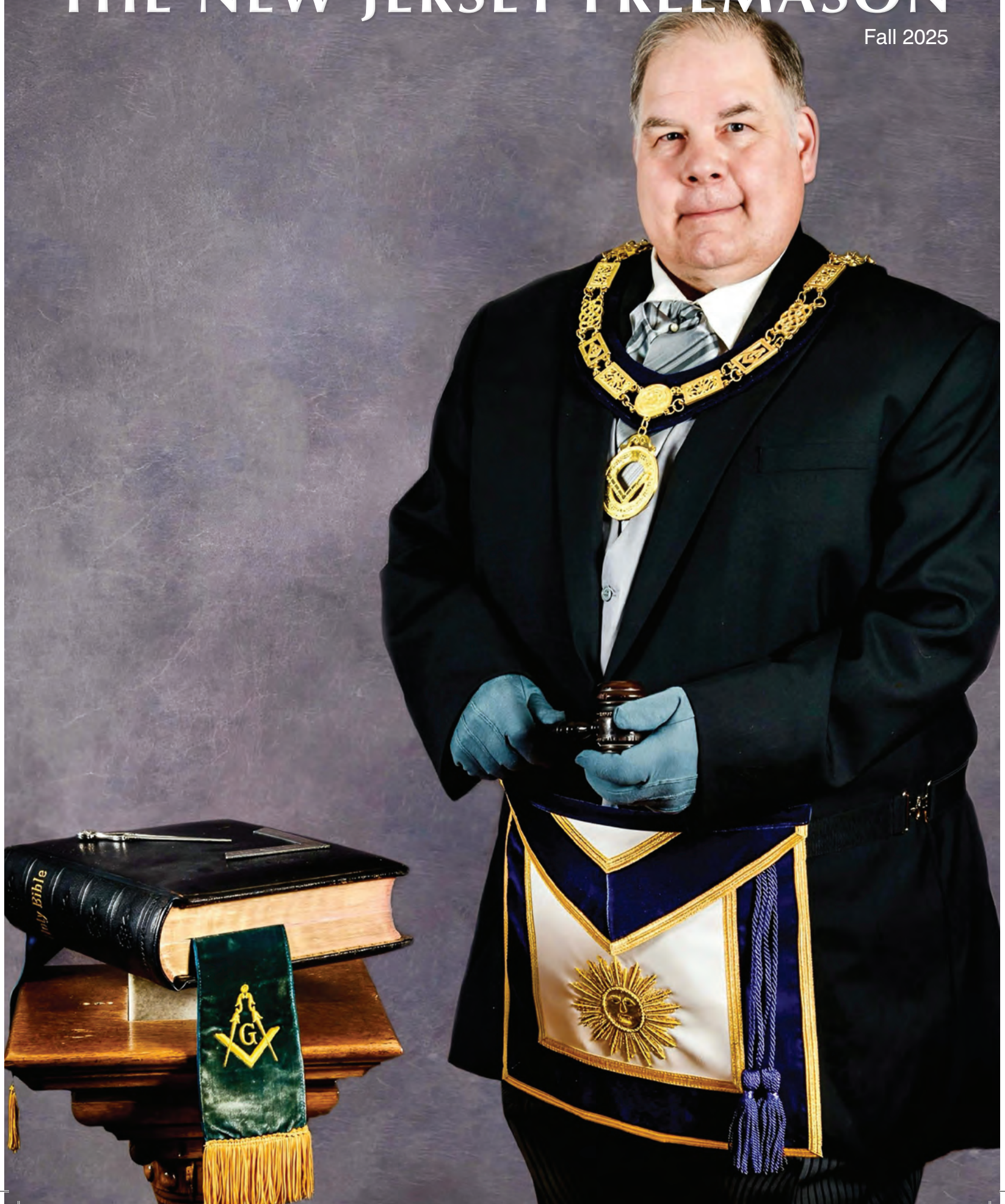


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Grand Master's Message



Grand Lodge



My Brethren,

With November rapidly approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude, in the ability to serve you on the Elected line, culminating with this most recent year as your Grand Master.

We've come a long way recently and I feel the momentum will certainly continue.

As things evolve from Campaign ideas to what is most needed, my thoughts have evolved as well. Our committees have diligently worked behind the scenes, to either streamline processes or implement programs, such as our Digital Doorway

on the Grand Lodge YouTube channel. The Strategic Planning committee continues to put together ideas and processes for continued successes far into the future.

Please join with me in thanking them as well as the Trustee boards whose work is mostly unseen.

Finally, brethren with the advent of the retention committee, it's been put forth, that we need to communicate better with our individual lodge brethren, especially when we do not see them, reach out to them. This was a practice in years gone by, but we have lost sight with it recently. Speaking with our brethren on a local level and finding out what brings them to lodge or keeps them away, will help increase our attendance and enhance the good work done by our membership committee as they continue to drive leads into our jurisdiction. A good communication strategy will as help mitigate our NPDs by engaging our membership roster from top to bottom. We are very close to positive growth, we can achieve that "Let's Do It".

In the next Chapter I look forward to helping this great fraternity in any way possible.

Look forward to seeing you in Atlantic City.

Respectfully,

J. Eugene Margroff
 Grand Master

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Deputy Grand Master's Message

Brethren,

As we look ahead to the coming fraternal year, Stephanie and I are filled with deep gratitude and humble excitement at the possibility of serving this great jurisdiction as Grand Master and First Lady of New Jersey. This journey has been shaped by your support, your fellowship, and your unwavering belief in the tenets of our Craft. Over the past three years, your trust in me, through your votes and encouragement, has been both a privilege and a sacred responsibility—one that I have never taken lightly.

If elected, I will serve with a heart rooted in our Masonic values and a vision guided by my personal motto: **Educate, Elevate, Empower.**

To **educate** is to ensure that every Brother—no matter his degree or station—has access to knowledge that strengthens both character and skill.

To **elevate** is to uplift our Lodges, our communities, and each other, striving always for higher standards in all that we do.

And to **empower** is to foster leadership and purpose in every Mason; encouraging growth, initiative, and unity.

Stephanie and I believe that Masonry is not just a tradition—

it is a living, breathing force for good in this world. Together, we hope to continue building a culture where every Brother and their families feel seen, heard, and valued - where the light of our principles continues to shine ever brighter across the Garden State.

I would like to express my appreciation to MW J. Eugene Margroff for his service and dedication to the Craft. Every period of leadership brings its own challenges and lessons, and I'm honored to now have the opportunity to build upon the foundation that has been laid as we move forward together.

Thank you again to all of you, for the trust you've shown in your elected line and the brotherhood you've offered. With your continued support, we look forward to shaping a future that honors our past and inspires the next generation of New Jersey Masons.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

Omar S. Morris
Deputy Grand Master



Senior Grand Warden's Message

Greetings Brethren,

It has been an exciting and fulfilling year so far and there's more to come! There are a number of Grand Lodges of Instruction in the Fall, the Grand Marshal and Secretary to the Grand Master's reception. The Masonic Leadership Conference in Elizabethtown, the Grand Master's Charity Ball and Grand Lodge in Atlantic City. Lots of events and opportunities for Masonic Fellowship!

Speaking of Masonic fellowship, have you called a member of your Lodge just to see how they're doing? In my opinion, this is one of the key components to member retention. Many Lodges only reach out when a Brother is behind in his dues. When a Brother hasn't been to a meeting or event in a while, does anyone call to ask why? Is he ill, is he having financial difficulties, is he laid off, has he been in an accident and cannot work? Is his family all right, is there some help the Fraternity can offer? The time it takes for a telephone

call, an email or a text message is small, but the impact can be huge. Consider taking on the task of calling ten Brothers; how long would that take? Maybe an hour or so. Is that a worthwhile investment for your Lodge?

Finally, a shout out to the Membership and Retention Committees for all their hard work! Growing our membership and retaining the members we have takes time and effort to accomplish. By using new and different approaches, we are making great progress!

Fraternally,

Bruce C. Golway,
Senior Grand Warden



The Brethren of New Jersey
CONGRATULATE
our newly elected line.

Wishing you a
Successful 2026
Masonic Year!



Junior Grand Warden's Message

My Brother,

Thank you for putting your trust in me and electing me as your Junior Grand Warden. It is truly an honor to serve you.

Although I have been a member of Grand Staff since 2015, there's still a lot to learn. While traveling into different jurisdictions representing New Jersey, and attending the several conferences, it seems that everyone is facing similar challenges.

Your elected grand line has been meeting regularly and working on ways to resolve these challenges. Two of the most discussed topics are membership and retention. As of this writing, there are 932 inquires in our Grand View

system, indicating that our membership committee is doing a good job of getting prospective Brothers to our door.

Our Grand Master has recently appointed a retention committee who is working to find solutions to the issue of Brothers walking away. I believe we are on the right path, and hopefully we will see a significant improvement in these areas in the very near future.

There's still work to be done, and I again thank you for allowing me to be a part of it all.

