Grand Lodge Officers; Duties and Powers

Section 2. Duties and Powers of Elected Grand Lodge Officers

Part 3. Grand Lodge Trustees

(a) Term. There shall be five Trustees of the Grand Lodge, whom shall be elected to serve for three years at an annual communication. No Trustee of Grand Lodge who shall have served for six or more years, consecutively, shall be eligible for election to serve again as a Trustee of Grand Lodge until at least **three years** shall have elapsed since the date on which he last served as a member. The period between two annual communications shall be considered as a full year, regardless of the exact dates on which such meetings are held. Vacancies in the office of Trustees created by death, resignation or removal from the jurisdiction of an incumbent, shall be filled ad interim by an appointment by the Grand Master until the next annual communication, when an election shall be held for the unexpired term so vacated.

Proposed: Title Four: Grand Lodge By-Laws

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Statement: This is to make consistent the length of time required to wait between times served for all three sets of Trustees. The Grand Lodge Trustees if passed will be the same (one year) as the Masonic Charity Foundation Trustees and the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustees.

This would also insure that there is a mix of seasoned trustees on the board as well as newly elected trustees. Note: Previous Change in legislation reduced the time one can serve from 2-Five Year Terms to 2-Three Year Terms, but the time between was not reduced from three years to one.

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Jack A.E. Ford, PM Princeton Lodge #38,
Brian F. Johnson, PM Essex Lodge #7,
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Mark E. Carl, PM Covenant Lodge #161

By-laws, the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple

Current: ARTICLE 1, Section 1

The registered office of the corporation in the State of New Jersey shall be located at 1114 Oxmead rd, Burlington, NJ and the registered agent therein an in charge thereof, upon whom the process may be served, shall be Brian F. Johnson.

Proposed: ARTICLE 1, Section 1

The registered office of the corporation in the State of New Jersey shall be located at 100 Barracks Street, Trenton, NJ and the registered agent therein an in charge thereof, upon whom the process may be served, shall be Brian F. Johnson.

Current: ARTICLE 3, Section 3

Regular meetings. Regular meetings of the board shall be held without notice on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at, or as noticed by written notice from the Secretary to all Trustees, or at such other time and place as may be designated by the board.

Proposed: ARTICLE 3, Section 3

Regular meetings. Regular meetings of the board shall be held without notice on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at, or as noticed by written notice from the Secretary to all Trustees, or at such other time and place as may be designated by the board.

Current: ARTICLE 3, Section 8

(a) One or more or all the trustees may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast by the members entitled to vote for the election of trustees. The board may remove trustees for cause and suspend trustees pending a final determination that cause exists for removal. If the Certificate of Incorporation or these by-laws so provide, one or more or all the trustees may be removed without cause by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast by the members entitled to vote for the election of trustees.

Proposed: ARTICLE 3, Section 8

(a) One or more or all the trustees may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast by the members entitled to vote for the election of trustees. A trustee who fails to attend three (3) consecutive scheduled meetings and has not been excused by an affirmed vote of a majority of the Trustees shall considered resigned and the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 9. The board may remove trustees for cause and suspend trustees pending a final determination that cause exists for removal. If the Certificate of Incorporation or these by-laws so provide, one or more or all the trustees may be removed without cause by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast by the members entitled to vote for the election of trustee.

This was written an approved by the
Historic Trenton Masonic Trustees:

W.B. George Chidley
R.W. Lawrence Thoma
R.W. Keith Graser
R.W. Robert Monacelli

Additional proposed legislation was presented by brethren to the Office of the Grand Secretary, but were ruled to be out of order upon review by the appropriate committees and are not presented for action.



