# Worshipful Master's Message

**Forget Me Not** 

The Forget Me Not flower symbolizes true love, enduring memory and faithfulness. It is where we get the phrase True Blue.

Dormant through the winter they appear dead, but come spring they show their beautiful shades of blue colors.

Freemasons began using the flower in 1926 as a symbol not to forget the poor and desperate. In early 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power it became evident that Freemasonry was in danger. In that same year "the Grand Lodge of the Sun" in Germany adopted the flower as a substitute for the traditional square and compasses when it was dangerous to openly reveal one was a mason. The little blue flower, the forget me not allowed masons to be able to recognize one another.

In German legend, God named all the plants when a tiny unnamed one cried out "forget me not, O' Lord." God replied "That shall be your name."

In Greek legend, when the creator thought he had finished giving the flowers their colors, he heard one whisper "forget me not." There was nothing left but a very small amount of blue, but the forget me not was delighted to wear such a lite blue shade. Forget me not. We all want to be remembered. We want our families to remember us as loving and supportive and our friends to remember us as loyal and kind. As Masons, we want to be remembered for our charity and brotherly love. We are taught in masonry, charity extends from the grave. We will be remembered for our good deeds and charity to all. Forget me not.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

John P. Gomen Worshipful Master

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# **Communications for April 2017**

You are cordially and fraternally requested to attend the following communications of Laurel Lodge No. 237, F&AM

# Friday April 7th, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Birthdays & Refreshments after Lodge

The Fellow Craft Degree will be conferred upon the following eligible candidates:

# Friday, April 21st, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Ballot, Birthdays & Refreshments after Lodge

A Presentation on the History of the Navy Seals by Brother Bill Anderson

Ballot for Membership by Initiation April 21st

By Order of WM John P. Gomen Worshipful Master Attest WB James Weisensee, PM Secretary

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal at Lodge

Friday April 7th 7:45PM
Fellow Craft Degree, Regular
Business, Birthdays, Presentation &
Refreshments

Saturday April 15th 8AM to 12PM
Blood Drive at Laurel Lodge
See Announcement in the Trestleboard

Friday April 21st 7:45PM
Regular Business, Ballot, Birthdays,
Presentation & Refreshments
"Gun Safety and Situational
Awareness"

Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>
Grand Master's Installation
See Announcement in this TB

Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>
Grand Master's Reception
See Announcement in this TB

<u>Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup></u> Brother Larry Golley Golf Memorial See separate flyer in April, May TB

Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30PM 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Gold Token Night Pennsauken Country Club Remit by Tuesday, May 9, 2017 to: Keith Josepayt 20 Cherry Place, Bellmawr, NJ 08031 Contact: Mozart.sec@gmail.com or (856) 261-2369

#### **DLI Schedule for 2017**

April 12 Lazarus #303 (@ Rising Sun/Haddonfield Temple)

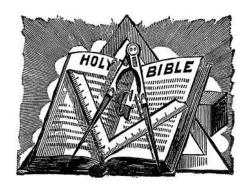
May 10 Mozart #121 (@ Audubon Temple June 14

Merchantville #119 September 14

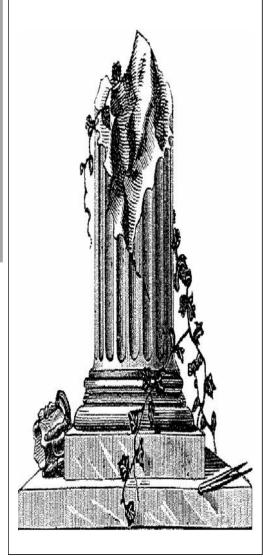
Rising Sun #15 October 12

USSNJ #62 (@ Rising Sun/Haddonfield Temple November 9 Qualification Teams (location TBA)

# In Memorium



Raised 10-06-1950 Called from Labor March 10<sup>th</sup> 2017



### **Building Fund Benefactors**

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Thank you from Worshipful Brother Gomen!

## **2017 DUES NOTICE**

Please note: Your dues for 2017 were due 12-31-2016. If you know or believe that you haven't paid dues for 2016 please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

Payments: Laurel Lodge No. 237 P.O. Box 127 Stratford, N.J. 08084

# **ATTENTION !!!**

# **BLOOD DRIVE DATE**Laurel Lodge 237

Saturday April 15<sup>TH</sup> 8am to 12pm

Donate and receive a voucher for free pint from Bobby Ray's Pennsauken Tavern

It's the Masonic thing to do!



