

Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren,

Astronomy and Geometry are two, of the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. By Geometry, we discover how the planets and moons move, in their respective orbits and demonstrate their various revolutions. Astronomy inspires the contemplative mind to soar aloft and read in the heavens the wisdom, strength and beauty of the Great Creator. Over the next year and a half, during the years of 2014 and 2015; four interesting and uncommon astronomical phenomenon will happen, called a lunar tetrad. These events are commonly referred to, as "Blood Moons" or "Blood Moon Tetrads".

A tetrad refers to 4 successive total Lunar Eclipses, with no partial eclipses in between. Each of these lunar eclipses is separated from the other, by six lunar months (six full moons). These total lunar eclipses will occur on April 15th and October 8th of 2014, and April 4th and September 28th of 2015. All four of these blood or red moons will be visible from the United States. In ancient times, the moons of every month had names, which varied by hemisphere and also by seasons. "Harvest Moon" and "Hunter's Moon" are traditional terms for the full moons occurring in autumn, usually in September and October, respectively. The "Harvest Moon" is the full moon closest to autumnal equinox, and the "Hunter's Moon" is the one following it. It's a characteristic of these autumn full moons that they appear nearly full – and rise soon after sunset – for several evenings in a row. Due to the location of the moon in our sky, which will be lower in the horizon and the atmospheric conditions during these total eclipses, the lunar surface will appear "blood red" from our perspective. Many people see them when they are low in the sky, shortly after they've risen, at which time there's more atmosphere between you and the moon than when the moon is overhead. When you see the moon low in the sky, the extra air between you and the moon makes the moon look reddish.

Starting from AD 1 -100 up through the 21st century (2001-2100), there will have been a total of 62 tetrads. The next tetrad will happen in 2032-2033. We study Astronomy and Geometry, and so we discover these patterns in nature. Then view with delight the wonderful proportions of this vast machine.

Fraternally,

James A. Weisensee
Worshipful Master

Communication for April 2014

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

Friday, April 4, 7:45 PM

Regular business, Birthdays & Refreshments

Official Visit of

Right Worshipful Dale A. Lynch, Jr., DDGM

Dinner -6:00 PM-\$12.00 Per Person-Pay at the door

Chicken Marsala & Penne Pasta in a Vodka sauce.

RSVP to the Worshipful Master at

609-502-1553 or ITJAYW@Yahoo.com

Ballot for Membership by Initiation

Friday, April 18, 7:45 PM

Regular business, Birthdays & Refreshments

Guest Speaker

RW Dieter B. Hees, Grand Orator

By Order of

WB James A. Weisensee
Worshipful Master

Attest

WB Craig R. Thorpe, PM
Secretary

Dates To Remember

Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Officers Rehearsal at Lodge

April 22 – 24

227th Annual Communication

Grand Lodge of New Jersey

Bally's Hotel & Casino

Wed, April 23, 6:00 PM

Grand Lodge Banquet

Bally's Hotel & Casino

Saturday May 3, 4:30PM

Grand Master's Reception

Masonic Fellowship Center

Saturday, May 17, 1:00PM

Emergent Communication

Grand Lodge of New Jersey

Masonic Fellowship Center

Easter Egg Coloring Party at the Lodge

Laurel Lodge No. 237 &
Laurel Chapter No. 227 OES

Saturday April 19, 12:00pm

Family of Four - \$15.00

Includes 1 dozen eggs, all
dyeing materials and food.

RSVP to the Worshipful
Master by 4/14/14

609-502-1553

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April Masonic Birthdays

Bro Lloyd H Jones	1958	56
Bro Alvin H Demarest	1960	54
Bro Allan H Pierson	1963	51
Bro William Oliveira	1967	47
Bro Gerald L Tully	1967	47
Bro Charles Palumbo	1972	42
Bro William J Brandley	1974	40
Bro George M Hahn	1974	40
Bro Alvin C Fitting	1976	38
Bro Henry N Portner	1976	38
Bro Robert G Burt	1987	27
Bro Eric B Erickson	1988	26
Bro James D Shisler	1990	24
Bro Gene G Olson	1994	20
Bro Manwell G Baroody	1997	17
Bro Russell R Hoyle, Jr.	1997	17
Bro Robert E Rudden	1997	17
Bro Harry Fleitman	1999	15
Bro Derek J Freyberger	1999	15
Bro William F Schwab, Jr.	1999	15
Bro Richard L Wooster	2000	14
Bro William E Hughes III	2005	9
Bro Wayne W Walkwitz	2005	9
Bro Anthony J Centritto	2007	7
Bro Robert J Powell	2007	7
Bro John P Gomen	2009	5
Bro Joseph R Haines, Jr.	2009	5
Bro Edward S Bohi	2010	4
Bro Christopher J Harris	2010	4
Bro Terry A Harris	2010	4
Bro John C Read, Jr.	2010	4

2014 Dues are due

Your 2014 dues were due on or before
12/31/2013. If you are experiencing financial
difficulties or other issues that make it difficult
for you to pay. Please contact the Worshipful
Master or the Secretary. This matter will be
held in the strictest of confidence.