Grand Lodge

Proposed Grand Lodge Budget 2015-2016

Membership Base = 20,804

	Budget 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016		Budget 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016
OPERATING REVENUE			GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES		
Grand Lodge per Capita Assessment	\$395,856.00	\$374,472.00	Annual Communication	\$135,000.00	\$140,000.00
Blue Lodge Insurance Assessment	76,986.00	72,814.00	Emergent Communications	1,000.00	1,000.00
Staff Contribution to			Northeast Conference		
Annual Communication	40,000.00	45,000.00	of Grand Masters	4,000.00	4,000.00
Annual Communication	15,000.00	15,000.00	Conference of Grand		
Sale of Supplies	18,000.00	18,000.00	Masters of N.America	18,000.00	20,000.00
General Fund Interest and Dividends	3,000.00	110,000.00	Feast of St. John	6,000.00	10,000.00
Permanent Fund Interest and Dividends	75,000.00	75,000.00	Past Grand Master's Jewel	12,000.00	10,000.00
Digitized Proceedings /MORI	10,998.00	20,804.00	Awards and Certificates	3,500.00	5,000.00
Trenton Temple Assessment (2.00)	43,992.00	41,608.00	Table Lodge	1,000.00	5,000.00
Trenton Temple Operating Revenue	95,000.00	0.00	Cost of Resale Supplies	0.00	15,000.00
Feast of St. John	0.00	9,000.00	Background Checks	0.00	8,000.00
Leadership Conference	0.00	19,500.00	Unity Day	0.00	7,800.00
Unity Day	0.00	8,000.00	TOTAL GRAND		
Background Checks	0.00	9,800.00	LODGE ACTIVITIES	\$180,500.00	\$225,800.00
Table Lodge	0.00	5,000.00	EDUCATION PROGRAMS		
Wheelchair Track Meet	0.00	13,200.00	Ritual Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$773,832.00	\$837,198.00	District Deputy		
PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS			Grand Masters	1,000.00	1,000.00
Masonic Charity Foundation	\$395,856.00	\$374,472.00	Education Services	2,000.00	2,500.00
Initiate Fee for MCF (25.00)	10,000.00	10,000.00	Youth Committee	3,000.00	5,000.00
GWNM per Capita (1.00)	21,992.00	20,804.00	Old Trenton Temple		
Initiate Fee for GWNM (5.00)	2,000.00	2,000.00	Lodge museum	500.00	500.00
DeMolay per Capita (1.00)	21,992.00	20,804.00	Masonic Leadership		
Rainbow per Capita (1.00)	21,992.00	20,804.00	Conference	2,000.00	20,500.00
TOTAL PASS THROUGH			NJ Freemason Magazine	75,000.00	80,000.00
ASSESSMENTS	\$473,832.00	\$448,884.00	TOTAL EDUCATION		
OPERATING EXPENSES			EXPENSE	\$84,000.00	\$110,000.00
PERSONNEL			CHARITABLE PROGRAMS		
Salaries	\$133,415.00	\$153,138.75	MSA Hospital		
Payroll Taxes	15,760.00	16,845.00	Visitation Program	\$2,500.00	\$500.00
Group Insurance	0.00	0.00	NJ Veterans		
Maintenance Staff	0.00	3,000.00	Hospital Program	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$149,175.00	\$172,983.75	Masonic Services Assoc.	1,500.00	1,000.00
OPERATING EXPENSE			CHIP	1,000.00	2,000.00
Audit	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	Wheelchair Track		
IRS Form 990	5,000.00	10,000.00	and Field Meet	500.00	11,500.00
Accounting and Bookkeeping	18,000.00	18,000.00	Masonic Blood Bank	500.00	750.00
Investment Advisor	0.00	0.00	TOTAL CHARITABLE		
Office Supplies	8,500.00	8,500.00	PROGRAMS	\$8,500.00	\$18,250.00
Media and Communications	13,000.00	18,000.00	PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS		
Printing	8,000.00	8,000.00	Masonic Charity Foundation	\$395,856.00	\$374,472.00
Postage and UPS	11,000.00	11,000.00	Initiates Contribution to MCF	10,000.00	10,000.00
GL Collars, Aprons and Tokens	2,500.00	2,500.00	GWNM Assessment	21,992.00	20,804.00
Official Expense	32,500.00	45,000.00	Initiates Contribution to GWNM	2,000.00	2,000.00
Equipment Contract and Leases	1,000.00	2,000.00	DeMolay	21,992.00	20,804.00
Legal	1,000.00	10,000.00	Rainbow	21,992.00	20,804.00
GL Insurance	14,000.00	14,000.00	TOTAL PASS THROUGH		
Blue Lodge Insurance	73,500.00	72,814.00	ASSESSMENTS	\$473,832.00	\$448,884.00
Trenton Temple Operating Expense/RENT	90,000.00	45,000.00	TOTAL REVENUE		
Trenton Temple Renovation	43,992.00	0.00		\$1,247,664.00	\$1,286,082.00
Administrative Office Expense	0.00	4,000.00	TOTAL EXPENSES		
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,000.00		\$1,244,997.00	\$1,281,535.75
Digitize Proceedings/MORI	10,998.00	20,804.00	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$348,990.00	\$305,618.00		\$2,667.00	\$4,546.25
			Membership base	21,992	20,804
			Assessment \$18.00		

The Grand Lodge



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To: All Lodges

In the event of the election of Right Worshipful Anthony W. Montuori as Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey at the 228th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge on April 23, 2015, the Brethren, their ladies and friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following:

GRAND MASTER'S INSTALLATION

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Bally's Atlantic City – Convention Room

1900 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ

2:00 P.M.

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

Saturday May 2, 2015

Masonic Fellowship Center

1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ

3:00 P.M. Church Service at the Masonic Home Chapel

4:30 P.M. Reception, followed by Social Hour

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, 2015. For those attending the installation only, there is no charge and no reservations are necessary (however we request that you contact the Grand Marshal, J. Eugene Margroff, with your intention to attend at gene1236@aol.com).

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Saturday, April 11, 2015

Fellowship Center, Burlington

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Cocktails: 6:30 PM

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Candidates Night

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Monday, March 30th

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546 River Drive, Garfield NJ

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Dinner 6:00 PM

\$35 per person

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Monday, April 1st

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Social Hour 5:00 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

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Happenings at West Hill



Education

Submitted by MW Joseph Rival, PGM

The Holidays are over and now it's time to undecorated. But, before we do, I thought you might like to see some pictures of what it looked like. We have to bear in mind that since most of the owners were Quakers and didn't actually celebrate Christmas, we didn't want to get too fancy. So, here are some photos.