Fraternally yours,

Bud Madgey
Junior Grand Warden



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Grand Lodge

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Nominations for Grand Lodge Office

Grand Master

Omar S. Morris, Peninsula Lodge No. 99, District 5

Deputy Grand Master

Bruce C. Golway, Vineland Lodge No. 69, District 22

Senior Grand Warden

Bernard J. Madgey V, Laurel Lodge No. 237, District 18

Junior Grand Warden (Vote for 1)

Ronald A. Murad, Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10, District 10

Glenn T. Visscher, Musconetcong Lodge No. 42, District 1

Grand Treasurer

Douglas R. Policastro, Ocean Lodge No. 89, District 17

Grand Secretary (Vote for 1)

Larry S. Plasket, Merchantville No. 119, District 18

Roger B. Quintana, Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric No. 35, District 5

Grand Lodge Trustee - 3 Year Term (Vote for 1)

Larry Alcime, Alpha Lodge No. 116, District 8

Alexander D. Aldea, Essex Lodge No. 7, District 8

Dwayne A. Dolly II, Mansfield Lodge No. 36, District 1

Michael I. Mattes, Mozart Lodge No. 121, District 18

David J. Weiss, Milltown Palestine Lodge No. 294

Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee

Andrew G. Churney, Mount Holly Lodge No. 14, District 19

Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee - 3 Year Term, 1 Unexpired Term

Arthur J. Campbell, Matawan Lodge No. 192, District 17

Bruce S. Graham, Cape Island Lodge No. 30, District 24

Richard F. Schmidt, Fulton Friendship Lodge No. 102, District 3

Donald R. Tuttle, Mantua Lodge No. 95, District 21



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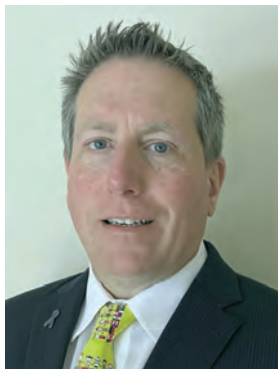
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Mantua Lodge
No. 95

Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote for 1)

RW Ronald A. Murad, PDDGM, Grand Lodge Trustee



(husband Dane)

- Two new twin grandsons, Zachary and William

Personal:

- Originally from Long Island, my wife, Liz, and I moved to Fanwood, NJ in 1989
- Raised two wonderful daughters, Karen (husband Darren) and Maggie

Professional:

- Certified Public Accountant (“CPA”), licensed in NJ and NY, and recently retired
 - 43+ years auditing and financial management experience, particularly in the not-for-profit, banking, finance, and insurance industries
 - Career starting at a Big-8 accounting firm, focusing in external and internal auditing specializing in internal control environments, accounting and financial management, budgeting and operational analysis, and SEC and regulatory reporting
- Membership in:
 - American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
 - NJ Society of CPAs
 - NYS Society of CPAs
 - Institute of Internal Auditors
 - Fellow – Life Management Institute (FLMI) (insurance industry)
- Insurance and Financial Services registrations/licenses previously held:
 - NASD Series 24 Registered Principal
 - NASD Series 7 Registered Representative
 - NJ Health & Agency Insurance license

Masonic:

- Blue Lodge:
 - EA 1/18/82, FC 2/15/82, MM 3/15/82, Star of Hope Lodge No. 430, now Ridgewood No. 710 (NY); 4th Generation Freemason
 - Dual Member (September 1991): Scotchwood Lodge No. 295, now Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 (NJ)
 - Dual Member: American Lodge of Research No. 9003 (NY)
 - Past Master: Scotchwood Lodge No. 295 (1995)
 - Past Master: Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 (2006)
- Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

- Grand Lodge Trustee, September 2019–present, Past President and Vice President
- District Deputy Grand Master (2017-2020)
- District Ritual Instructor – 13th District (2001-2005), 10th District (2010-2011 and 2016-2017)
- Secretary to the Grand Master (2012-2013)
- Daniel Coxe Award (4/13/2013)
- Grand Lodge Ritual Committee (2009-2011, 2013-present, current Vice-Chairman
- Grand Lecturer’s Award of Excellence
- Fellow of the Society of King Solomon (SKS)
- Audit Committee (Chairman 2013-present)
- Tax Committee (2012-2013)
- Temple and Lodge Finance Committee (2020-present)
- State of the Craft Committee (2022-present)
- Member – Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau
- Grand Representative to Arkansas (2013)

Appendant Bodies:

- Valley of Northern NJ, Scottish Rite, Hauts Grades Academic (HGA)
- Corinthian Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons
- Haggai Chapter, Mark Master Masons
- Adoniram Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters
- Trinity Commandery No. 17, Knights Templar
- Harold Van Buren Voorhis Council No. 260, Allied Masonic Degrees – Past Sovereign Master, 2002
- Knight Masons of Northern New Jersey
- St. Joseph’s Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
- Salaam Shrine
- Masonic Kilties of New Jersey
- Atlas Chapter No. 99, Order of the Eastern Star

Senior DeMolay:

- Legion of Honor
- Cross of Honor
- Chevalier
- Representative DeMolay
- Lamp of Knowledge
- Founders Membership Award
- Past Master Councilor – Crusader Chapter No. 1905, Mineola, NY (1976)
- NY Metropolitan Region Ritual Director (1976-1978)
- Advisory Council (charter member) of Union Chapter, Westfield, NJ (1996-present, Chairman 2015-2016)

Non-Masonic / Other Community Involvement:

- First United Methodist Church of Westfield:
 - Sunday School teacher (1995-2017)
 - Church auditor (1993-1999)
 - Cornerstone Retreat Team member (1995-1996)
 - Brass Choir (1990-2000)
- Scotch Plains – Fanwood High School:
 - Music Parents Association
 - Marching Band Pit Crew (2004-2010), Pit Crew Manager (2008-2010)
 - PTA Treasurer (2007-2010)
 - Drama Club Set Construction Crew (2007-2010)
- Scotch Plains – Fanwood YMCA Indian Guides (1996-2007), Nation Chief (1998-2000)
- Hobbies: music, golf, bowling, card games, spectator sports

Vision Statement:

I am Ron Murad and I’m running for the office of Junior Grand Warden – your next Junior Grand Warden and your future Grand Master.

We often hear disagreements as to “Blue Lodge first” versus “Grand Lodge first”. However, there is a symbiotic relationship between Blue Lodge and Grand Lodge, and one cannot exist without the other. And I pledge to you, my utmost efforts in working with the future Grand Masters and the lodges to strengthen both the lodges and the Grand Lodge, to build on recent successes, and to move the fraternity forward.

Freemasonry is a business, both at the Blue Lodge level and the Grand Lodge level. My professional background as a CPA has given me the important skill sets to successfully bring about leadership and consensus in the key management and executive positions within our Fraternity. In a variety of positions I have been in leadership roles within our Grand Jurisdiction since my first Grand Lodge appointment from our 2001 Grand Master, the late MW David A. Chase. This includes:

- District Ritual Director 3 times for a total of more than 8 years, for 2 Districts
- District Deputy Grand Master for 3 years
- Secretary to the Grand Master, a 4-year commitment and excellent training experience for Junior Grand Warden through Grand Master
- Grand Lodge Trustee for the last 6 years, starting as a one-year replacement appointment by Grand Master, MW Gregory J. Scott, followed by 2 reelections to 2 additional terms
- Chairman of the Audit Committee for more than 15 years

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RW Ronald A. Murad, PDDGM, Grand Lodge Trustee

- Member for more than 10 years and current Vice-Chairman of the Ritual Committee; and
- Member of the Temple and Lodge Finance Committee
- Member of the State of the Craft Committee.

All of these positions have had me traveling throughout the state, with the opportunity to talk to the Brethren – experienced and new, active and not-so-active, and multi-generational members – and to hear from them why they joined, what they see in Freemasonry, what they would like to see change, and their concerns for the future.

All of these positions required the demonstration of both up-front and visible leadership, as well as active, behind-the-scenes management. As a summary of key results, I point out the following:

- As a DRI and a member of the Ritual Committee, I take pride in having been able to teach, not just dictate, our ritual work.
- As a DDGM, I enjoyed the success of leading a well-run District, while at the same time, have had to use my professional skills as a manager, in ensuring lodge monitoring and reporting requirements were met, that lodge programs were well run, that coordination and consensus was maintained between lodges in the District, and, when necessary, that unmasonic behavior was properly, judiciously, and reasonably addressed.
- As Audit Committee Chair, I led the Committee’s search for a new CPA firm for the Grand Lodge audits and tax return preparation, ultimately recommending to the Grand Lodge Trustees a CPA firm who

could provide more timely and cost effective audit and tax services.

• As a member of the Audit Committee and the Temple and Lodge Finance Committee, I have had the opportunity for several years to help approximately 10-12 lodges per year throughout the state in preparing their lodge annual Fiduciary Reports.

• As a Grand Lodge Trustee, including terms as Vice President and President, I was able to be part of a team, elected by you, that addressed concerns of the Brethren, particularly in the areas of **transparency, budgeting, and cost effectiveness**, in a timely and prudent manner. Positive results have included in the last few years, the following:

- Audited financial statements and tax returns of the Grand Lodge are now prepared more timely and cost effectively, and are now available on Grandview.
- The Grand Lodge Trustees are now included as an integral part of the annual Grand Lodge budget process, and those budgets are now available on Grandview.
- As part of the annual budgeting process, the Grand Lodge Trustees addressed the ever-increasing costs and potential tax implications of the Past Grand Masters jewels, and recommended revisions to that program which were then voted upon by you, the voting members of Grand Lodge, at our 2024 Annual Communication.
- All expenditures of the Grand Lodge office are now reviewed as part of the monthly Grand Lodge Trustees meetings, and the minutes of those meetings are now available on Grandview.

Moving forward, we face continued challenges, particularly regarding membership. We are turning the corner where new membership is surpassing declining membership due to deaths. Although we are still losing membership due to non-payment of dues, these challenges are not insurmountable. Communication with existing membership is vital in the reduction of NPD membership. More importantly, addressing the **relevance** of Freemasonry to its membership is critical to the solution of this problem. I recommend looking into the relevance issues of Freemasonry regarding “what led a person to join”, “what has changed in his relationship with the Fraternity”, and “what was it that once made Freemasonry relevant to him, his family and his community, but is now missing”? Answer these questions, applying new 21st century methods to reinvigorate prior programs and processes that once worked, as well as to find new solutions, and we start bringing back Freemasonry to our members and our communities.

