



**December
2024**

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Address of Laurel Lodge

629 Stone Road Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

Constituted May 25th 1922

Communications for December 2024

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

Friday December 6th 7:45PM Meeting

Enjoy masonic light with masonic birthdays, regular business, brotherhood and 2025 Officer Elections. A reminder that W.B. Craig Woodruff is sponsoring dinner at 6:30PM. The menu is brisket and matza ball soup. It is a dinner not to be missed. Suggested donation for dinner \$10.00. Masters hat has a QR code to pay by card.

Saturday December 21st

**Laurel Lodge No. 237 Open Installation and Dinner
Dinner will be at Scarpinato's Cucina and Catering
194 Fries Mill Road Blackwood NJ 08021
Dinner is 12:00PM to 4:00PM Cost per Person is \$40.00.
RSVP contact: RW Michael Mattes 856-516-2061
Installation begins 5:30PM. No qualification.
There is no meeting Friday December 20th.**



***By Order of
WB Keith Verrico
Worshipful Master***

***Attest
WB Jerry R. Barnish, PM
Secretary***

Worshipful Masters Message

To the brethren of Laurel Lodge, it has been an honor and privilege to serve you as Worshipful Master this past year. I would like to thank everyone for the help and support they have given me throughout my year. I am truly thankful for the opportunity and lessons this year has presented me and I hope to see all of you in lodge this upcoming year to support our new Worshipful Master.

Fraternally, WB Keith Verrico Worshipful Master

**Stated Meeting Laurel Lodge No. 237 F. & A.M.
Friday November 1st A.D. 2024 A.L. 6024**

Lodge was opened in due form by W.M. Keith Verrico. There were nineteen in attendance as recorded in the register.

Past Master listed below:

R.W. J. Abiuso, R.W. B. Madgey, W.B. R Taylor, WB Verrico, W.B. D. Keppen Sr., R.W. M. Mattes, R.W. D. Lynch, R.W. D. Lane, R.W. Miller, W.B. D. Keppen Jr., W.B. J. Barnish, MWGM J Rival and R.W. S. Vicari.

Bills were read \$88.81 for utilities.

Monies received: Rent and Dues \$1,881.04

Dividends and interest received from Charles Schwab account:

\$8,633.73 ending quarter 8/31/2024.

Bills were authorized for payment by lodge members. Sr. Warden M. Mattes proposed, Jr. Warden S. Vicari seconded.

Contract for Audubon Parkside was read for vote to accept for 2025.

Voting requested to delay by Sr. Warden M. Mattes.

Sr. Deacon Jay Colavita presented a budget for building committee for items to repair in Budget year 2025. Request to vote for acceptance. Sr. Warden M. Mattes requested delay of vote for further review for budget year 2025.

Bylaws require proposal in September with a vote in October. Proposal late due to time constraints with committee.

Masonic Birthdays: RW Miller, RW. Abiuso, MWPGM Rival totaling 108 years of Masonic service.

Newly raised Bro. Chris Broschard exemplified his proficiency in the Master Mason Exam as directed by W.B. Don Keppen Jr. W.B. Keppen also stated the welcoming charge.

W.B. R. Taylor proposed that the lodge pay for half the cost of dinner for the Past Master dinner at Filomena's restaurant November 19, 2024. Motion passed.

Lodge was closed by R.W. J Abiuso, Grand Chaplain of the 18th District. at 8:40 P.M.

Attest: W.B. J. Barnish, secretary cc: file, BB. G/V.

Stated Meeting Laurel Lodge No. 237 F. & A.M.

Friday November 15th A.D. 2024 A.L. 6024

Lodge was opened at 7:45 P.M. by W.M. Keith Verrico in due form. Visitors and officers as reported in the register at the Tyler desk.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by W.M.

Bills were read: Beth Barnish cleaning of lodge November- \$75.00

Scott Vicari reimbursement \$101.51

James Colavita reimbursement- \$202.00

SJ Gas \$93.00

AC Electricity \$146.00

Total \$617.51

Monies received: dues payments total \$361.22

Sickness and Distress: D.B. R McManus had knee surgery and is home resting.

R.W. F. Alburger reported to be having surgery in early January 2025.

W.B. D.Keppen Sr. was taken to the emergency room at hospital for a possible heart attack.

Petition for dual Membership of W.B. Rich Hartshorne of Mozart Lodge was read. A request for demit by R.W. D. Lynch was read.

The membership approved the vote by manual sign.

Treasurers report was read and filed.

Nominations for officers to serve Laurel Lodge for the ensuing year of 2025 was opened to the floor by W.M. Verrico.

For Worshipful Master – R.W. Michael Mattes. Nom. By R.W.D. Lane

For Senior Warden – R.W. Scott Vicari. By R.W. Mattes

For Junior Warden – Bro. James Colavita. Nom. By R.W. Mattes

For Secretary – W.B. Jerry Barnish. Nom. by R.W. Vicari

For Treasurer -W.B. Robert Taylor Nom. By R.W. Mattes

For Proxy to Grand Lodge - Bro. Thomas Santangelo. Nom. By R.W. Mattes

Building Trustee for three-year term- D.B. R. Outlaw. Nom. By R.W. Mattes.