After the Feast of Saints John, Bro. George Washington stopped by to admire the picture we have of him that was donated by RW William Morelli. If you missed the Feast, you missed a great opportunity to spend an excellent evening. By the end of the night I felt I had actually been in the presence of His Excellency George Washington.

Also on December 14th we were part of a 3 house holiday tour of Historic Houses. In addition to West Hill, 1799 (Federalist) being open, Green Hill Manor,



1803 (Italianate) and Peachfield, 1600s (Colonial Revival) all participated. People visited each residence, received guided tours and enjoyed light refreshments. This was our first endeavor and turned out to be a huge success. Green Hill is a private residence and the owners were thrilled to be included. We are already planning to do this again next December.



The walls in the basement are drawing our attention next. In cooperation with the Masonic Charity Foundation, stone masons will be removing some of the old mortar, which is starting to crumble and replace it with new. The replacement mortar has to be the same as was used in 1797 when the basement walls were built - with a mixture of lime and sand. We are also hoping to renovate the dining room and the entrance hallway.

As you can see, a lot is "Happening at West Hill", so stay tuned for the next issue of the Freemason!





Education

The Rough Ashlar

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

Last Autumn while in Wheaton Village, Millville, NJ, enjoying a local artisan craft fair, I had an opportunity to try my hand at sand casting. Sand casting, also known as sand molded casting, is a metal casting process characterized by using sand as the mold material. A reverse image is carved into the sand casting, and after a medium is poured into the design and left to harden, produces the finished product. After deliberating on what design to make, I decided to try my hand at carving the Masonic symbol of a square and compass.

Upon completing my project and generally happy with the result, I began to think upon my creation as a metaphor for Freemasonry. How the molten turbulence of our passions needs to tempered and cooled to make us better able to resist the forces of the world that buffet and erode our resolve.

From the very beginnings of our Masonic catechism we learn that we are first made a Mason in our heart. Amidst the concerns and employments of life we learn to subdue our passions and strive to be better men, sometimes learning through the lessons of others and oft-times from our own experience.

**Forged in the fiery furnace of Freemasonry,
we burn away the dross until we are a perfect
instrument of the Great Architect's Will better
able to serve our families and fellow man.**

In the quarries of King Solomon men labored hewing blocks of stone from the rock for the building of King Solomon's Temple. The Bible's description of Solomon's Temple suggests that the inside ceiling was 180 feet long, 90 feet wide, and 50 feet high. The highest point on the Temple that King Solomon built was actually 120 cubits tall (about 20 stories or about 207 feet). Each stone was so perfectly crafted so that no sound of chisels was heard during its construction.

Michelangelo once said concerning his statues that the finished product was already inside the block of marble, and that we just needed to chip away the pieces that detract to reveal the perfection inside. We are the Rough Ashlar; and in striving to chip away that which doesn't make us better men, we make ourselves a more fitting part of the Great Architects' temple.

In the Fellowcraft degree, the Rough Ashlar represents a man's unrefined state and his need for improvement. He learns that the goal of being a better man includes spirituality of thought and striving for perfection of conduct.



Within those duties, expectations and obligations, he is charged to work toward these goals of self improvement. Flawed ashlar can bring negative feelings and reproach upon the Fraternity and from non-Freemasons in the outside world, and therefore can have no place within its hallowed halls. But all rough ashlar have within them the potential to be made into a perfect ashlar.

**"From time immemorial Freemasonry's stood, Its
tenets so noble, its precepts so good, It is built on a
rock both abroad and at home, And Masons are called
to polish the stone."**

As the Freemason "smooths" his rough edges, internally and externally; he becomes a better man and, therefore, a better Freemason. Once a man has perfected his ashlar to the best of his ability, as Brother to all mankind, it is his duty to help others become better men and better Freemasons.

I recently read a poem called *The Builders* which made me think long and hard about what type of Mason I wanted to be, and if I was helping to build the temple of Freemasonry to endure as it has for centuries past:

*I watched them tear a building down;
A gang of men in my home town.
With a heave, heave-ho and a lusty yell,
They swung a boom and a side wall fell.*

*I said to the foreman, "Are these men skilled
As the men you'd hire if you had to build?"
He gave me a laugh and said, "No indeed!
Just a common laborer is all I need.
And I can wreck in a day or two
What it took the builders a year to do."*

*And I thought to myself as I went my way,
"Just which of these roles have I tried to play?
Was I a builder who works with care
Measuring life by the rule and square,
Or am I a wrecker as I walk the town
Content with the labor of tearing down?"*

"Freemasonry builds its temples among the nations and in the hearts of men." These words written on the Hollywood Masonic Temple, now known as the El Capitan Entertainment Centre, remind us that each great temple, whether build of stone or flesh and blood, is a reflection of who we are and how we are perceived by the world. As we polish our imperfections, let us continually strive to be the Perfect Ashlar and leave a legacy more lasting than bronze.



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The Masonic Theory of Relativity



Education

Submitted by Ricardo J Fernandez, PM, Trenton Cyrus#5

Our Craft teaches us consistently that everything in our life is ALSO relative to the experiencer and where that man is in his life. We are instructed that events and beliefs have a unique and authentic value to the experiencer that should be respected by his brethren.