Please send your payments to:

Laurel Lodge No. 237

P.O. Box 127

Stratford, N.J. 08084

2014 Building Fund

Benefactors

WB James A. Weisensee, WM
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Official Visits of RW Dale A. Lynch, Jr. DDGM

Laurel Lodge	Merchantville Lodge	Lazarus Lodge
No. 237	No. 119	No. 303
April 4, 2014	April 11, 2014	April 7, 2014

Candidates In Waiting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
Petitioned		2/21/14	Ballot	4/4/14
Petitioned		2/7/14	Ballot	4/4/14
Petitioned		1/17/14	Ballot	4/4/14

 MASONIC HOME OF NEW JERSEY
We Prove We Care

Laurel Lodge will be assisting the
residents of The Masonic Home to
Sunday Services on the following
dates

Sunday, April 20, 2014

Sunday, July 13, 2014

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Sunday, December 28, 2014

902 Jacksonville Road

Burlington, NJ 08016

Carpool from the lodge at 7:45

There are two services

9:30 AM and 10:45 AM

We finish up about 11:30 AM

Children, family and friends
are welcome

**NOTICE OF EMERGENT COMMUNICATION OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY**

Take notice that in the event of his election as Grand Master, Most Worshipful Gerald J. Sharpe will convene an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge to take place on Saturday, May 17th, 2014 at 1:00PM in the Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ. The Emergent Communication shall be for the purpose of updating the Brethren on his vision and events and changes during the 2014-15 year. The session will take place following the Officers Training Day that same morning at the Fellowship Center, Burlington. A discussion with questions and answers will be at the conclusion of the session.

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

GRAND MASTER'S INSTALLATION

Thursday, April 24, 2014, 2:00 P.M.
Bally's Atlantic City – Convention Room

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

Saturday May 3, 2014
Masonic Fellowship Center
1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ

3:00 PM Church Service
Masonic Home Chapel
4:30 PM Reception
Cocktail Hour to follow

6:30 PM Dinner
\$65.00 per Person

Admission to the reception is by advance reservation only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations must be made by April 15, 2014. For those attending the installation only, there is no charge and no reservations are necessary (however we request that you contact the Grand Marshal with your intention to attend at gmar2014@gmail.com

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

W.B. David C. Kroger
620 Banning Avenue, Northfield, NJ, 08225
Phone: (C) 609-432-1673 or
dkroger@comcast.net

Most Worshipful David A. Dorworth, Grand Master extends a cordial invitation to our Brethren and their Ladies to attend the Grand Lodge Banquet at the 227th Annual Communication in Atlantic City.

Details are as follows:

Place	Ocean Ballroom, 6th Floor, Bally's Park Place and the Boardwalk
Date	Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Time	Social Hour – 6:00 PM (Cash Bar)
Dinner	7:00 PM
Menu	Chicken Marsala Prime Rib Crabcakes
Price	\$ 65.00 per Person Entertainment

For tickets, please forward your check made payable to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for the number of tickets needed and the meal choice, along with a *self-addressed stamped envelope*, to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608. The DEADLINE for reservations is Wednesday, April 9, 2014. Tables of 10 can be reserved.

We must have the name and meal choice of every person for whom a ticket is purchased.

To pay by credit card, please call Ginger at the Grand Lodge office – (609) 239-3972.

Thank you for your interest and support. We look forward to breaking bread and sharing an evening of Masonic fun and fellowship with you.

Nominations for Grand Lodge Office 2014-2015

Grand Master

Gerald J. Sharpe, Keystone Lodge #153, 17 Hickory Lane, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Deputy Grand Master

Anthony W. Montuori, Madison Lodge #93, 10 Spring Valley Drive, Florham Park, NJ 07932

Senior Grand Warden

Walter R. Kaulfers, Mosaic Lodge # 194, 29 Fox Hollow Road, Ramsey, NJ 07446-1459

Junior Grand Warden

Andrew G. Freda, Alpine Tilden Tenakill Lodge # 77, 421 Oradell Ave, Oradell, NJ 07649

David M. Foster, Jr., Maple Shade – Moorestown # 281, 1834 47th St, Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Dieter B. Hees, Sunrise Lodge # 288, 410 Merion Ave, Pine Beach, NJ 08741

Darryl J. Kuebler, Milltown Lodge # 294, 6213 Ravens Crest Dr, Plainsboro, NJ 08536

George Mackanin, Lessing Passaic Lodge # 67, 145 Bell Ave, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663-5117

James H. Vander Veer, Harmony Lodge # 8, 41 Clove Ave, Sussex, NJ 07461-1901

Grand Treasurer

Robert J. Sheridan, Atlantic Lodge #221, 403 Breaker Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205

Grand Secretary

William L Morris, Jr, Loyalty Lodge #33, 300 Garfield Ave, Linden, NJ 07036-1447

Grand Lodge Trustee – 2 Year Term (Vote for 1)

