

**April  
2018**

*Please send correspondence to PO Box 127 Stratford NJ  
08084*

*Address of Laurel Lodge  
629 Stone Road Laurel Springs, NJ 08021  
Constituted May 25<sup>th</sup> 1922*

## **Communications for April 2018**

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

### **Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> 7:45PM**

**Enjoy Masonic Light with a Ballot, Birthdays, Brotherhood,  
Regular Business & Refreshments after Lodge.  
A Ballot for Initiation and Membership for the following  
candidate:**

### **Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> 7:45PM**

**Enjoy Masonic Light with Birthdays, Brotherhood, a  
Fellowcraft Degree, Regular Business and Refreshments  
after Lodge.  
The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred upon the  
Following Candidates:**

*By Order of*  
**WB Joseph Abiuso**  
*Worshipful Master*

*Attest*  
**WB James A. Weisensee, PM**  
*Secretary*

## Worshipful Masters Message

Brethren,

This month's Message is brought to you by the number 3.

Why is the number 3 so significant? What does it have to do with Masonry?

The number 3 is all around us. Sometimes we see it plainly and other times it alludes us.

We hear throughout our lives the number 3 in such phrases as 3 blind mice, easy as 1-2-3, 3 sheets to the wind, 3<sup>rd</sup> times a charm, giving someone the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, 3 strikes you're out, 1-2-3 go, and many more.

In the Bible we also see many references to the number 3.

On the third day, God created the land, the oceans and all the plants.

Pharaoh was asked that he let Moses take his people on a 3-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifice to their God. In Hosea 6:2 we read, He will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before Him.

The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit as in The Holy Trinity.

In Masonry we are surrounded by the number 3 as well.

3 movable & 3 immovable Jewels of the Lodge, 3 burning tapers, 3 Great lights,

3 degrees, 3 orders of Architecture, 3 knocks, there are three disgraced workmen, three principal tenets, the Deacons rap and so on.

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Pythagoras taught that 3 was a noble number because it is the only number which is the sum of all of the numbers below it. It therefore is the symbol for "As above, so below," which is symbolized by the 3-sided pyramid or triangle.

This is but a short list of examples Brethren. How many more can you find?

So, what are we being taught in Lodge by the number 3? As we can see, three shows us there are at least "sets" of answers. From the outer door, then the middle chamber, to the sanctum sanctorum. From youth, to manhood, to old age.

Freemasonry has adopted moral teachings based on biblical, mathematics and philosophy.

So, Brethren let us not forget the importance of the number 3 in Lodge and in life as we prepare our mind, body and soul, for our travels upon the level of time to the undiscovered country...

*Sincerely and Fraternally, Joseph Abiuso Worshipful Master*

### **Laurel Lodge Past Masters Association Meeting**

Brethren,

The spring meeting of the LLPMA will take place on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Filomena Restaurant on Blackwood-Clementon Rd (our usual location). Social 1/2 hour will start at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm. Our usual meeting to be after dinner. The Lodge will pay half the cost of the dinner only - libations are on you - unless you can get someone to buy you one!!

Please respond to me ([gm-nj2010@comcast.net](mailto:gm-nj2010@comcast.net)) so that I can get a head count, we need 20. I don't think I need to remind you that these meetings are important for the future of the Lodge, especially since there are MAJOR proposals to be voted on at Grand Lodge.

Fraternally, Most Worshipful Joseph H. Rival

# Masonic History

## SPECIAL MEETINGS CALLED FOR A KING

**On December 20, 1874, a special meeting of New York Lodge No. 330 was held to exemplify the third degree for the edification of a Brother.**

**His Royal Highness David Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands, and a member of Le Progres de l'Oceanie Lodge No. 124 (Supreme Council of France) Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.**

**After the degree was exemplified, the Bible on which George Washington had taken his oath of office was displayed. The royal visitor asked that the book be opened at the page where the oath was administered. He took the book in both hands and kissed the page saying "I thank God for this privilege."**

**On January 15, 1865, the same royal visitor attended Chicago's Oriental Lodge No. 33 which had called a special meeting. Over four hundred distinguished visitors attended.**