I have recently been blessed with 2 new grandsons – my first grandchildren. I joined the Order of DeMolay when I was 13, the age requirement at that time. I then joined Freemasonry at the age of 21, as a fourth generation Freemason. Despite the recent, good-intentioned jokes about whether or not my Grandsons’ petitions for DeMolay and Masonry are already signed, I can at least say that it is my intention to do whatever I can for NJ Freemasonry, to ensure that our great Fraternity is around and healthy in the near and distant future. Since its inception, Freemasonry has always been relevant to its members, family, and community, and it should be, and needs to continue to be, relevant to our future.

RW Glenn T. Visscher



- Worshipful Master: 2002-2003, 2019
- Secretary: 2020 - Present
- Dual Membership: Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10

Masonic Resume:

- **Blue Lodge:**
 - Mother Lodge: Cincinnati Lodge No. 3 (Morristown, NJ)
 - Initiated: November 1997
 - Passed: February 1998
 - Raised: March 1998

- Honorary Membership Granted: Colonial Prospect Lodge No. 24
- Honorary Membership Granted: Madison Lodge No. 93
- **11th District Masters & Wardens Association:**

- Past President (2003)
- **Grand Soloist**
 - 2003-2007
- **Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge**
 - 2011
- **Grand Lodge Trustee:**
 - 2012-2018
 - Past President 2014, 2017
- **District Ritual Instructor of the 11th Masonic District**
 - 2014-2020
- **District Deputy Grand Master of the**

11th Masonic District

- 2023-Present
- **Grand Lodge Museum & Library Committee**
 - 2010
 - Chairman 2011–Present
- **Masonic Resource Committee: 2014–2016**
- **Masonic Leadership Conference Committee**
 - Faculty: 2010–Present
 - Chairman: 2022
- **Grand Lodge Education Committee: 2020–Present**
- **Grand Lodge Mentoring Committee: 2022–Present**

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- **Grand Lodge Strategic Planning Committee: 2023–Present**
- **Grand Lodge Membership Retention Committee: 2025**

• Awards & Honors

- Meritorious Service Association Medal: 2007, 2009
 - Awarded for statewide services rendered as Grand Soloist
- Daniel Coxe Medal: 2011
 - Awarded by MW William L. Morris, Jr, PGM, for work in Lodge, District, Grand Lodge and in creating and sustaining the Grand Lodge Library Museum of Masonic Culture for all Brothers in NJ.
- Legion of Honor (Honorary): Order of DeMolay
- Grand Cross of Color: International Order of Rainbow for Girls
- Eagle Scout (1982)
- International Masonic Library & Museum Association
 - Member: Grand Lodge of New Jersey: Library & Museum of Masonic Culture: 2012-Present
 - President: 2023-Present

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (Valley of Northern NJ - AASR)

- Most Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix: 2009
- Director General (VNNJ): 2012-2015
- Chair of NJ Ritual Committee: 2018-Present
- Coroneted 33rd Degree: 2007

• Shriners International - Salaam Shrine

- Oriental Band - President: 2005; Assistant Director / Director: 2000-Present
- Deputy Director General / Liaison to Grand Lodge: 2003, 2005-2014
- Director of Ritual: 2023 - Present

• Allied Masonic Degrees (Harold V.B. Voorhis Chapter No. 260)

- Sovereign Master: 2011

• Red Cross of Constantine (St. Joseph's Conclave)

- Puissant Sovereign: 2015

• Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry (Adelphic Chapter No. 33)

- Grand Chaplain: 2023
- Grand Royal Arch Captain: 2024-2026

• Council of Royal & Select Masters (St. Andrews Council No. 18)

- **Knights Templar (Hugh de Paynes Commandery)**
- **Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus**

Foederatis (New Jersey Council)

- Celebrant: 2025
- **Shamaliu Council (Grottoes International)**
- **Tall Cedars of Lebanon (Trenton Forest No. 4)**
- **Northern NJ Council No. 10 (Knight Masons)**
- **Royal Order of Scotland**
- **Masonic Order of Athelstan**
- **Saint Thomas of Acon**
- **Order of Eastern Star**
 - Liaison to Grand Lodge 2021, 2023, 2025

Statement:

My name is Glenn T.Visscher and I Love Freemasonry!

Our Fraternity is an integral part of who I am, and how I live my life! I am a proud third generation Freemason, grew up in Cincinnati Lodge and attended events in the Lodge and 11th District with my father and grandfather for many years as a youth. Twenty-seven years ago, I made the best decision of my life by becoming a Master Mason in Cincinnati Lodge No. 3, joining my family with the Family of Freemasonry! I am a better man because of the teachings that I've learned and the Relationships I've made within the Craft. Those Relationships inspire me to give back to the Fraternity that has given me so much!

In my professional life, I bring a unique set of skills to our Masonic endeavors due to my extensive business experience gained as a Research Scientist, Group Leader and Global Project Manager in various technology companies. In my current position at a large confectionary company, I am responsible for development and global implementation of new processes and products that are enjoyed by people throughout the world. My business position demands the use of leadership, teaching, training, collaboration, critical thinking, resource and personnel management, budget oversight, problem solving and reporting to our stakeholders - skills that I bring to the Grand Lodge, which are essential in keeping the Grand Lodge running smoothly and growing to greater heights.

Throughout my tenure as a Freemason, I have served at all levels of our Fraternity and in all these positions, there is one critical point that is evident - **Service**. I am a **Servant Leader**. It is not just a catch phrase, but how I live my life! I am at my best when I am working and helping people. I firmly believe in enhancing the growth, well-being and success of my

Brothers and the Craft through my active involvement and leadership. In the Lodge, I have served as Secretary and Worshipful Master of Cincinnati Lodge No. 3. On the District level, I have served as District Ritual Instructor and District Deputy of the 11th Masonic District. I have been very active for many years in the Grand Lodge as Grand Soloist, Grand Marshal (2011), and Grand Lodge Trustee (6 years, 2 years a President). I've also served various Grand Lodge Committees - Mentoring, Education, Masonic Leadership Conference (10+ years as faculty, and Chairman in 2020), Grand Lodge Museum, Membership Retention and Strategic Planning. Outside of the Blue Lodge, I have held Leadership and Service positions in Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, AMD, Rosecrucians and a variety of other appendant bodies.

The Brethren and the Lodges are the foundation of the work that we do and should be supported and promoted to grow and flourish. In all of my travels in and outside of our great Jurisdiction, it is the Brothers that make the difference! To that end, I am committed to "Inspire, Empower, Strengthen and Celebrate relationships between all Masons, and help each Brother be the best they can be!" We can achieve these goals if we listen to each other and work together. Let us wear our Masonry with stubborn pride!

There are many challenges that we must address, some new and some old. These demanding times require that we, as Masons, must grow, adapt and work together to overcome what the future may bring. I believe that we must keep a careful watch over our resources and be willing to make choices that are best for the Craft. That includes our finances, our buildings, our people and our time. We must communicate effectively with the Brethren. It is essential that we Strengthen those relationships that bind us within the Fraternity and continue to create new experiences to keep our current Brothers engaged and bring back Brothers who have fallen away. It is essential that the retention of Membership should be solidified and can be supported and improved by strengthening those bonds, which we all shared. We must teach our Brethren about burnout and how to combat it. Our Fraternity has many challenges, but it also has great resolve and talented men to address those opportunities!

By creating new involvement opportunities, we can bring the next generation of

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Brothers into our Lodges. These potential Brothers are out there, and we must learn to speak their language, listen to what they are looking for and act on that information. Our charge is to keep all our Brethren active beyond the 3 Degrees - an active Mason is one who will stay!

Through continued collaboration, we can create a robust and inclusive culture by making Freemasonry relevant for the **"Every-man"**. We must Inspire and Empower every Mason to get Back to Basics, to contribute their talents and skills. To be the Mason that they envisioned when they walked through the Preparation Room door.

Currently, we provide programs and training to the Lodges that focus on operating efficiently, conducting interesting meetings and sparking interest in both new and experienced members. By continuing to promote and expand these values, I believe that we will understand why some Lodges do better than others with membership and

programs and be able to provide support and guidance for the next stages in their development.

I passionately believe that we must work to expand both Family Initiatives and strengthen our Community Engagement. We can do this through better outreach and service to build deeper community connections, which in turn brings the positive impact of Freemasonry to the forefront. It is imperative for the growth and success of our Craft, for us to venture outside of the walls of our Lodges to help and support our neighbors and Communities. A successful Lodge is one that is well known and has strong ties to the local and global community. If we are engaged in the Community, the Community will be engaged in us!

Most of us, including myself, joined Freemasonry to develop into better Men, Husbands, Fathers, Sons, and Leaders. It is truly a unique opportunity, and one that should be Celebrated and shared! To perpetuate this legacy, we must continue our commitment to train and mentor ALL

Masons - from the newest Entered Apprentice to the most experienced Freemason and to share in the Masonic Unity which we all strive for. All of us have something to offer and we can all learn from each other. Education is truly a lifelong journey.

I am seeking your vote of confidence to be your Junior Grand Warden in November. I will strive to work together with you because I love our Gentle Craft and believe in the lessons that we are taught - Friendship, Morality, Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth and so many more. I sincerely believe that it is my responsibility to help move our Fraternity into a new and exciting future. Brethren, I am here to serve **YOU** and to work with the rest of the Elected Line to provide continuity and a path forward in uncertain times. **YOU** are a critical link in the chain of our Fraternity. I am excited and inspired to work and serve you and our Fraternity through the next steps and on the larger stage. Let's get started!

Nominees for Grand Secretary (Vote for 1)

M.W. Larry Scott Plasket, P.G.M.



Personal:

Born 12-27-1952, 4 children, 5 grand children.