We are encouraged to interpret the symbolism of the three degrees, to consider the interpretations that we hear not only in lodge but also while pursuing other Masonic educational endeavors. Freemasonry permits us to value and internalize those qualities which are resonant, *relatively pertinent*, to us as individuals, in our particular space and time of our life.

Thus we are encouraged to practice tolerance: The plumb admonishes us to judge not as we see fit but as is fitting for the individual under judgment.

In our belief in higher power: Freemasonry requires faith but recognizes and encourages each man to worship in his own manner, *relative* to his own life experience. It is this fundamental belief in Individual Relativism that has caused friction with stringent religious denominations and tyrannical governments. It is why Freemasonry thrives in a republic such as ours, where freedom of thought and philosophical

autonomy is ours as we desire it.

Masonry accommodates and spouses relativity, it encourages the privilege of man to think and experience. It emboldens him to aspire, to interpret his life, even Freemasonry itself, as he wishes so long as he is not profane or abusive to the Craft or another man's prerogatives or thinking. We are *free* to make our own choices about what we value. We are *free* to live the life we choose.

Brother Asly warns us of the weaknesses in the practice of Individual Relativism. Although I can acknowledge his concerns, my faith in the inherent wholesomeness and saneness of Masonic practice, tells me otherwise. We have been at it for at least 400 years and we are still here, making good men better. That certainly speaks for itself.

So mote it be.

* Relativism and alternative approaches. Presented at the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day, October 18, 2000 by Bro. D.A. Asly.
<http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/texts/gmd2000/relativism.html>



3rd Annual Winter Officer Seminar

Submitted by Ricardo J. Fernandez, PM & Roy Simpadian, DRI 2

Over 240 Officers, brethren and Past Masters from throughout New Jersey attended the Third Annual Winter Officer Seminar "Tools for Masonic Success III" held on Saturday January 31st at the Trenton Masonic Temple.

In keeping with the New Jersey Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee's (MEC) vision of providing up to date, pertinent knowledge and practice as a continuing education process, the Winter Seminar expanded on the lectures and workshops many attending officers received at previous Masonic Leadership Conferences and Officers Seminars.

The morning began with comments from the Junior Grand Warden and the Deputy Grand Master. Lectures and workshops on variety of topics were on display. Attendees heard RW Barry Kornspan, PDDGM, present on the 2015 Balloting Procedures for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. RW Matt Macready, GC, addressed the important process of Masonic Investigations with a moderated question and answer session following. RW Mel Russell Jr., DRI 17, presented an interactive workshop on developing Inspiration and Motivation for our brethren in lodge. RW David Tucker, DRI 23, spoke about The Best Practices to Motivate and Revive Masonic Lodges, based on the new manual created by the Grand Master's Motivation and Renewal Committee.

The day was completed with a Past Grand Master's Forum where attending brethren asked questions from a panel of Past Grand Masters. Many thanks to MW Dorworth - PGM

2013, MW Trautmann
- PGM 2012, MW Policastro - PGM
2006, MW Plasket - PGM
2002, MW Tryon - PGM
2000, MW Mitchell - PGM
1993 Grand Instructor, for their participation on this year's panel.



The Education Committee extends their gratitude not only to those participating, but to those that volunteered diligently behind the scenes to assure the success of this event. Special thanks to RW James Parsio Jr. - Grand Tyler, for his tireless help and support, the Masonic Library and Museum Committee, for making the Museum available to attendees throughout the day and answering questions, and to the Trenton Temple staff.

We encourage you to continue your Masonic Education by registering and attending the Spring Officers Seminar in May to be held in the Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington with the Elected Line. Although the final agenda has not been set, it will likely feature a section on Team Building & Presentation skills, so imperative to industry and the wellbeing of our fraternity.

Presentations from this year's event and previous officers' seminars are available on the Grand Lodge Website Members Only Section. If you are having difficulty logging in please email glofnj@njmasonic.org.

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Loyalty Lodge Man of the Year Award



Pictured (l to r) W.B. Ronald Labr, 2014 Master of Loyalty Lodge, R.W. John Angelis, PGC and award recipient M.W. William Morris, PGM, GS.

On November 29, 2014, Loyalty Lodge No. 33 F & A. M. hosted a Ladies Night attended by over 75 members and guests for an evening of great food, fun and dancing featuring R. W. Bruce Gant's Just Cruisin' Band. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Loyalty Lodge's 2014 Man of the Year Award for outstanding service and dedication to the Craft to M. W. William L. Morris, Jr. PGM. In addition, to M. W. Bill's service as Grand Master (2011/2012) and Grand Secretary he is a PDDGM, three-time Past Master, Trustee of the Scotch Plains Children's Dyslexia Center and during 2014 served on various lodge committees and as Marshal of Loyalty Lodge.