# **Quotes From Brethen**

It is most reverently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

**George Washington** 

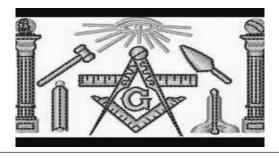
# **April Masonic Birthdays**

Bro	Lloyd H Jones	1958	59
Bro	Allan H Pierson	1963	59
Bro	William Oliveira	1967	<b>50</b>
Bro	Gerald L Tully	1967	<b>50</b>
Bro	Charles Palumbo	1972	45
Bro	William J Brandley	1974	43
Bro	George M Hahn	1974	43
Bro	Alvin C Fitting	1976	41
Bro	Henry N Portner	1976	41
Bro	Robert G Burt	1987	<b>30</b>
WB	Eric B Erickson	1988	29
Bro	James D Shisler	1990	27
WB	Gene G Olson	1994	23
Bro	Manwell G Baroody	1997	20
Bro	Russell R Hoyle, Jr.	1997	20
Bro	Robert E Rudden	1997	20
Bro	Derek J Freyberger	1999	18
Bro	William F Schwab, Jr.	1999	18
Bro	Richard L Wooster	2000	17
Bro	William E Hughes III	2005	12
Bro	<b>Anthony J Centritto</b>	2007	10
Bro	William C Dare	2007	10
Bro	Robert J Powell	2007	10
WB	John P Gomen	2009	8
Bro	Joseph R Haines, Jr.	2009	8
Bro	Edward S Bohi	2010	7
Bro	Christopher J Harris	2010	7
Bro	Terry A Harris	2010	7
Bro	John C Read, Jr.	2010	7
Bro	Paul P. Bonnamassa S	r. 2016	1
Bro	William J. King	2016	1
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# **Laurel Lodge Needs Your Help**

If you have interest in serving your Lodge as an officer or serving on one of the many committees please call or e-mail the Worshipful Master.

Committees include Auditing, Budget & Finance, Entertainment, Exam practice for Candidates, Masonic Education, Mentorship, Refreshments, Membership Retention & Monthly Trestleboard Mailings.



# **April Freemason History**

- April 4: On this date in 1778, Voltaire was initiated in "Les Neuf Soeurs" Lodge in Paris. His conductors were Benjamin Franklin and Count Gebelin
- April 5: On this date in 1886, Rudyard Kipling received his 1st degree.
- April 8: On this date in 1790, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was constituted
- April 19: On this date in 1787, the Grand Lodge of Maryland was formed On this date (or April 18) in 1850, the Grand Lodge of California was formed
- April 20: On this date in 1884, Pope Leo XIII issued a famous Papal Bull against Freemasonry, titled Humanum Genus.
- April 21: On this date in 1821 the Grand Lodge of Missouri was founded.
- April 22: On this date in 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 3rd degree.
- April 24: On this date in 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt received his 3rd degree.
- April 28: On this date in 1738, Pope Clement XII issued the first Papal Bull attacking Freemasonry
  On this date in 1840, the Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed

# **April Fools History**

On this day in 1700, English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other. Although the day, also called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery. Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the New Year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes. These included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person. Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to ancient festivals such as Hilaria, which was celebrated in Rome at the end of March and involved people dressing up in disguises. There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather. April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and Web sites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences. In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees; numerous viewers were fooled. In 1985, Sports Illustrated tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour. In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.

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To: All Lodges

In the event of the election of Right Worshipful Dieter B. Hees as Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey at the 230th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge on April 20, 2017, the Brethren, their ladies and friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following:

#### GRAND MASTER'S OPEN INSTALLATION

Thursday, April 20, 2017 Bally's Atlantic City - Convention Room 1900 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 2:00 P.M.

#### **GRAND MASTER'S OPEN RECEPTION**

Saturday, April 29, 2017 Masonic Fellowship Center 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 3:00 P.M. - Church Service at the Masonic Home Chapel 4:00 P.M. - Social Hour 5:00 P.M. - Dinner 6:30 P.M. - Reception \$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, 2017. For those attending the installation only, there is no charge and no reservations are necessary; however we request that you contact the Grand Marshal, Keith Herman, with your intention to attend at kaherman@msn.com

Please make checks payable to Sunrise Lodge No. 288 and mail to:

R.W. Arnold "Butch" Elliott 38 Main Street, Flanders, NJ 07836

(C): 201-390-3415 Email: butch0012@gmail.com

Please mail the completed slip below with your check:

Name:	Title:		
odge:	District	# Attending	Amount Enclosed \$

#### **Volunteer Services 2017**

Brethren, thank you for volunteering at the Masonic Home this year.

Masonic Home Address:
902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ
April 23rd

July 23<sup>rd</sup> October 22<sup>nd</sup>
Carpool from the lodge at 7:45
There are two services 9:30AM and
10:45AM.

We finish up about 11:30 AM Children, family and friends are welcome.

# **Did You Know?**

You can access

www.newjerseygrandlodge.org for information on our Brotherhood. On the left hand side of the home page click the members only tab. For user name use the number on your blue card. The password should be your last name. If you have difficulty accessing the members only section please call NJ Grand Lodge to assist with access 609-239-3950.