Education:

Merchantville Public School, Drexel University, Business Administration

Business:

Retired VP, Robbins Electrical Distributors Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Assist Administrator

Masonic:

- Merchantville Lodge No. 119, raised 6/16/1978, Worshipful Master, 1984
- Trustee: 1994-2002, 2010-present
- Grand Lodge of NJ: Junior Grand Steward 1986, District Deputy Grand Master, 1987-1992
- Grand Instructor, 1997-1998, 2018-2022, Grand Master, 2002
- Grand Secretary: 2007-2012, Acting Grand Secretary: 2015, 2018
- Various committees: Chairman: Budget & Finance: 2003 to present
- Masonic Charity Foundation: Trustee:

- 1993-2005, President 1996, Chairman 2002-2003
- Chairman, finance & investment, 1994-2004
- Vice-President, Masonic Chip International

York Rite:

- Royal Arch: Zerubbabel Chapter No. 63

Scottish Rite:

- Excelsior, Valley of Southern New Jersey

Council Princes of Jerusalem:

- Sovereign Prince 2007, Consistory: Commander in Chief, 2015 Property Trustee: 2015-present, Coronated 33rd, 2003 Elected Active Member of Supreme Council, 2021, Chairman New Jersey Dyslexia Centers, Past Chairman: Burlington (now Skipper) CDC

Crescent Shrine:

- Past Commodore-Yacht Club,
- Past Secretary Treasurer-Motorcycle Patrol
- Past Chairman Trustees

Presented with the Daniel Coxe Medal in 2001

Public:

- Past Captain, Merchantville Fire Department
- Past Captain, Merchantville EMS

Statement:

I have served as your Grand Secretary on 3 occasions, first I was elected Grand Secretary in 2007 and served until 2012, a job that I enjoyed and believe that I served you well. I

intended to continue as long as you would have me. I did not seek re-election as we had sold the business and as I was going to be an employee with another company, I was concerned that I would not have the flexibility of time to do some of the necessary requirements of the position. I served as acting Grand Secretary on 2 other occasions when the position became vacant, to fulfill the balance of the terms. I have been working in the Grand Lodge office since 2019, handling all aspects of the office operations, such as the financial aspects, petition processes and related Grand View operations. R.W. Andrew Churney and I have an excellent working relationship and while we each have our primary focus; we can cover each other as needed. I have reorganized our financial systems resulting in quick availability of financial data, ensuring that all bills are paid on time. My extensive background in business and Masonry, together with my previous experience serving as Grand Secretary, have provided me with the skills necessary to perform the duties of the office of Grand Secretary. The office of Grand Secretary not only serves the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, but equally serves the lodges and the Brethren. I have been dedicated to our Grand Lodge since 1986. I have always enjoyed serving our craft, and with your support, I will continue to serve.

Nominees for Grand Secretary (Vote for 1)

M.W. Roger B. Quintana, PGM



Masonic:

Mother Lodge:
 • Blue Stone
 Mystic Tie Malta
 Doric No. 35
 • Initiated, Passed
 & Raised-1993
 • Master-2004
 • Secretary-2005
 to Present

- Grand Chaplain-2006
- District Deputy Grand Master-2013, 2014
- Junior Grand Warden-2015
- Senior Grand Warden-2016
- Deputy Grand Master-2017
- Grand Master-2018
- Grand Secretary 2022-Present
- Honorary Past Grand Master-Grand
 Lodge of Portugal
- Meritorious Medal Awarded-2010
- 33rd Degree-2017
- Coxe Medal-2023
- 2018 Conference of Grand Masters -
 Planning Committee

Masonic Charity Foundation:

- Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee -
 2009-Present
- Vice President B 2013 & 2014, Chairman
 2018
 - Pensions and Benefits Committee -
 2009-2012
 - Strategic Planning Committee -
 (Chairman) 2010 to 2018
 - Hospice Advisory Committee -
 (Chairman) 2009 B 2010
 - Facilities Committee (Chairman)
 2013-2018
 - Executive Committee B 2013-Present
 - Home Ops Committee (Chairman)
 2013-2014

Dual Lodge Affiliations:

- Secaucus Hudson No. 72 - Master B 2003
- Sons of Liberty No. 301 - Secretary-2005,
 Trustee B 2008-2014 (HM)
- Atlas Pythagoras No. 10
- Navesink Lodge No. 9
- Congdon Overlook Lodge No. 163
- Inspiratus Lodge No. 357 - Junior Warden
 2021 & 2022
- Mount Zion Lodge No. 135 - Honorary
 Member
- Enterprise Lodge No. 31 - Honorary
 Member
- Dom Pedro Lodge No. 322 - Honorary
 Member
- Esperanza Lodge No. 317 - Honorary
 Member

- Mount Zion No. 135 - Honorary Member
- Esperanza No. 317 - Honorary Member

Grand Lodge of New York - Affiliated
 Member

- La Fraternidad Lodge No. 387

Affiliations:

- Valley of Northern New Jersey B Scottish
 Rite AS OF 2000
- MSA Awarded-2013
- 33 Degree-2017
- Children's Learning Centers - Scotch
 Plains Campus
 - Board of Governors 2011-2014
 - Vice Chairman 2012-2014
- Crescent A.A.O.N.M.S & Salaam
 A.A.O.N.M.S.
- Council of Royal & Select Masters of
 New Jersey
- Adoniram Council No. 9 & Corinthian
 Chapter No. 57
- Commandery of Knights Templar of
 New Jersey
 - Trinity Commander No. 17 - Treasurer
- York Rite College
- Garden State College
- Northern NJ Council No. 10 Knight Masons
 - Member as of 2003
- The Red Cross of Constantine
 - St. Joseph's Conclave
- AMD - COXE Council No. 479 - Founding
 Member
 - Sovereign Master 2012
- The Masonic Order of Athelstan, Provincial
 Court of the USA
- New Jersey College Societas Rosicruciana
- National Sojourners No. 438
- The Masonic Society - Founding Member
- Knight Masons - Northern NJ Council
- Serpentine Barrens Quarry
- Tall Cedars - Elizabeth Forest No. 6
- Masonic Kilties of New Jersey
- Simba Grotto
- Society of St. Johns
- NJ DeMolay Advisor 2003 B 2005
 - DeMolay Legion of Honor-2016
 - Honorary Member International
 Congress-2018
- Rainbow for Girls
 - Grand Cross of Colors awarded-2018
- Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey
 - Atlas Chapter
- 5th District Past Master's & Warden's
 Association
 - Past President, Past Secretary & Past
 President
- North Jersey Past Masters Association
- South Jersey Past Masters Association

- County of Hudson Investigator 1990-2009
- County of Hudson Personnel Officer
 (Dir. Human Resources) 2009-Present
- AFSCME Local 2306 President 2005-2009
- Weehawken Township B Director of
 Community Affairs 1985-1989
- Weehawken Township B Chairman Rent
 Leveling Board 1985-1995
- U.S. Dept. of Commerce - Director of
 North East Operations 1985-1990

Education:

- State University of New York B Purchase
 Bachelor of Arts-1981
- State University of New York B Purchase -
 Master's in Psychology-1983
- Rutgers University - Certificate in Labor
 Relations-2007
- Registered by the FINRA in Securities B
 Investments Advisor 2000-2011
- State Licensed in all Major Insurance Line
 Licenses 2000-2011

Statement:

My Brother,

"What I promise that I accomplish."

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? When my term
 as Grand Master in 2018 ended, I thought
 my fraternal service was almost ending. In
 2021, I realized that I had more to offer to
 the Craft I love. You agreed and elected me
 to be your Grand Secretary in 2022 and
 then again in 2023. There is still much work
 to do, so I ask you to re-elect me again.

While advancing through the chairs in my
 Lodge, the values I learned improved my
 personal, professional, and fraternal life. The
 principles of Freemasonry have made me
 a better man. Service is the key to Masonic
 life. When I was Master of my Lodge, serving
 the needs of my brethren was the key to a
 successful year. I carried this lesson into my
 Grand Lodge Service.

As your Grand Master, I introduced many
 new Grand Lodge services, including
 Grandview and the Almoner's Office. I also
 established the use of Chambers of Reflection
 and the Society of King Solomon, which
 continues to be a great educational tool and
 is now available through Grandview.

As your Grand Secretary, with the concurrence
 of the Elected Line and Grand Lodge
 Trustees, we have drastically reduced the
 expenses of the Office of Grand Secretary.
 We still need to further reduce the expenses
 of the Grand Lodge Office, and we will
 continue to investigate ways to accomplish
 this. Last year, despite our challenges, we
 came in under budget.

Business Activities:

- Financial Consultant from 1990-2011

Nominees for Grand Secretary (Vote for 1)

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M.W. Roger B. Quintana, PGM

When you elected me to serve as your
 Grand Secretary two years ago, I promised
 to do everything possible to improve the
 services provided to our Lodges. Better
 member services have remained at the
 top of my priorities list. Now, when you
 call the Grand Lodge Office, if the call is
 not answered by staff, it is automatically
 forwarded to my cell phone. Your inquiries
 and your Lodge's questions and concerns
 are now promptly handled.

I also promised you would once again receive
 paper dues cards. Those are now available,
 as are the virtual dues cards on both the
 Grandview and the Amity applications.

I am currently working on a dues-paying
 system in which the dues, in their entirety, go
 directly to the Lodges. You might remember
 that Grandview has a dues-paying option

in which the dues go to Grand Lodge, and
 after the assessment is taken, the balance
 is forwarded to the Lodges. I stand firmly
 against this process. All dues payments
 must always go directly to the Lodges, and
 assessment payments must remain part of
 the Annual Report.

Using Grandview, the Lodge Secretaries can
 now enter petitions directly. Soon, this
 process will be further streamlined for
 greater efficiency and privacy. Petitioners
 will be able to initiate their own background
 checks, eliminating the need for the Lodges
 to mail a check to the Grand Lodge Office.
 Petitions will be emailed in.