Merchantville Lodge No. 119 Visits Puerto Rico

Submitted by Ray Taylor, Sr., PGC, Administrative Secretary

Photo Attached at the Completion of the Fellow Craft Degree in Yauco, Puerto Rico (Light of the Sons Lodge No. 24). FC Candidates are in Top Row, Bro. Joshua Ryan Taylor (Center) and Bro. Rafael Marte-Rosario to his right at Top, surrounded by Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico Officers and Lodge Officers of Light of the Sons and their Worshipful Master. The FC Candidates were very Impressed at the conclusion of the Degree which is all we ever try to strive for.

In Front Row, (L to R) RW Philip DeRoxtra, PSGM; (3rd

right) RW Ray Taylor, Sr., PGC, next to him is MRH Edwin Sepulveda Millan, Most Respectable Gran Maestro, Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, WB Raynaldo Santiago, W/M 2014 of Merchantville Lodge No. 119 and RW Randy Whitt, SGD, Grand Lodge of NJ, who traveled with the Lodge as our JD.

It was a Great FC Degree attended by many Brethren. There were No Empty Seats in the Lodge Room during the FC Degree Conferral done by Merchantville Lodge Officers using New Jersey Ritual, (by Dispensation from MW Gerald J. Sharpe, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey.





A Night to Remember

Masons in Action

Submitted by Sean McNorton, Worshipful Master 2014 & 2015, Copestone-Ophir Lodge No. 108 F&AM

Copestone Ophir Lodge No. 108 had their Installation performed by The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey (20+ Kiltie members present) on Thursday December 4, 2014.

The Lodge was packed full and it was a beautiful ceremony with the following Installation team:

Installing Master
R.W. Frederick I. Waldron
Past District Deputy Grand Master
8th Masonic District

Installing Marshal
R.W.J Eugene Margroff
Past District Ritual Instructor
Grand Marshal of the Most Worshipful Grand
Master of New Jersey 2015

Installing Chaplain
R.W Ken DeBlieu,
Past Grand Chaplain

Ancient Charges
R.W. David 'Mel' Russen Jr.
District Ritual Instructor

.....and of course the Pipers (Led by Brother Jock Nisbet) performed beautifully!

What really put this evening over the top was a presentation by my Father who raised me to the Sublime Degree (he is standing directly behind me in the picture). WB Thomas W. McNorton Sr., Grand Lodge of Indiana Area #12 Representative brought Fraternal Greetings from Daniel J Barenie, Grand Master of Masons for the State of Indiana. He then followed that by presenting me with the Lewis Jewel bearing both his and my names. It was very heartfelt and I don't believe there was a dry eye in the house. It is a night I will never forget.



Donations to the NJ Veterans Memorial Home

Submitted by Robert A. Tesoroni, Jr.

On November 23, 2014, members of the 22nd Masonic District presented a check for \$2,025.00 to the N.J. Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland to be utilized by the Activities Department.

On October 25, 2014, a Dinner Dance/Fund Raiser was held at the Elks Lodge in Millville. This event was attended by fellow Masons, their families and friends with all proceeds benefiting our Veterans at the N.J. Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland.



Shown during this presentation from left to right: Lisa Williams, Activities Director; R.W. Robert W. Karrer, Past Grand Chaplain; Boris Reissek, LNHA, Chief Executive Officer; Forrest Andrews, Past Master; R.W. Kirk Karrer, 22nd Masonic District Ritual Instructor and R.W. Robert A. Tesoroni, Jr., Past Grand Chaplain.



Hundreds Attend Peninsula Installation

Submitted by Bro. Derek Santiago

Peninsula Lodge always draws a large crowd to its annual Installation of Officers ceremony, and its December 11 celebration set a record with more than 350 Masons, their loved ones, and friends of the lodge filling the 90-year-old sacred retreat with fraternal good will and holiday season cheer.

More than 60 Past Masters, including six Past Grand Masters and too-many-to-count Right Worshipful brethren, were on hand to see Bro. Omar S. Morris become qualified to attain the Solomonic chair. The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey conducted the Ceremony of Installation, a pair of its pipers filling the Bayonne night with music.

In addition to Worshipful Master Morris, Peninsula's new elected officers are: Senior Warden William Bianco, Junior Warden George Hernandez, Treasurer James Oates, and Secretary Gennaro Adesso. Those appointed are: Deacons Anthony Novelli and William Chwalyk, Jr.; Masters of Ceremonies Richard Roman and Victor Pinho; Stewards Norman Bonano and James Redondo; and Marshal James Noble, Chaplain Alex Purdie, Organist William Chwalyk, Sr., Historian Derek Santiago, and Tyler Carl Kline. Also serving the lodge are Assistant Treasurer Ed Flores and Assistant Secretary Stephen Stets.



RW Gene Margroff, Installing Master, obligates Worshipful Master Omar S. Morris at the altar of Peninsula Lodge No. 99 in Bayonne. The Volume of Sacred Law is a rare Korberger Bible, printed in Germany in the 1470s, that has been one of Peninsula's heirlooms since it was donated by a brother more than a century ago

In his remarks, W. Bro. Morris elegantly communicated his love and gratitude to his family, friends, colleagues, and Masonic Brethren, predicting a banner year for "Mighty Peninsula."