## April Masonic Birthdays

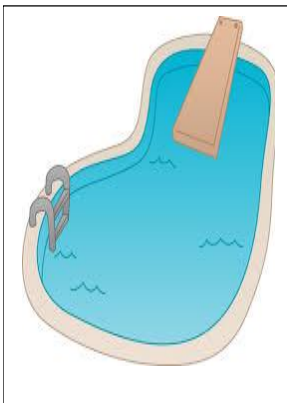
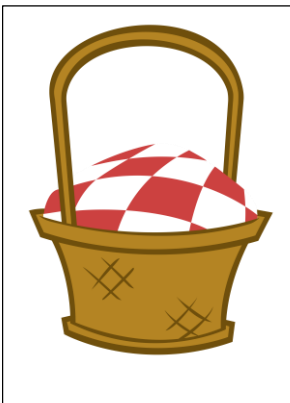
<b>Bro Lloyd H Jones</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Bro Allan H Pierson</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Bro William Oliveira</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Bro Gerald L Tully</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Bro Charles Palumbo</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Bro William J Brandley</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Bro George M Hahn</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Bro Alvin C Fitting</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Bro Henry N Portner</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Bro Robert G Burt</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>WB Eric B Erickson</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Bro James D Shisler</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>WB Gene G Olson</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Bro Manwell G Baroody</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Bro Russell R Hoyle, Jr.</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Bro Robert E Rudden</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Bro Derek J Freyberger</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Bro William F Schwab, Jr.</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Bro Richard L Wooster</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Bro William E Hughes III</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Bro Anthony J Centritto</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Bro William C Dare</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Bro Robert J Powell</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>WB John P Gomen</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Bro Joseph R Haines, Jr.</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Bro Edward S Bohi</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Bro Christopher J Harris</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Bro Terry A Harris</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Bro John C Read, Jr.</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Bro Paul P. Bonnamassa Sr.</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bro William J. King</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2</b>

**Come One Come All To the Annual**  
**Laurel Lodge Family Picnic**  
**A Saturday in July**  
**The Date will be Posted in the May TB**

**12:00PM Until?**  
**At the Alspach Homestead**  
**493 Marshall Mill Road**  
**Franklinville, New Jersey 08322**

**Reservations are required by Sunday 7/16.**  
**\$5.00 per person donation suggested**  
**For reservations call or send an e-mail to WB**  
**Robert Taylor at 856-834-3917 or**  
**Taylor89@comcast.net**

**Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert.**  
**The Lodge will provide the Hot Dogs,**  
**Hamburgers and Beverages.**  
**Bring your swimsuits and beach chairs**  
**For directions call 856-694-4388**



## **Building Fund Benefactors 2018**

WB Joseph Abiuso	WB Gene Olson
WB Frazier Alburger	Bro. Robert J. Powell
Bro. James Alspach, Sr.	WB Ronald A. Rocco
DB Richard Alspach	Bro. Bill Roche`
WB Eugene Applegate	Bro. Todd M. Simon
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Bro. William P. Buchanan	Bro. John L. Stoll
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WB Robert F. DiOrio	
Bro. Richard Faunce	
Bro. Charles R. Fieger	
Bro. Derek J. Freyberger	
WB John P. Gomen	
Bro. Richard A. Greiner	
Bro. Wilfredo S. Halina	
Bro. Robert Harrell, Jr.	
Bro. Ronald S. Head	
Bro. Donald Hughes	
Bro. Lloyd H. Jones	
WB Robert E. Kunze Sr	
Bro. Anthony A. Lafferty	
Bro. Murray Lightman	
Bro. Fred J. Maiden, Jr.	
WB Richard J. McCunney II	



## **Ladies Night Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**The Black Horse Square Club, Laurel Lodge #237, Merchantville Lodge #119 & Mozart Lodge #121 proudly present our Annual Ladies Night at Pennsauken Country Club.**