I do not believe there is any reason
 whatsoever for Social Security numbers to
 be sent to the Grand Lodge office. This is
 an unnecessary risk and a possible Grand
 Lodge liability.

I am also working on raising funds for the

Grand Lodge. I am working on attaining a
 raffle license for the Grand Lodge. Together,
 we have and will accomplish many great
 things, and it is an effort that can only be
 accomplished with a team effort.

My promise to you, my brothers, is that I
 will continue to advocate for your needs
 and concerns while also ensuring that the
 Grand Master, the Elected Line, and the
 Grand Lodge Trustees receive all the support
 they need to fulfill their duties. I have served
 my Lodge as Secretary for 20 years, so I
 know what you expect from the Office of
 Grand Secretary.

My brothers, I am asking for your vote to
 continue being your Grand Secretary because
 I love the work and the challenges of service.
 Once again, when you step into that voting
 booth, I am calling on you to share my
 passion and my commitment by casting
 your vote for me.

Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote for 1)

R.W. Larry Alcime



Personal:

Originally from
 Brooklyn, NY. My
 wife Janelle and I
 (married 12 yrs)
 decided to move
 to Northern New
 Jersey in 2009,
 where we made a
 home for ourselves
 and our 3 wonderful

children (Kaia, Lincoln & Lance) in West
 Orange, NJ since 2012.

Education:

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering,
 with a Minor in Safety Science and Technology
 from the State University of New York
 at Buffalo.

Professional:

Detailed oriented Leader in Compliance and
 Operations Management for over 17 years.
 Experienced in all aspects of data analysis,
 audits, project management, operations and
 finance within the aviation, financial and
 healthcare services industry. Particularly, in
 financial trend analysis and implementing
 or streamlining standard operational
 procedures (SOBs). At the rise of the COVID
 Pandemic, I made the concise decision to
 transfer my skill set and become a franchise
 owner within a multi-billion-dollar pest/

mosquito control industry. My franchise
 proudly provides services to hundreds
 of customers within the Bergen County
 community.

Masonic History:

Blue Lodge:

Initiated (1/22/14), Passed (5/21/14), Raised
 (9/24/14) in "Historic" Alpha Lodge No. 116
 Served as Worshipful Master in 2019
 Lodge Trustee - 2020 - Present
 New Membership Mentor
 Fundraiser Committee Chair
 By-laws Committee
 Dual Membership: Inspiratus Lodge No. 357
 (Traditional Observance Lodge)

Grand Lodge:

District Ritual Instructor: 8th District
 (2021 - present) Education Committee
 (since 2021)

- New Member/Candidate Mentoring
 Committee

 Fellow of Society of King Solomon (2022)

Masonic Appendant Bodies:

Royal Arch Masons:

Exalted 2015 in Alpha Chapter No. 62

Served as Excellent High Priest in 2020
 Chapter Trustee (2020-2023)

Grand Chapter of RAM:

Grand Chaplin: 6th Capitular District
 (2021-2022)

Grand Representative to Mexico (2021),
 France (2022)

Cryptic Masons:

Charter Member of St. Andrew's Council
 No. 18 (2016-present)

Knights Templar:

Knighted 2016 in Jerusalem Commandery
 No. 32
 Officer Line (Captain General 2022)

Scottish Rite Masons:

- (Northern Masonic Jurisdiction - AASR)
- Member of Northern Valley
 2015-Present
- Lodge of Perfection Officer
 2020-Present
- Master Mason Degree Team - Present
- Degree Team Cast Member - Present
- Benjamin Franklin Award Committee -
 Present
- Scholarships Committee - Present
- Service Group (Membership Expansion)
 - Blue Cap Recipient - 2021

Shriners International:

- Active member of Salaam Shrine No. 86 -
 2020-Present
- Past Masters Committee

Order of Knight Masons:

- Member of Northern New Jersey Council
 No. 10 - 2020-Present

Allied Masonic Degrees:

- Member of Daniel Coxe Council No. 479 -
 2021 - Present

Order of Free Gardeners:

- Member of Hibiscus Lotus Lodge - Present

Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote for 1)

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R.W. Larry Alcime

The Worshipful Society of Free Masons (The Operatives):

- Serpentine Barrens Quarry Assemblage - Present

Other Masonic Affiliations:

North Jersey Past Masters Association (President 2022-2023)
Lyndhurst Masonic Club
Order of Easter Stars (Alpha Chapter No. 288* - *Worthy Patron* 2017)

Non-Masonic Affiliations::

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated
Initiated 1993 - Active Membership

- New Membership Training Committee
- Undergraduate Advisory Committee
- Youth Mentoring (Kappa League Advisor)
- Fundraising Committee
- Membership Expansion Committee
- Held several Executive Officer positions

Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
Father's Auxiliary - Active - (2019-Present)

- Youth/Teen mentoring

Community Involvement:

Member of St. James A.M.E Church
Volunteer in Food Pantries/Feed the Homeless Programs

Backpack/School Supply Give Aways
Clothing drives for Veteran Homes and Homeless Shelters

Statement:

Brethren my name is Larry Alcime, and I am running for the position of Grand Lodge Trustee for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. For all intents and purposes, the Grand Lodge is an organization created to promote enlightenment and education to those who are in search of a higher meaning or calling, and to unite likeminded men in the bond of Fraternity. The Grand Lodge is also a non-profit organization (corporation) that must operate and adhere to the rules and regulations of the State of New Jersey. Therefore, for 14,500 members of this Grand Jurisdiction to enjoy the fraternal ties and privileges associated with membership, a select few are elected to handle the business of the Fraternity to ensure its existence in the foreseeable future. The primary responsibility of a Trustee or Board of Trustees is to oversee the operation of the organization, uphold the fiduciary duty of protecting the organization's assets and funds and to ensure the organization's conformance with the law. These very principles are reinforced in *Title 4, Article 2, Section B* of the Grand

Lodge By-laws "**The Trustees shall have the responsibility to manage the business affairs of the Grand Lodge....**"

If elected, my primary focus would be to utilize my skill sets to assist the Trustee Committee in making sound and concise decisions to streamline spending, increase revenue, sustain assets, and uphold accountability. Professionally I have overseen and participated in projects that generated over 100 million dollars in weekly revenue, while adhering to all regulatory guidelines and procedures to ensure success. Over the past 30 years I have had the opportunity to serve as a trustee member for a variety of fraternal, masonic and professional organizations where I was tasked with the responsibility to restore and maintain the financial sustainability of these organizations. Recently I attended an open Grand Lodge Trustees meeting to gain a better understanding of the some of the challenges our Grand Lodge currently faces financially. I truly believe that with my experience gained in Operations Management, Compliance, and Audits throughout my career has prepared me to be a viable candidate for the role of Grand Lodge Trustee.

- Len Vanderhorn)
- Member, Grand Lodge Retention Committee—developing programs to re-engage Brethren and reduce NPD rates
 - Candidate, Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Trustee (three-year term)

Appendant Bodies & Capitular/Cryptic/Chivalric:

- Royal Arch Masons: Grand Principal Sojourner (2024 and 2025); Past Grand Chaplain, 6th Capitular District (2018); Aid to the Grand High Priest (2014); Union Chapter No. 7; (High Priest 2015 and 2024)
- Mark Master Masons: Haggai Lodge
- Royal & Select Masters: The Most Puissant Grand Council; Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, St. Andrews Council No. 18 (Thrice Illustrious Master, 2022)
- Godfrey Pittis Meritorious Award (Ish Sodi), 2023
- Scottish Rite (Valley of Northern NJ) - Rose Croix Line officer
- Knights Templar: St. John's Commandery No. 9
- Allied Masonic Degrees: Sovereign Master,

- "Enfranchising Model" of people-centric leadership, boosting collaboration, accountability, and sustainable growth in private sector and non-profit organizations
- Senior Associate, Leitner Tort DeFazio & Brause (2025-Present)
 - Executive Partner, Spencer Pierce Capital - Mergers and Acquisitions (2013-2015)
 - Thought Leader: board advisor; podcast host; author of the upcoming Contagious Vision: A Roadmap to Catalyzing Organizational Growth
 - Fundraiser & Governance Architect: Spearheaded the project to raise \$650,000+ for Congdon Overlook Lodge No. 163; authored bylaws and governance frameworks

Masonic History Blue Lodge:

- Raised November 17, 2011
- Essex Lodge No. 7, Caldwell: Worshipful Master (2016)
- Congdon-Overlook Lodge No. 163, Bernardsville: Worshipful Master (2023)

Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

- Grand Chaplain, 2024 (under MWGM

R.W. Alexandru D. Aldea



Personal:

- Resident of Caldwell, New Jersey
- Proud US Citizen - Emigrated from Romania in 1984
- Interests: Martial Arts, Writing, Acting, Podcast Host

Professional:

- Admitted Attorney (NY & NJ) with 14+ years of corporate, nonprofit, and entertainment-sector experience
- Professional Actor, Blue Bloods, Bull, Manifest and many other films and TV shows
- Masters in Diplomacy and International Relations
- Founder & Principal, Aldea Law (2015-present) Drafted and negotiated complex contracts; advised startups on legal formation, policy design, and investor relations
- Professional Speaker, Pioneered the

Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote for 1)

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R.W. Alexandru D. Aldea

- Harold V.B. Voorhis Council No. 260 (2025)
- Others: Azim Grotto, Knight Masons - Northern New Jersey Council (Junior Knight, 2025), Northern NJ Past Masters Association, Faith, Smoke and Charity Cigar Lodge No. 1

Non-Masonic & Community Involvement:

- **Garden State Film Festival:** Board

member, governance & strategic advisory committees

- **Nonprofit Leadership:** authored constitutions and operating agreements; mentored volunteer leaders; implemented the Enfranchising Model across organizations
- **Public Engagement:** speaker at leadership and governance panels; host of Brothers of the Arcana Podcast on esotericism, masonic topics, metaphysics and ethics

Vision Statement

I dedicate my Masonic career to advancing our Craft as a **tireless defender** of its legacy and a **fearless advocate** for its future. As Trustee, I will ensure that **every dollar and every asset**—your money—are accounted for, protected from reckless spending, and stewarded for the highest, long-term benefit of New Jersey Freemasonry. Together, we will **build bridges, not just balance books**, securing our heritage and empowering the Fraternity for generations to come.