Warranted in 2003 and located in the City of Bayonne, Peninsula Lodge No. 99 continues the Masonic tradition begun in 1857 when the former Bergen Lodge No. 47 was set to labor. The lodge offers a civilizing, fraternal touch to its home city, its brethren being found in cheerful service to the public in numerous walks of life.

DeMolays and Rainbow Girls Visit Fulton-Friendship Lodge No. 102



On Tuesday, December 2, DeMolays from Ethan Allen Chapter and Rainbow Girls from Temple Assembly worked the installation dinner at Fulton-Friendship Lodge No. 102. The joint group of 12 young men and women refilled the

buffet food, cleared tables, washed and dried dishes, swept floors and made coffee. Incoming W.M. Karl Mock greatly appreciated the help and was happy to see so many helpful young people.

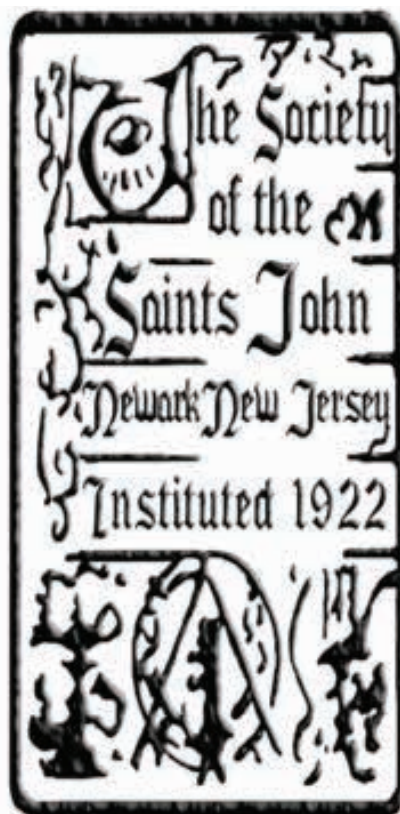


The Society of the Saints John

Masons in Action

Submitted 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 PGM 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, instituted in 1922, meets three times a year on the fifth week of January, June and October. 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 our first meeting. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at Scottish Rite Valley in Bordentown.

3rd Masonic District Toys for Tots Drive

Submitted by Bro. Mike Nino, Mosaic Lodge No. 194 Ridgefield Park

I am pleased to announce that the 3rd Masonic District of NJ had our 2nd annual Toys for Tots drive and this year we were able to collect and donate over 400 toys to the Toys for Tots foundation for children who otherwise would not have had a Christmas gift to open this year. In addition, an elderly women from the Senior Citizens Home in our community of Ridgefield Park saw my toy drive poster in Borough Hall and called me to explain that her daughter that lives in town had been laid off a while back and could not afford to get her kids gifts this year. I personally went to the residence and delivered toys for the Grandmother to wrap and deliver to her Grand kids. The significance of collecting over 400 toys this year is that last year, our 1st year of this Charity, we collected 250 toys and while hoping to get 500 toys this year, we made a great stride in building this charity. I look forward to growing this charity even larger in 2015.

Special thanks to Bro. Alex Valdez & Bro. Al Stable for your help and the brethren

and Lodges of the 3rd Masonic District of NJ, Mosaic Lodge No. 194, ATT Lodge No. 77, Fulton Friendship Lodge No. 102, Temple Lodge No. 173 and William F Burk Lodge No. 230 for their support and donations in making this charity so special for all of us. I look forward to your support and charity in 2015.



Pictured: Bro. Alex Valdez (Left) Bro. Mike Nino (Center) Bro. Al Stable (Right). Christmas Tree - Bro. Mike Nino



LOVE to the RE\$CUE: Shriners Hospitals Win Big on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"



Members of Salaam Shriners traveled to the Who Wants to Be A Millionaire studios in Stamford, CT to join the audience during Charity Week benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. From left to right: Ill. Sir Edward Roos, Past Potentate; Noble Barry Gould, Public Awareness Chairman, Justin Pugh, Offensive Tackle, NY Giants; Ill. Mark Peerson, Potentate 2015; Ill. John Swauger, Jr. Past Potentate; Noble Andrew Zagoren, Chief Rabban and Millionaire show host Terry Crews.

Photo courtesy Disney/ABC Domestic Television (DADT)

The theme music swells, the floor spotlights glow from red to bright white as they pivot upward, cuing show host Terry Crews to exclaim: "LET'S PLAY MILLIONAIRE!". Within a few minutes, an almost two year quest to bring the Shriners Hospitals for Children® further into the national spotlight was off to a blazing start.

The week of February 9-13, 2015 was Charity Week on a special edition of the syndicated quiz show "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?" which has been entertaining audiences since 1999. That week, during the first four days (Monday-Thursday), each contestant who reached the \$100,000 level, just four steps away from the ultimate goal, \$1MM (known as "Classic Millionaire"), had a \$10,000 donation made in their name to Shriners Hospitals.

Friday (the 13th) NY Giant's Offensive Tackle, #67 Justin Pugh took the stage as the celebrity player and 18-year-old Patient Ambassador Joe Dertinger was his "Plus 1 Lifeline". Together, they hoped to work their way up the 14 question levels towards 1,000,000.00, all of which would go directly to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Founded in 1922, the Hospitals are part of a network of 22 specialty facilities across the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico that provide expert pediatric orthopedic and severe burn care to children up to age 18 regardless of the patient's or their family's ability to pay.