**Time: 7PM to 11PM**

**Cocktail Hour 7PM and Dinner at 8PM**

**\$50 Per Person with Open Bar**

**Disc Jockey with Karaoke & Prizes for the Ladies**

**Includes Hors D'oeuvres Caesar Salad  
Filet Mignon Broiled, Jumbo Crab Cakes &  
Chicken Francaise**

**\*Reservation Requirements\***

**RSVP by Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 to WB Robert Taylor**

**at [Taylor89@comcast.net](mailto:Taylor89@comcast.net) or 856-834-3917**

**Pennsauken Country Club address is**

**3800 Haddonfield Road Pennsauken**



<b><u>* Deceased</u></b>	<b><u>Past Masters</u></b>	<b><u># Dual Member</u></b>
1922 Albert C. Stack *	1960 Harold T. Wolf*	1991 Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *
1923 Harry A. Beck *	1961 John P. Steffan*	1992 George W. Stott, Jr. *
1923 William S. Martin #*	1962 Harold H. Croom*	1992 Harry H. Wible # *
1924 Arthur Scrimshaw *	1963 Charles F. Yost *	1993 Dale A. Lynch, Jr., PDDGM
1925 Benjamin Forrest *	1964 Charles W. Engler, Jr.*	1994 Henry J. Rahn, Jr. PSGS
1926 Elmer F. Giffin *	1965 Daniel A. Mullen, III *	1994 Charles A. Castley,PDDGM #*
1927 Charles B. Giffin *	1965 Carl H. Gamp # *	1995 Russell R. Hoyle, Sr.
1928 John T. Reif *	1966 Albert L. Hann , PJGD	1996 Frazier R. Alburger
1929 Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1967 Henry Baumert *	1996 James E Miller PGC #
1930 Samuel G Garrison Jr.*	1968 Robert E. Walsh, Jr.*	1997 Raymond B. Kingett
1931 Charles P. Mills # *	1969 George E. Carpenter *	1997 Jerry R. Barnish #
1932 William R. Cannon *	1970 Henry Sannipolli,PDDGM *	1998 Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC*
1933 Noah C. Bender *	1971 Leonard O. Beebe *	1999 Scott D. Cianci
1934 F. Maurice Goodwin *	1972 Robert D. Rowand *	1999 Frank M. Blizard III #
1935 Michael Balent, Jr. *	1973 Louis W. Bradley, PGT *	2000 Paul E. Burkhardt
1936 Enos J. Jarvis *	1974 Robert W. Bates, PSGD	2001 Robert F. DiOrio
1937 Robert F. Ranken *	1975 Frederick W. Knox	20012 Donald C Sharp Sr #
1938 John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1976 Leroy See *	2002 Leonard M March, PDDGM
1939 Oscar M. Hansen *	1976 John J. Eitel # *	2002 Craig J. Woodruff #
1940 Albert F Neidinger PGP*	1977 Roy F. Gutshall, Jr.*	2003 Eugene J. Applegate
1941 Lawrence E. Gardiner *	1978 John R. Beetle	2004 Eugene O. Bathurst
1942 B. Franklin Cope *	1979 Charles W. Bell	2005 Juan A. Caraballo, Jr
1943 Fred Humphrey *	1980 Benjamin H. Read, Jr. *	2006 Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC
1944 Charles. S. Schenick *	1981 Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM	2007 Richard J McCunney, II
1945 Ora L. Wooster, Sr. *	1982 Warren E. Rival, PGC *	2008 Michael E.Owsiak
1946 Carl C. Caldwell *	1982 Ronald A. Rocco #	2009 Robert E. Kunze Sr.
1947 Benjamin A. Glatz *	1983 Hugh C. Williams *	2010 Craig R. Thorpe
1948 Joseph H. Matthews *	1984 Walter C. Knett *	2011 Brian J. Read PJGS
1949 Ralph E. Husted *	1984 Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *	2012 Bernard J. Madgey V DRI
1950 Thomas Milne *	1985 Frank A. Applegate, Sr.*	2013 Kevin D. Kloss
1951 Ferdinand Herbst *	1986 Henry Bubacz # *	2014 James A. Weisensee
1953 Charles Mannice *	1986 Wilfred E. Wilson *	2015 Robert A. Taylor
1953 Robert C Osborne,PGC*	1986 Donald L. Keppen Sr.	2016 Gene G Olson
1954 Earl B. Hallowell *	1987 Robert F. Butler *	2017 John P. Gomen
1955 Harry M. Ireland *	1988 William E. Hand *	
1956 John M. Fisher, Jr.*	1989 Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr.	
1957 Albert C. Stack, Jr.*	1989 James E Miller PGC #	
1958 Whitney H. Myers *	1990 Donald C. Lever, PSGS *	
1959 George F. McCann *	1991 Stewart D. Walsh *	