R.W. Dwayne A. Dolly II



Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, I am Dwayne Dolly II, and I respectfully ask for your vote to serve as a Grand Lodge Trustee.

This is more than a title—it's a responsibility that demands trust, stewardship, and a clear-eyed understanding of financial oversight. I offer my candidacy as a Brother who brings both a deep commitment to Freemasonry and the professional experience needed to safeguard the assets and future of our New Jersey Freemasonry.

Rooted in the Craft, Committed to the Mission

I grew up in West Virginia and moved to New Jersey in 2005 after college. My wife, Caroline, and I met at Lycoming College in Pennsylvania, and today we live in Pohatcong with our daughter, Penelope.

I was raised in Mansfield Lodge No. 36, and over the past 17 years, I've stayed active and involved because I truly believe in the mission of this fraternity. I've served as:

- District Deputy Grand Master for three terms (current role)
- District Ritual Instructor for three terms
- Grand Chaplain
- Worshipful Master for five terms

I'm also a member of the York Rite,

Scottish Rite, serve on Easton Assembly No. 38 IORG Advisory Board and am a member of the Society of King Solomon.

These roles have helped shape my understanding of how our fraternity must balance tradition with thoughtful leadership—particularly when it comes to the responsible stewardship of our resources.

Professional Experience That Mirrors Trustee Responsibilities

I've spent the past 18 years in the Credit Union industry, steadily rising to the role of Senior Vice President of Operations. In this position, I:

- Oversee daily operations across four branches
- Lead our IT division and back-office operations
- Serve as the institution's Bank Secrecy Act Compliance Officer
- Help manage the credit union's liquidity, budget, and Asset Liability Management (ALM) strategy
- Oversee investment activity with careful attention to risk, regulation, and return

In short, I'm entrusted daily with the very responsibilities that define the role of Grand Lodge Trustee—managing assets, administering budgets, ensuring compliance, and protecting the financial health of an institution serving thousands.

Prepared to Serve

The Grand Lodge Trustees are charged with:

- Safeguarding Grand Lodge assets
- Administering and adhering to the

Grand Lodge budget

- Overseeing investments with prudent, long-term thinking
- Ensuring financial compliance and risk mitigation
- Supporting the sustainability and growth of our statewide fraternity

These are not abstract duties—they are responsibilities I fulfill every day as a financial leader.

In my lodge and district roles, I've led budget reviews, helped develop investment strategies, and advised lodge Treasurers on fiduciary reporting, account management, and tax compliance. I've stepped in during difficult moments—financially and organizationally—and helped my brethren make wise decisions rooted in facts, while being empathetic to the emotional aspects.

Looking Ahead

At the end of the day, our job is to leave things better than we found them—for our Brothers, our communities, and the next generation. That's what the line "*I am building the bridge for him*" means to me. That's what I'll bring to the table if you elect me with solid leadership, real-world experience and a deep love for this fraternity.

If elected, I will serve with integrity, humility, and the same relentless dedication I've brought to my lodge, my district, and my profession.

Thank you for your consideration and your trust.

Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote for 1)

R.W. Michael I. Mattes



Blue Lodge:

- Member of Mozart Lodge No. 121
- Member of Laurel Lodge No. 237
- Past Master Mozart Lodge No. 121-2020, 2021,2022

- Past Master Laurel-2025
- Past Grand Pursuivant-2023

- District Education Officer for the 18th Masonic District-2025, 2026
- Past President of the 18th district Masters and Wardens Association
- President of the South Jersey Past Masters Masters and Wardens Association

Scottish Rite:

- Member of the Valley of Southern New Jersey
- Cast Member 2021-Present

York Rite:

- Member of Boudinot Chapter No. 3 of Royal Arch Masons

- High Priest-2025
- Member of Van Hook Council No. 8 Royal and Select Masters
- Thrice Illustrious Master-2023
- Member of Helena Commandry No. 3

Shriners International:

- Member of Crescent Shrine

Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (Grotto) :

- Charter Member of Simba Grotto
- Monarch Simba Grotto-2023

R.W. David J. Weiss



Personal:

- Married to wife, Donna for over 40 years
- Daughter Beth, Structural Engineer
- Son Ian, (a brother Mason) Professor of Chemistry, University of South Carolina

Education:

- BS in Mathematics, City University of New York, Queens College
- MS in Industrial Engineering, Rutgers the State University of NJ

Professional:

- AT&T 1978 First class of management programmers Database Admin, Engineer Forecasting, Decision Support Systems, Quality Assurance, Market Research, New Concept Development. Inventor of new mobility service. Became it's CCO, offered a retirement package when service was sold. Retired 1999
- Double D Consultants 2000-President
- Rutgers University, Professor of Statistics 2014-2023

Masonic History:

- Initiated, Passed and Raised-Palestine Lodge No. 111 2012
- Worshipful Master-Palestine Lodge No. 111 2015

- President-12th District Association 2017
- Worshipful Master-Raritan Valley Lodge No. 46 2018
- Grand Chaplain-Grand Lodge F. & AM. NJ 2018
- President-Princeton Shrine Club 2018 & 2021
- President-Masonic Association of Central New Jersey 2020
- Worshipful Master-Milltown Lodge No. 294 2022
- Trustee-MilltownPalestine Lodge No. 294 2023-Present
- Aide to the Grand Master-Grand Lodge F. & AM. 2024
- Outreach Chairman-Masonic Charity of New Jersey 2024
- St. Stephens Lodge No. 63
- Inspiratus Lodge No. 357
- Royal Arch Masons Scott Chapter No. 4
- Society of King Solomon
- Society of Saints John
- New Jersey Kilties
- Crescent Shrine
- Scottish Rite, Central Valley
- Shamailu Grotto

Statement:

Brothers, thank you deeply for the trust you placed in me last year when I asked you to return me to the board of the Charity Foundation to complete some important work that was in progress. Your resounding support truly touched my heart by giving me the most votes in that category. Thanks to you, we were able to continue our work moving forward with the sale of our brick-and-mortar building of the Masonic home.

While I know that this was stressful and many struggled with this path, I stand here confident today to say that it will make us a stronger Fraternity and will allow us to focus our concentrations and our resources more directly on helping our brethren and their families. We also changed the scholarship process by migrating the application online and consolidating the form to a single one that covers all the charity's scholarships. We have also extended the eligibility requirements to include nieces and nephews.

I am now seeking your support in my bid for election to the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge. My educational background, combined with my record of Masonic leadership, offers a unique knowledge and skill set tailor-made for approaching this role with rigor, prudence, and creative insight

I believe that the one word that describes my approach to organizational leadership is "innovator". From my professional career, to the halls of higher learning and most recently to the Masonic Charity Foundation, I have always sought to find good and creative solutions and approaches to meeting challenges and doing things better.

When I became chairman of the Charity's Outreach committee two years ago, there were no expressed concerns, but I was able to identify areas for improvement.

During my tenure as Chairman, DeMolay received \$30,000 in support. The number of applications increased by over 200%, as did the number of scholarships granted. Additionally, the total amount of scholarship

Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote for 1)

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R.W. David J. Weiss

money awarded rose by more than 1,000%. At AT&T no one said there should be a way to help customers who needed to be reached, even when they were away from their phone (this was in the 1990's before mobile phones). But I analyzed a future unarticulated need and invented a new mobility service. At the time, this was heralded as so forward-thinking that it was featured at Disney's EPCOT park in their Innovations Center. And when none of the existing AT&T support organizations knew how to work with a hybrid service, I built customer care, billing, and marketing teams specific to the new service. Of course, having a modular organization made it easy for AT&T to sell the service out from under me. But they had to pay for the privilege. So my severance package allowed me to be a retiree before I was 44 years old.

When I was a professor of statistics at Rutgers, no one was attempting to change traditional teaching methods, but I chose to make the subject clearer and less intimidating, much to the appreciation of my students. (See my Facebook posting on the comments students gave on my evaluations). I still go back and read them whenever I need a lift.

We have north of 11,000 Freemasons in the state. Do you see them? It is you who are the true working Masons. You read about the candidates for office. You attend your lodge meetings and DLIs. You are the ones who are there to support your brothers. You have to be present to have an impact. I will be there. You have seen me at your receptions. You have seen me at your GLIs. And you have seen me in your lodges. While a Charity board trustee, the handful of meetings that I missed were either due to family vacations or not getting discharged

from the hospital in time. Stage four cancer will sometimes do that to you. But nothing less kept me away. I sat in meetings with wound vacuums running under my suit and portable IV pump, feeding me antibiotics, but I still attended.

Having been a trustee, I know the time, the commitment, and the effort it takes. Because that is what you deserve. Someone who is not distracted by other major Masonic duties and can give their full attention to the business of the fraternity. I asked for your support last year, and in return, I fulfilled the promises I made to you. This year, I ask for your support to elect me as a trustee of the Grand Lodge so that I can work on behalf of the you the Brethren in strengthening and improving our beloved fraternity for the next generations! There is much work to be done and I am proven in getting it done!