Contact Status Changes
Brethren, Please remember to
contact the Secretary or
Worshipful Master with
regard to changes to your
mailing address, phone
numbers, e-mail addresses etc.
Our goal is maintain our

accurate as possible. Thank you, Worshipful Master

membership database as

## **Frogs Meet Wave**

April 1, 1906: The front page of the *Wichita Daily Eagle* carried news of an astounding natural phenomena. A huge wave, eleven-feet high, was moving southward down the Arkansas River. Simultaneously, a giant mass of millions of frogs, spanning a distance of over eleven miles, was migrating northward up the river. The two (wave and frogs) were predicted to meet at Wichita at around 10 o'clock that morning. The report brought out thousands of Kansans who lined the banks of the river, eager to see such a once-in-a-lifetime event. After three hours the wonder never materialized, it occurred to the crowd *what day it was* and they dispersed quietly back to their homes.

	Ca	andidate St	atus	
<u>Name</u>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Last Date</b>	Next Status	Next Date
	MM	10/2/15	MM exam	TBD
	MM	11/3/15	MM exam	TBD
	MM	N/A	<b>Ballot - Affiliation</b>	TBD
	FC	9/18/15	$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}$	TBD
	EA	11/17/15	FC	TBD
	FC	2/17/17	$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}$	TBD
	FC	2/17/17	$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}$	TBD
	EA	10/21/16	FC	4/7/201
	Mr.	N/A	Ballot	TBD
	Mr.	N/A	Ballot	TBD
	Mr.	N/A	Ballot	TBD
	Mr.	N/A	Ballot	TBD

# **Brethren: Attention Please**

This memo is directed to Brother Entered Apprentice Masons, Brother Fellow Craft Masons and Brother Master Masons who have not completed their exam work. Your Brethren are available to meet with you at our Lodge every Tuesday evening at 6PM to review and memorize exam work. Please make every effort to attend. Please note; during your committee of investigation you were asked if you were willing to spend at least one hour per week with your Brethren to study Freemasonry.

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* Deceased	# Dual Member			
1922 Albert C. Stack *	1974 Robert W. Bates, PSGD	2017 A.D.	<b>OFFICERS</b>	6017 A.L.
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1923 William S. Martin # *	1976 Leroy See *	<b>WORSHIPFUL</b>	139A Coles Rd. Blackw	
1924 Arthur Scrimshaw *	1976 John J. Eitel # *	<b>MASTER</b>		231@HOTMAIL.COM
1925 Benjamin Forrest *	1977 Roy F. Gutshall, Jr.*			
1926 Elmer F. Giffin *	1977 Roy F. Gutshan, Jr. 1978 John R. Beetle	<b>SENIOR</b>	Bro Joseph Abiuso – Je	
		WARDEN	624 Center Ave. Chesil	
1927 Charles B. Giffin *	1979 Charles W. Bell	WARDEN	856-357-7883 - J.ABIU	JSO@GMAIL.COM
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*		Junior Deacon	Bro Charlie Heimerl 856-3	343-8637
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1944 Charles. S. Schenick *	1991 Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *			
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1949 Ralph E. Husted *	1994 Charles A. Castley,PDDGM #*			
1950 Thomas Milne *	1995 Russell R. Hoyle, Sr.	<u>Chaplain</u>	Bro. Julian Babel – 301-93	
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1953 Robert C. Osborne,PGC*	1997 Raymond B. Kingett	Director of Ritual	RW Brian J. Read PJGS	
1954 Earl B. Hallowell *	1997 Jerry R. Barnish #			05/ 04/ 0450
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1956 John M. Fisher, Jr.*	1999 Scott D. Cianci	Dir. Of Craftsmen	Brother William Gahagan	1 609-313-0924
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1958 Whitney H. Myers *	2000 Paul E. Burkhardt	Entertainment	WB Robert A. Taylor	
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1960 Harold T. Wolf*	2001 Donald. C. Sharp Sr. #		RW Bernard J. Madgey, V	
1961 John P. Steffan*	2002 Leonard M March, PDDGM	Auditing, Budget &	RW James E. Miller, PGC	2
		<u>Finance</u>	Bro Gerard DiBona	
1962 Harold H. Croom*	2002 Craig J. Woodruff#	Blood Bank Chairman		
1963 Charles F. Yost *	2003 Eugene J. Applegate	<u>Photographer</u>	Bro William Roche` - 609-	•••••••
1964 Charles W. Engler, Jr.*	2004 Eugene O. Bathurst	Masonic Education	RW Albert L. Hann, PJG	D
1965 Daniel A. Mullen, III *	2005 Juan A. Caraballo, Jr		RW Brian J. Read, PJGS	
1965 Carl H. Gamp # *	2006 Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC	Advisor to Officers	RW Albert L. Hann , PJG	ى.
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