## **18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District – District Lodge of Instruction Dates**

**Merchantville Lodge #119 May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Mozart Lodge #121 June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Rising Sun Lodge #15 September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**USS NJ Lodge October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Qualifications Teams November TBD**

**Masters & Wardens @6:45PM**

**DLI Opening @7:30PM**

### **ATTENTON BRETHREN**

**The Annual Grand Lodge Communication is  
scheduled for Wednesday and  
Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.  
(Angelo's Wednesday Night)**

**Wednesday, April 11th - Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Bally's Atlantic City Resort**

**Call 888-516-2215 (8am-2am EST seven days a week) or click link  
below to register.**

**Use booking code SBo4GL8 or "Grand Lodge of New Jersey" for  
discounted Group Rate.**

**\$69.00 per night, \$20 per-night resort fee, plus all taxes.  
Code is good for Rooms from Monday to Friday April 9 to 13, 2018.  
OFFER EXPIRES March 31st.**

**For additional details please refer to the 2018 Spring  
Edition of the New Jersey Freemason Magazine.**

## Candidate Status

<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>LAST DATE</b>	<b>NEXT STATUS</b>	<b>NEXT DATE</b>
	<b>FC</b>	<b>11/27/17</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>May</b>
	<b>FC</b>	<b>11/27/17</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>May</b>
	<b>FC</b>	<b>11/27/17</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>May</b>
	<b>EA</b>	<b>11/3/17</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>April</b>
	<b>EA</b>	<b>1/19/18</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>April</b>
	<b>EA</b>	<b>1/19/18</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>April</b>
	<b>EA</b>	<b>1/19/18</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>April</b>
	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Investigation Committee</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>Ballot 3/16/18</b>	<b>EA</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>Ballot 3/16/18</b>	<b>EA</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Investigation Committee</b>	<b>April</b>

### 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.**

## **Volunteer Cooks Needed**

**Brethren, our Lodge is in need of a few cooks for our Lodge Meetings. If you're interested in cooking a meal or two for an evening please let Worshipful Brother Abiuso know that you're interested. Those Brethren who volunteer their cooking talent will be eligible for waiver of annual dues for the next Masonic Year! A drawing will be held based upon those Brethren who volunteered their services. Now that's what I call Incentive!**

## **Volunteer Services 2018**

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

**Masonic Home Address:**

**902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ**

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> December 23<sup>rd</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.**

## **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 membership database as accurate as possible.**

**Thank you, Worshipful Master**

**2018 A.D.**

**Officer Line**

**6018 A.L.**

**Worshipful Master**

**Bro Joseph Abiuso – Jennifer  
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856-357-7883 – j.abiuso888@gmail.com**

**Senior Warden**

**Bro William Roche – Patricia  
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609-314-0505 – wshay62@comcast.net**

**Junior Warden**

**Bro Ed Bohi – Martha  
1037 Shawnee Lane Shamong, NJ 08088  
609-410-6422 – reeltherapy35@aol.com**

**Treasurer**

**MW Joseph H. Rival, Jr., PGM – Judith  
333 Francis Ave. Chesilhurst, NJ 08089  
856-768-0312 - GM-NJ2010@COMCAST.NET**

**Secretary**

**WB James A. Weisensee PM – Cathy  
24 Bells Lake Dr. Turnersville, NJ 08012  
856-227-1699 - LAURELLODGE237@GMAIL.COM**