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Proposed Grand Lodge Budget 2026

Membership Base Initiates

	11,553 262	11,800 350	11,000 200
	Actual Full 2024	Proposed 2025	Proposed 2026

OPERATING REVENUE			
Grand Lodge per Capita Assessment	\$453,213	\$472,000	\$440,000
Blue Lodge Insurance Assessment	67,370	76,700	71,500
Grand View	24,498	19,800	14,750
Annual Communication	67,844	50,000	70,000
Reservation Revenue			
Annual Communication MCF	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sale of Supplies	16,153	16,000	16,000
Investment Income	50,274	45,000	50,000
Permanent Fund Income Transfer	125,000	175,000	225,000
Freemason Advertising	1,680	2,000	2,000
Leadership Conference	19,475	18,000	18,000
Background Checks	12,202	15,000	15,000
Contributions	0	1,000	1,000
GL Events (Brotherhood & others)	16,026	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	4,054	1,000	1,000
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$867,789	\$906,500	\$939,250

EXPENSES

PERSONNEL

Salaries	\$193,388	\$193,525	\$199,331
Stipend	0	0	0
Maintenance Staff	14,227	12,000	12,360
Payroll Taxes	23,220	25,000	25,750
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$230,835	\$230,525	\$237,441

OPERATING EXPENSE

Accounting and Bookkeeping	\$35,640	\$36,750	\$40,000
Audit	45,479	22,000	30,000
IRS Form 990	17,089	22,000	20,000
Investment Advisor	0	20,000	25,000
Office Supplies	2,190	4,000	4,000
Digitalization Project	0	1,000	0
Administrative Office Expense	6,690	2,000	2,000
Electronic Communications (phone, fax)	6,543	7,000	6,000
Social Media	3,528	6,000	4,500
Background Checks	8,176	10,000	10,000
Computer Software Grand View	18,660	14,000	15,800
Printing	3,436	4,500	4,500
Postage and UPS	3,436	6,000	5,000
GL Collars, Aprons and Tokens	1,063	3,000	5,000
Official Expense	29,579	60,000	60,000
Equipment Contract and Leases	15,520	10,000	10,000
Legal	0	1,000	1,000
GL Insurance	14,488	12,000	15,000
Blue Lodge Insurance	63,125	82,000	80,000
Supplies for Resale	769	3,000	1,000
Miscellaneous Oper Exp	304	1,000	1,000
Public Relations	0	2,000	0
Trenton Temple Rent & Utilities	63,916	72,500	75,000
Interest Expense	0	200	100
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$339,631	\$401,950	\$414,900

GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES

Annual Communication	\$171,098	\$150,000	\$175,000
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	Actual Full 2024	Proposed 2025	Proposed 2026
Emergent Communications	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
GL Events (Brotherhood)	18,392	3,000	3,000
Northeast Conference of Grand Masters	5,401	7,000	7,000
Conference of Grand Masters of N. America	16,937	20,000	20,000
Past Grand Master's Jewel	7,113	10,000	10,000
Awards and Certificates	7,709	5,000	5,000
TOTAL GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES	\$226,650	\$197,000	\$222,000

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

District Deputy Grand Masters	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Education & Membership Services	16,951	20,000	10,000
Masonic Leadership Conference	14,059	18,000	18,000
Youth Committee	1,074	3,000	2,000
NJ Freemason Magazine	23,764	20,000	25,000
Ritual Committee	75	500	500
TOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSE	\$55,923	\$63,000	\$57,000

CHARITABLE PROGRAMS

Veterans Hospital Programs	\$254	\$1,000	\$500
Masonic Blood Bank	0	500	1,000
Masonic Services Association (donation)	736	1,000	1,000
CHIP	0	500	250
Donations	0	2,000	2,000
TOTAL CHARITABLE PROGRAMS	\$990	\$5,000	\$4,750

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

\$906,500

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

\$897,475

SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

\$9,025

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PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS

Masonic Charity Foundation (6.00)	\$73,494	\$70,800	\$66,000
Initiate Fee for MCF (25.00) (325)	8,475	8,750	5,000
GWNM per Capita (1.00)	12,249	11,800	11,001
Initiate Fee for GWNM (10.00) (325)	3,390	3,500	2,000
HTMT (3.00)	36,747	35,400	33,000
DeMolay per Capita (1.00)	12,249	11,800	16,500
Rainbow per Capita (1.00)	12,249	11,800	16,500
Masonic Renewal Committee (.50)	6,125	5,900	5,500
TOTAL PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS	\$164,978	\$159,750	\$155,501

PASS THROUGH DISBURSEMENTS

Masonic Charity Foundation	\$73,494	\$70,800	\$66,000
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237th Annual Communication Legislation



Two Perpendicular Parallel Lines

by Matthew A. Leilich, Past Master, Amwell Lodge No. 12

The point within a circle embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, with the Holy Bible resting on the circle, is one of the most recognizable symbols in Freemasonry. It is also one which always raises a question. How can two lines be both perpendicular and parallel?

Anyone that has ever sat through a basic geometry class knows perpendicular and parallel lines are opposite. They are each defined mathematically as follows:

Perpendicular lines: "Perpendicular lines are lines that intersect and form right angles."(1)

Parallel lines: "Two lines are parallel if they are in the same plane but never intersect."(2)

If perpendicular and parallel lines are geometrically opposite why does our ritual refer to these two lines as both perpendicular and parallel? Clearly this is a contradiction! There are two possible explanations for this inconsistency.

First, it is possible that the word perpendicular refers to the two tangents perpendicular to the diameter of the circle. A tangent is a line that touches the edge of a circle once. The diameter would pass through the point. In other words, both lines, or both tangents, form two 90-degree angles with the diameter of the circle.

Second, a more antiquated definition of the word perpendicular meant "straight up and down," "vertical," or "nearly vertical." For example, the perpendicular face of the mountain, or the perpendicular mast of a ship. The word derives from Latin. Per (through) + pendere (to hang) forms perpendicularum (plumb line). Our ritual makes much more sense if we apply this antiquated definition of the word, "two hanging parallel lines," or "two vertical parallel lines." Additionally, the word pendant derives from the French verb pendre "to hang," which also derives from the Latin pendere. After all, a pendant hangs around a person's neck.

Many masons do not understand that the use of the word perpendicular in our ritual is either referring to the two tangents perpendicular to the circle's diameter or that the ritual is using an antiquated definition of the word. The latter is more likely. This lack of understanding in the past has even caused the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to remove the word "perpendicular" from the ritual altogether. However, Grand Lodge has recently added it back in.

Our masonic teachings direct us to subdue our passions and improve ourselves through masonry. What better way to improve ourselves than by studying our ritual? However, sometimes when we examine the ritual through a modern lens, we unintentionally, leave the lens cap on.

(1) Geometry Common Core (Pearson Education, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts, 2012), page 942

(2) Downing, Douglas, Ph.D. Dictionary of Mathematics Terms (Barron's Educational Series, Inc.; New York, 1987), page 140.

TITLE THREE, ARTICLE IV: Grand Lodge Meetings and Elections

Section 1. Meetings

Current Legislation:

Part 1. Annual Communication. The Grand Lodge shall meet statedly once a year, for the communication of all the lodges, and may have occasional communications, as business may require, at such times and places as Grand Master shall appoint.

Proposed Legislation:

Part 1. Grand Lodge Communications

a) Annual Communication. The Grand Lodge shall meet statedly once a year *in November*, for the *annual* communication of all the lodges, *the election and installation of Grand Lodge officers, approval of the budget, report of committees, and such other business as may be necessary for the efficient governance of the Fraternity.*

b) *Communication on Legislation. The Grand Lodge shall meet once a year in May, but no later in that month than May 15, for the specific purpose of voting on any proposed change in Grand Lodge dues, and any proposed legislation which alters or adds to Title Four, Articles I through XII of these By-laws and Regulations.*

c) *Prior to the May Communication on Legislation and dues provided in subparagraph b), the Grand Lodge shall hold a minimum of two town hall meetings, one in the northern part and the other in the southern part of the State, for the purpose of allowing the members to express their opinions, concerns, and offer amendments. Final draft of legislation to be voted on shall be published to the membership no less than ten (10) days prior to the May Communication.*

d) *Occasional Grand Lodge* communications, as business may require, *shall take place* at such times and places as Grand Master shall appoint.

Interpretive Statement:

Proposed legislation is very important to the governance of our Fraternity and any proposed changes to legislation should be dealt with much thought and consideration. At our Annual Communication we have lots of other business to contend with and by dealing with any proposed legislation in the current manner is generally rushed in order to stay on a tight schedule. Switching our voting on proposed legislation to the month of May would allow us more time to consider these proposals wisely. In addition with adding the Town halls the Brothers should be well informed before they vote on changes that could affect our Fraternity for years to come. Voting on any proposed Grand Lodge dues increase in May will give time for all the Lodges to adjust their Lodge dues before the New Year if there is a need to do so.

TITLE FOUR: GRAND LODGE BY-LAWS

Section 9. Fees, Dues & Assessments

Part 5. Exemption from in one lodge in this jurisdiction to any lodge in this jurisdiction

Current Legislation:

Part 5. Exemption.

A member who has paid dues for 25 years consecutively in **one lodge** in this jurisdiction may be exempted from future payment in whole or part by a majority ballot. This exemption will not bar the member from admission to the Masonic Home upon proper application.

Proposed Legislation:

Part 5. Exemption.

A member who has paid dues for 25 years consecutively in **any lodge** in this jurisdiction may be exempted from future payment in whole or part by a majority ballot. This exemption will not bar the member from admission to the Masonic Home upon proper application.