WB Barry Gould, Past Master of St. John's Lodge #1 in Mountain Lakes and Public Awareness for Fairfield, NJ based Salaam Shriners was in the audience for a similar Charity Week taping benefiting the Children's Miracle Network.

At the conclusion of the taping, he inquired from show staff about how he could get "HIS" charity, Shriners Hospitals for Children, on a similar program.

That started an almost 20 month series of dead-end phone calls, misdirected and unanswered e-mails and various other attempts to get the proper department or individual in charge of making this happen.

"For a while it seemed hopeless as I would Google names of production company employees and executives of the production company, Valleycrest, only to find that they closed their NYC offices and moved. Then one day in August of last year, he took a leap of faith and tried to again contact Valleycrest Productions at ABC/Disney's Buena Vista Studio complex in California.

This time, he was fortunate enough to be connected with one of the show's Directors, who gave him a NYC contact.

A few days later, he was contacted by ABC. "They were very thorough and gave me all the facts I needed to approach the Hospital's Administration and present their proposal," explained WB Gould.

In a week, he received a response and was on a conference call with Imperial Shrine officer and others from the Public Relations and Marketing staff at Shriners International headquarters in Tampa, FL where the details were disseminated. The following week, approvals were given and the taping was scheduled for October 24th, the last day of the season's regular taping schedule.

"I really didn't think the approval would come so soon," recalls WB Gould, "It was already September and taping ended October 24th, so there was no time a project of such magnitude could be organized, so we would just wait until the 2016 season." Then a few days after his conference call, WB Gould was copied in an e-mail and the project was fast tracked into a series of planning session between show representatives, SHC, and their marketing firm, 1st Degree Marketing of Washington, DC. During the week of tapings, Shriners from Salaam, in suits and fezzes, were pictured in various scenes voting, encouraging and cheering on the contestants.

What started as an inquiry became a quest and ultimately a reality as the Shriners Hospitals for Children was awarded a total of \$40,000 and fostered an ongoing awareness partnership between the Hospitals and ABC.

Editor's Note: As of the deadline for this article, ABC was exploring other projects with the Shriners, including integrating the Hospitals into the storyline for one of their popular daytime soap operas.

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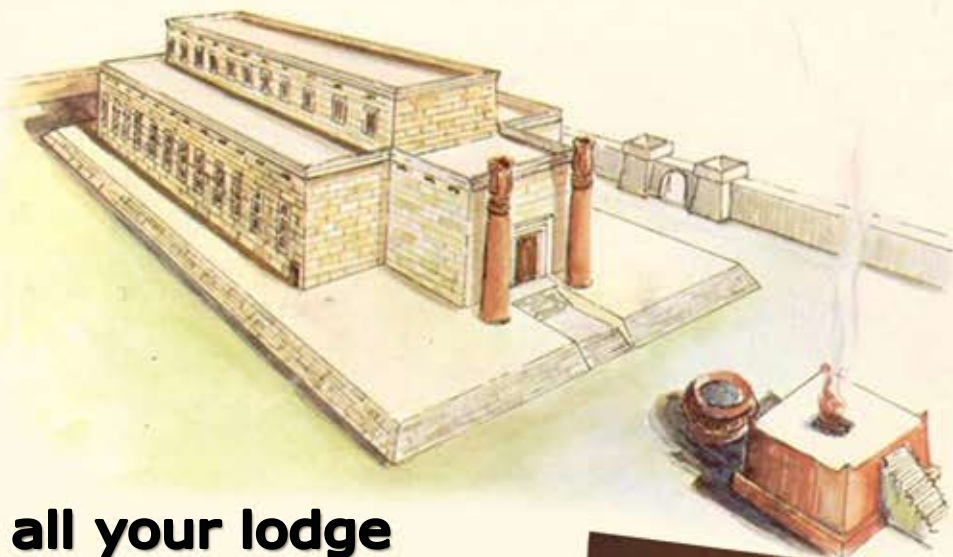
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Navesink No. 9, F. & A.M. Makes Holiday Gift

The members of Navesink Lodge No. 9, F. & A.M. remembered the resident Masons of our Masonic Home again this year. At the December meeting of the Masonic Charity Foundation's Board of Trustees, Navesink representatives presented the Grand Master with a check for \$2,000. In doing so, each resident Mason received a personalized card and \$25 gift for the holidays.

This was the sixth consecutive year that the members of Navesink No. 9 made such a gift, underscoring their commitment to the Home's residents. Such generosity is very much appreciated, and does much to lift the resident's spirits.

Members of Burlington Lodge No. 32 Meet the Challenge Again



Beginning in September of 2010, Brother Edwin J. Pearson, Jr. of Burlington Lodge No. 32 has issued an annual challenge to his fellow brethren. Ed pledges a \$1,000 gift to the Masonic Charity Foundation, but only if the brethren of the lodge match his pledge by year-end. The brethren have met and exceeded Brother Ed's challenge every year since, and have raised in total over \$21,000 to help the residents of our Masonic Home.