P. Brian Sisz, Mount Moriah Lodge # 28, 6 Wheatfield Ct., Columbus, NJ 08022

Grand Lodge Trustee – 3 Year Term (Vote for 2)

Frank L. Blades, Mount Moriah Lodge #28, 8 Arbor Court, Yardville, NJ 08620

Neal A. McCarthy, Acacia Lodge # 20, 83 Highview Terrace, Dover, NJ 07801-2016

George A. Olsen, Genesis Lodge # 88, 25 Gail Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936-1412

Thomas L. Winter, Eclipse Lodge # 254, 68 S. Conger Avenue, Congers, NY 10920

Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee (Vote for 2)

Keith Graser, Gothic Fraternal Lodge # 270, 86 Tudor Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08690

Robert V. Monacelli, AzureMasada Lodge # 22, 327 Willow Grove St, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Masonic Charity Foundation 1 Year Term (Vote for 1)

Keith A. Herman, Rising Sun Lodge # 15, 641 Guilford Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Masonic Charity Foundation 3 Year Term (Vote for 3)

Angelo A. Caprio, Enterprise Lodge # 31, 916 Washington Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

John D. Miladin, Mount Holly Lodge # 14, 712 Gravelly Hollow Road, Medford, NJ 08055

Edward R. Petkevis, Burlington Lodge # 32, 15 Roberts Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060

PAST MASTERS

<i>* Deceased</i>	<i># Dual Member</i>
1922 Albert C. Stack *	1973 Louis W. Bradley, PGT *
1923 Harry A. Beck *	1974 Robert W. Bates, PSGD
1923 William S. Martin # *	1975 Frederick W. Knox
1924 Arthur Scrimshaw *	1976 Leroy See *
1925 Benjamin Forrest *	1976 John J. Eitel # *
1926 Elmer F. Giffin *	1977 Roy F. Gutshall, Jr. *
1927 Charles B. Giffin *	1978 John R. Beetle
1928 John T. Reif *	1979 Charles W. Bell
1929 Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1980 Benjamin H. Read, Jr. *
1930 Samuel G. Garrison, Jr. *	1981 Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM
1931 Charles P. Mills # *	1982 Warren E. Rival, PGC
1932 William R. Cannon *	1982 Ronald A. Rocco #
1933 Noah C. Bender *	1983 Hugh C. Williams *
1934 F. Maurice Goodwin *	1984 Walter C. Knett *
1935 Michael Balent, Jr. *	1984 Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *
1936 Enos J. Jarvis *	1985 Frank A. Applegate, Sr. *
1937 Robert F. Ranken *	1985 Henry Bubacz # *
1938 John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1986 Wilfred E. Wilson *
1939 Oscar M. Hansen *	1987 Robert F. Butler *
1940 Albert F Neidinger PGP*	1988 William E. Hand
1941 Lawrence E. Gardiner *	1989 Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr.
1942 B. Franklin Cope *	1990 Donald C. Lever, PSGS *
1943 Fred Humphrey *	1991 Stewart D. Walsh
1944 Charles. S. Schenick *	1991 Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *
1945 Ora L. Wooster, Sr. *	1992 George W. Stott, Jr. *
1946 Carl C. Caldwell *	1992 Harry H. Wible #
1947 Benjamin A. Glatz *	1993 Dale A. Lynch, Jr., DDGM
1948 Joseph H. Matthews *	1994 Henry J. Rahn, Jr. PSGS
1949 Ralph E. Husted *	1994 Charles A. Castley, PDDGM #
1950 Thomas Milne *	1995 Russell R. Hoyle, Sr.
1951 Ferdinand Herbst *	1996 Frazier R. Alburger
1952 Charles Mannice *	1996 James E. Miller, PGC #
1953 Robert C. Osborne, PGC*	1997 Raymond B. Kingett
1954 Earl B. Hallowell *	1997 Jerry R. Barnish #
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1957 Albert C. Stack, Jr. *	1999 Frank M. Blizzard, III #
1958 Whitney H. Myers	2000 Paul E. Burkhardt
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1963 Charles F. Yost *	2003 Eugene J. Applegate
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1965 Daniel A. Mullen, III *	2005 Juan A. Caraballo, Jr
1965 Carl H. Gamp # *	2006 Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC
1966 Albert L. Hann , PJGD	2007 Richard J. McCunney, II
1967 Henry Baumert *	2008 Michael E. Owsiak
1968 Robert E. Walsh, Jr. *	2009 Robert E. Kunze Sr.
1969 George E. Carpenter *	2010 Craig R. Thorpe
1970 Henry Sannipolli, PDDGM *	2011 Brian J. Read
1971 Leonard O. Beebe	2012 Bernard J. Madgey, V
1972 Robert D. Rowand	2013 Kevin D. Kloss

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DB Richard P. Alspach DB Thomas J. Kane
DB John E. McDowell * DB Raymond T. McManus

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MW David A. Dorworth, Grand Master 2013
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MW Larry S. Plasket, Grand Master 2002
MW William H. Sackett, Grand Master 1986
MW Edgar N. Peppler, Grand Master 1979

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