Interpretive Statement:

As stated, the change would apply to any member who was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in one lodge in this jurisdiction during his Masonic Career. This change could also apply to any member who was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in one lodge in this jurisdiction who has transferred membership into another lodge in this jurisdiction. This change would also apply to any member who was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in another Masonic Jurisdiction who has transferred membership into any lodge in this jurisdiction. Transferred in this case refers to the process where a member of one lodge has petitioned another lodge for dual membership, been accepted for dual membership by that lodge, and has requested a demit from his previous lodge. In the case of a Merger or Consolidation, an exemption if granted in one lodge prior to a merger or consolidation, it would be carried over into the new lodge. In Masonry, a Member's Birth, Initiation, Passing, and Raising dates follow him through his Masonic travels from birth to death when he is called on high by the Grand Master of the Universe.

Proposed by:

Nelson R. Powell, Past Master Philo Lodge No. 243, 50 year member

As worded above, there is no mention of the amount for actual dues paid in any lodge and with changing careers, a Mason may have changed his location and joined another lodge due to circumstances related to his life outside of Masonry.

TITLE FOUR, GRAND LODGE BYLAWS

ARTICLE III: Communications and Elections

Section 4. Administrative Proceedings

Part 4. Amendment of Grand Lodge By-Laws

Current Legislation:

Part 4. Amendment of Grand Lodge By-Laws.

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

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

Proposed Legislation:

Part 4. Amendment of Grand Lodge By-Laws.

a) Required Procedure. No alteration or addition shall be made to Title Four, Articles I through XII of these By-laws and Regulations unless proposed in writing, signed by five (5) members of the Grand Lodge, and published by the Grand Secretary in Grandview. Publication shall be at least thirty (30) days prior to the membership voting on the amendment, and shall require a majority vote of the membership for adoption.

[b) Procedure Without Publication. (DELETED)]

Interpretive Statement:

The revision requires publication of all proposed legislation in Grandview, making current subparagraph b) unnecessary. The additional requirement that publication be no less than thirty (days) before the vote ensures that members will have due and timely notice of all proposed changes. Publication in the New Jersey Freemason may still be done; however, this form of notice would be secondary and avoid the possibility that unexpected delays in publication of that magazine would not allow time for due consideration of the legislation by the membership. The requirement that five (5) members sign the proposed legislation is the same as the requirement found in TITLE THREE, ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 for signatures submitted in support of proposals to amend the Grand Lodge Constitution.

TITLE FOUR, GRAND LODGE BYLAWS

ARTICLE XI: Trial of Charges

Section 9. Appellate Process

Part 1. Appeal from Decision of Trial Panel

Current Legislation:

Part 1. Appeal from Decision of Trial Panel.

a) Right of Appeal. The accused, the accuser, or any member of the lodge which received the charge, may appeal to the Grand Lodge from any action of the Trial Panel of such lodge. Such appeal must be perfected before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge if at least three months intervene between such action and such communication; otherwise to the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Master.

Proposed Legislation:

Part 1. Appeal from Decision of Trial Panel.

a) Right of Appeal. Only the accused or the accuser may appeal to the Grand Lodge from any final judgment of the Trial Panel; or from a punishment imposed by the lodge receiving the charge, as follows:

(1) The accused may appeal the final judgment or punishment imposed on the basis of error in finding of Masonic law, or in finding of fact(s) supporting the judgment and/or punishment; illegality; misconduct in the proceedings; or other factor reasonably bearing on the fairness of the proceeding, the judgment, or the punishment imposed.

(2) The accuser may appeal the final judgment only if such appeal is expressly provided for in these By-laws or if the punishment imposed is illegal. Absent a specific

provision allowing for the appeal or for illegality, the Grand Lodge shall promptly dismiss the appeal filed by the accuser.

b) An appeal must be perfected before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge if at least three months intervene between such action and such communication; otherwise to the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Master.

Interpretive Statement:

The standard for conviction of a Masonic offense is high: Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt. This is the same standard applied by our State's Courts in a criminal case. It follows that State procedural rules for criminal cases could be informative and provide guidance for our Masonic appeals process.

In *State v. Hyland*, 238 N.J. 135 (2019), for example, New Jersey's Supreme Court observed that, in the matter then before it, the State had authority to appeal a sentence only where there was express authority to do so, or if the

sentence imposed was illegal. This general rule is followed in the proposed By-law revision, which limits the accuser's right to appeal a punishment (sentence) unless the By-laws specifically allow it or where the punishment imposed is illegal. By way of further guidance, the Hyland Court noted two categories of illegal sentences; those that exceed the sentences (punishments) authorized for a particular offense and those sentences that are not authorized by law.

By thus limiting the accuser's right to appeal, the revised By-law strengthens the accused's protection against double jeopardy, which could occur if the accuser was allowed to take an appeal after an acquittal or because he was dissatisfied with the severity of the punishment. If allowed, such an appeal would have the effect of prosecuting the accused twice for the same alleged offense. Further, and as revised, the By-law protects the due process rights of the accused to appeal by specifically authorizing appeals based on error, illegality, misconduct, or other factor(s) reasonably bearing on the fairness of the proceeding and punishment imposed.

Honoring WB Vincent P. "Mickey" McMann PM

On June 26, 2025, Woodstown Lodge as well as the New Jersey Masonic community lost one of its most cherished Brothers when Vincent P. "Mickey" McMann, 81, passed away peacefully at home. Born in nearby Salem on September 17, 1943, Mickey's life was defined by steadfast dedication—to his family, his friends, and the countless organizations he uplifted over four decades of tireless service. The youngest child of Vincent and Louise (Rescola) McMann, Mickey grew up in Salem alongside his three older siblings. After graduating from Salem High School in 1962, he met Donna Rae Allen at a local dance hall—a meeting that blossomed into a marriage lasting nearly 39 years. From that day forward, Donna remained his steadfast partner, and later in life, Mickey's devotion was evident when he retired early from DuPont to care for her during her illness. Shortly after high school, Mickey embarked on what would become a nearly 40-year career at DuPont's Penns Grove plant. Rising through the ranks to retire as a Master Electrician in 2001, he was respected not only for his technical expertise but for his generosity of spirit. Even in a bustling industrial environment, Mickey never missed an opportunity to offer encouragement—or share a homemade pie. There is no one who has equaled Mickey's service as Secretary of Woodstown Lodge No. 138. For more than forty-two years, he meticulously recorded each meeting, welcomed and mentored new brethren, and lived the Masonic principles of Brotherhood, Relief, and Truth. His distinction as New Jersey's longest-serving lodge secretary stands as a testament to the deep trust and respect he inspired among Freemasons throughout the State of New Jersey. Mickey's work extended well beyond the lodge. He was a familiar face at Pennsville Little League concession stands, cheering on young athletes as

enthusiastically as any parent. Through generous giving to the Arc of Salem County and other nonprofits, he quietly supported those with developmental disabilities. Whether at a youth baseball game or a Civil War reenactment in Gettysburg, his warm greeting and willingness to lend a hand turned strangers into friends. Life with Mickey was never dull. He was the proud owner of a striking 1965 Mustang GT fastback—his "thrill ride" of choice—yet he was equally thrilled by simpler pleasures: sampling fresh fruit from the local farm stand, singing Motown classics in his rich baritone, or braving the Tower of Terror at Disney. Ever the early arriver, he would appear at gatherings before dawn's first light, eager to help set up and share his trademark sense of humor. Mickey cherished his family. He often said nothing brought him greater joy than moments spent with his son Michael, his daughter in law Stacey and granddaughters Sophia and Naomi and was affectionately named Papa Mickey whether swapping stories or making new memories. His orderly nature and fastidious care transformed their home into a haven of comfort and laughter. Vincent P. "Mickey" McMann lived life with a perpetual twinkle in his eye—spreading kindness, knitting communities together, and savoring life's simple delights. With those capable hands and that generous heart, he forged friendships everywhere he went (often over a slice of pie). Anyone who crossed his path will tell you Mickey's warmth could outshine the darkest of days. His spirit lives on in every smile he inspired and every story he told.

RW Eli A. Berkowitz PM
Woodstown Lodge No. 138



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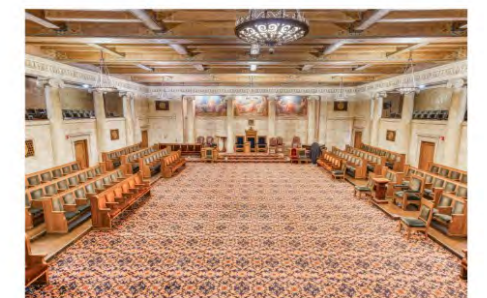
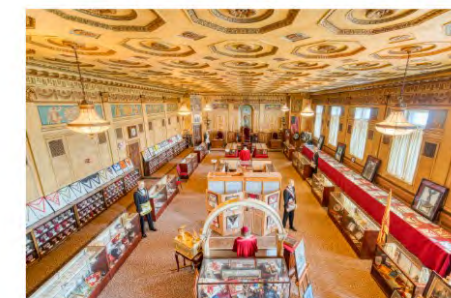


Brethren,

As many of you are aware, if you would like to use one of the Lodges here at the Temple complex for a special event (or a regular meeting) you are welcome to do so. All we ask is to call the Administrator and make sure the date is available. The phone number is 609-695-4868 (email: htmtemple@gmail.com)

We ask for a small donation for a cleaning fee and we will help you coordinate the event. There is nothing quite like having a meeting in our 1793 building! There is no electricity on the 2nd floor and you must use candles (battery powered of course) for lighting. Many Lodges have used this Lodge room for historic lectures with guest speakers in costume and had very successful programs.

If you want to have an Installation here this year please contact us as soon as possible as dates are going quickly! Do to capacity considerations you would have to have an Installation in the Ionic Lodge in the 1928 building. The 1793 building can realistically hold about 35 people. If you give us enough notice we can arrange for the Museum to be open for tours as well.



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