**Secretary Emeritus**

**RW Louis W. Bradley PGT\***

**Treasurer Emeritus**

**WB Charles W. Bell PM  
WB John R. Beetle, PM  
WB Whitney H. Myers, PM \***

**Here ye! Here Ye! Here Ye!**



**Please free to bring Libations for Refreshment after Lodge!  
Remember Brethren, all in Moderation**

## Officer Line Continued

<u>Senior Deacon</u>	Bro Charles Heimerl 856-343-8637
<u>Junior Deacon</u>	Bro Don L. Keppen Jr – 856-371-8675
<u>S.M. of Ceremonies</u>	Bro Casey Huston – 856-627-0094
<u>J.M. of Ceremonies</u>	Bro Ross A. Chase - 856-503-7677
<u>Senior Steward</u>	Bro Walter Romer – 856-655-3995
<u>Junior Steward</u>	Bro Keith Watermasysk – 609-617-1336
<u>Marshal</u>	DB Robert S. Outlaw - 609-471-2869
<u>Chaplain</u>	Bro. Julian Babel – 301-938-2124
<u>Tyler</u>	Bro William F. Anderson - 856-547-0453
<u>Historian</u>	RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD - 856-845-6951
<u>Proxy</u>	Bro Charles Heimerl IV – 856-343-8637
<u>Director of Ritual</u>	RW Brian J. Read PJGS & WB Bob Kunze
<u>Webmaster</u>	DB Raymond T. McManus - 856-346-9150
<u>Dir. Of Craftsmen</u>	Brother William Gahagan 609-313-0924
<u>Entertainment</u>	WB James A Weisensee WB Robert A. Taylor
<u>Sick and Visiting</u>	RW Albert L. Hann ,PJGD, PM 856-845-6951 RW Bernard J. Madgey, V, DRI, PM 856-470-7609
<u>Auditing, Budget &amp; Finance</u>	RW James E. Miller, PGC and Bro Gerard DiBona
<u>Blood Bank Chairman</u>	DB Robert S. Outlaw - 856-471-2869
<u>Photographer</u>	Bro William Roche - 609-314-0505
<u>Masonic Education</u>	RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD, RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, RW Bernard J. Madgey V DRI
<u>Advisor to Officers</u>	RW Albert L. Hann , PJGD
<u>Refreshments</u>	By Committee
<u>Funeral Coordinator</u>	RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD 856-845-6951
<u>Building Trustees</u>	3 Year RW Bernard J. Madgey, V, DRI, PM 3 Year WB John P. Gomen, PM
<u>Building Trustees</u>	2 Year Bro John C Read & WB Gene G Olson PM
<u>Building Trustees</u>	1 Year DB Raymond T McManus & WB Robert Taylor, PM
<u>Financial Trustees</u>	3 Year RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, PM
<u>Financial Trustees</u>	2 Year Bro Scott Slimm Officer at Large
<u>Financial Trustees</u>	1 Year Bro Bill Anderson

<b>Grand Master</b>	<b>M.W. Roger B. Quintana, Grand Master 100 Barrack Street Trenton NJ 08602-2008</b>
<b>District Deputy Grand Master</b>	<b>RW Bernard J. Madgey V 7 Lake Villa Drive Voorhees, NJ 08043 856-470-7609 – budmadgey@aol.com</b>
<b>District Ritual Instructor</b>	<b>RW Keith Herman 609-440-2217</b>

**DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS**

DB Richard P. Alspach, DB Raymond T. McManus,  
DB Robert Outlaw Thomas J. Kane \* DB John M. McDowell\*

**HONORARY MEMBERS**

MW David A. Dorworth, Grand Master 2013  
MW William H. Berman, Grand Master 2009  
MW Larry S. Plasket, Grand Master 2002  
MW William H. Sackett, Grand Master 1986  
MW Edgar N. Pepler, Grand Master 1979  
RW Chester H. Clark PGC  
RW Benjamin Foster PGC

**2018 DUES NOTICE**

**Please note: Your dues for 2018 were due  
12-31-2017. If you know or believe that you haven't paid dues please  
contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.**

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

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