For the 2014 challenge, a total of \$5,900 has been raised, securing enough to dedicate a porch in honor of Burlington Lodge at the Home. Brother Ed began his challenge after his father became a resident of the Home, as his way to give back

for what he felt was the excellent care his father received. Pictured are Brother Ed Pearson and W.B. John D. Cajio, Master presenting the 2014 challenge proceeds to M.W. Gerald J. Sharpe at the January 2015 meeting of the Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Trustees.

If you would be interested in issuing a fundraising challenge to your lodge, please contact Christopher Abbott, Masonic Charity Foundation Development Director, at (609) 239-3999 for more information.



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PLANNED GIVING BRIEF

THE BENEFITS OF A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

A BEQUEST IS A WONDERFUL WAY FOR YOU TO HELP FURTHER THE WORK OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND ITS MISSION.

BEQUEST BENEFITS

A charitable bequest is an easy way for you to help us in our work and benefit. Here are some of the benefits of bequest giving:

- It costs you nothing today to make a bequest
- A bequest is free of federal estate tax
- Your bequest can be changed down the road
- You can still benefit your heirs with specific gifts
- A bequest may produce estate tax savings
- You can leave a legacy through a bequest

BENEFITS OF AN IRA BEQUEST

One type of bequest to consider is a bequest from your IRA. If you leave your IRA to your children, your heirs could face a significant tax. Talk with your estate planner about the types of assets to leave to your family that can produce little or no tax. Then consider making a bequest of your IRA to us. We will receive the full proceeds free of tax and can use this gift to help further our mission.

Please contact your plan custodian to designate us as a beneficiary of your IRA.



HOW TO MAKE A BEQUEST

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts you can make to significantly impact our work. Your estate planning attorney can include a provision in your will that leaves a lasting gift to our organization. Your bequest could be a gift of specific assets (such as a vehicle, artwork or coin collection), a dollar amount (\$100, \$1,000 or 10,000) or a percentage of your estate (3%, 10% or even 25%). A bequest could also be made from the residue of your estate or what is left after all gifts have been made to your heirs.

SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

Please contact us to request sample language that your attorney may use in drafting a bequest to our organization. Sample bequest language is also available on our website.

To learn more about the benefits of bequest giving please contact us.
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Tuesday & Wednesday - August 4th & 5th, 2015

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MAYAPPLE GOLF CLUB Carlisle, PA

with BBQ Lunch and Dinner on August 4th

2nd Round of Golf: Breakfast 7:00 AM & Tee time 8:00 AM

CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB Carlisle, PA

With Breakfast and Lunch on August 5th

All meals served at golf course

PLUS: Hospitality Room (open bar)

Please make your \$160.00 golf check payable to: "Leo Otway"

and mail to: 22 Thornhill Court, Carlisle, PA 17015-7669

Questions? Call Leo 609-306-5647 or leootway@aol.com

Deadline by August 1, 2015

**Golf Cost:
\$160 per
Golfer**

Hotel for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are available at:

Allenberry Resort and Playhouse, 1559 Boiling Springs Road, Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Call (800) 430-5468 to make reservations and say "Masonic Golf Outing"

Detach, complete and mail to "Leo Otway" 22 Thornhill Court, Carlisle, PA 17015

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Others playing in your foursome:

Golfer #2 _____ Phone # _____

Golfer #3 _____ Phone # _____

Golfer #4 _____ Phone # _____

HOLE SPONSORS:

Tee Box Sign recognizing your lodge, chapter, district, business, etc. (Tax Exempt Donation)

☐ Bronze - \$100

☐ Silver - \$300

☐ Gold - \$500

Name: _____

E-mail (if none - Fax & Tel. #): _____

GOLF Hole Sponsors: (Sign wording): _____

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Grand Master's Fundraiser Golf Outing - 2015

Monday, June 15, 2015

Registration – 11 a.m.

Social Hour – 5:30 p.m.

Shotgun Start – 12:30 p.m.

Dinner, Prizes + Awards – 6:30 p.m.

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

Exit 58 GSP - Go to www.seaoaksgolf.com for more detailed directions

Outing Price Includes Golf

Lunch Served At The Main Club House

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Social Hour - Complimentary Cocktail + Cheese Boards & U-Peel-Em Shrimp

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Only \$160.00 Per Golfer – Dinner Only \$50.00

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P.O. Box 331, Oxford, NJ 07863

Attn: James A. Taylor

Additional Donations Appreciated: \$ _____

Your Name _____

Your E-mail (If None, Your Phone Number) _____

Your Foursome Players _____

Any Questions?

Please contact Jim @ (908) 453-3365 or e-mail jat_dri_@one@yahoo.com

All Net Proceeds Go To The "Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey"



Grand Master's Fundraiser Golf Outing

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Please Detach: Complete & Mail This Form, With a Check Payable to:

"The Grand Master's Outing"

Mail to: James A. Taylor

P.O. Box 331

Oxford, NJ 07863

NAME: _____

E-Mail: (If None – Fax & Tel. #) _____

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ALL DONATIONS & INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 8, 2015

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Golf Outing June 15, 2015

Sea Oaks Country Club, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

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