Financial trustee for three-year term W.B. C. Woodruff. Nom. M.WP.G.M Rival

Financial Trustee for two-year term MWPGM Rival Nom. By W.B. Woodruff

Financial Trustee for one year term- W.B. Verrico. Nom. By R.W. Mattes

Hearing no other nominations from the floor for all offices they were closed by W.M. Verrico.

Elections will be held on the first meeting of the December 2024.

Two masonic birthdays were celebrated for W.B. Craig Woodruff 31 years and Bro. Rich Greiner For 15 years. They were escorted to the east and presented by the Worshipful Master.

Past Masters present R.W. Lane, R.W. Alburger , R.W. Mattes, MWPGM Rival,

R.W. Abiuso, W.B. Barnish, W.B. Taylor, R.W. Madgey, W.B. Verrico

W.B. Woodruff. Twenty members and visitors were present.

Lodge was closed in form by RW. Abiuso 9:30 pm

Attest: W.B. Jerry Barnish Secretary

Cc: BB, file, G/v/

18th District Installations

Lodge	Date	Time	Meal
Lazarus Lodge #303	12/2/24	7:30pm	Dinner at 6:30pm. No cost. No need to RSVP
USS NJ Lodge #62	12/4/24	7:30pm	Dinner at 6:15pm. No cost. RSVP to secretary@ussnjlodge62.org
Campana de Libertad #376	12/7/24	1pm	Meal at Noon. No cost. No need to RSVP
Merchantville #119	12/7/24	6:15pm	Dinner at 5pm, No cost. RSVP to Lvalentin310@gmail.com or text/call 856-442-9496
Collingswood-Cloud #101	12/10/24	Qualification: 7pm Installation: 7:30pm	Social & Dinner at 5pm at The Kove 20 W. Atlantic Ave, Audubon, NJ 08106 Dinner No Charge / cash bar. Please RSVP by 12/6 to WB Fred Shindle at fshindle@juno.com
Rising Sun #15	12/14/24	7:30pm	Dinner at 5:30pm. Price TBD. RSVP by 12/6 to WB Michael F. Phillips at risingsun15wm@gmail.com. Dessert & refreshments after Installation.
Mozart Lodge #121	12/17/24	7:30pm	Dinner at 6:30pm. No cost.
Audubon-Parkside #218	12/19/24	Qualification: 7pm Installation: 7:30pm	Light refreshments, cake, and coffee after the Installation
Laurel Lodge #237	12/21/24	5:30pm	Lunch at Scarpinato's in Williamstown from 12-4pm. \$45/person. RSVP to RW Mike Mattes at 856-516-2061 by 12/16

Christmas Quotes

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" – *Bob Hope*

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." – *Calvin Coolidge*

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." – *Charles M. Schulz*

"Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends." – *Margaret Thatcher*

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." – *Mother Theresa*

"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas Day. Don't clean it up too quickly." – *Andy Rooney*

**"The mood is right, the spirit's up. We're here tonight, and that's enough. Simply having a wonderful Christmas time." – *Paul McCartney*,
*"Wonderful Christmas Time"***

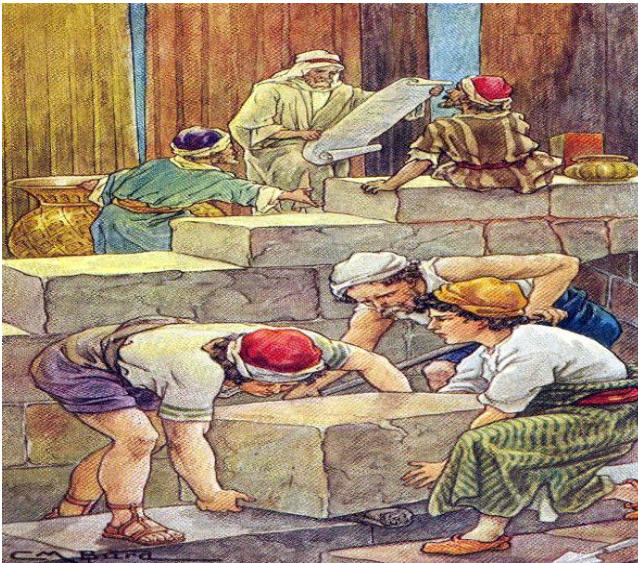
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Bro Richard A Greiner	RW Frazier Alburger, PGT
WB Craig J Woodruff, PM	WB Eugene Applegate, PM
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Bro Wilfredo S Halina	Bro William R Terwilliger
Bro James D Griggs	Bro Jay Colavita
Bro Robert F Brittain	RW Albert L Hann, PGJD*
WB John P Gomen, PM	Bro Joseph A Cruz
Brethren, Thank you!	

Candidate Status

NAME	STATUS	LAST DATE	NEXT STATUS	NEXT DATE
	EA	1/20/23	FC Degree	TBD
	EA	4/21/23	FC Degree	TBD
	Mr.	2/2/24	EA	TBD
	Mr.	2/2/24	EA	TBD
	Mr.	10/18/24	EA	TBD

Brethren, many sets of hands make lighter work. Let us continue to work towards building a stronger Masonic Temple. If you have a question or concern, please contact Lodge Leadership promptly.



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* Deceased # Served another Lodge

1922	Albert C, Stack *	1961	John P. Steffan*
1923	Harry A, Beck *	1962	Harold H. Croom*
1923	William S. Martin # *	1963	Charles F. Yost *
1924	Arthur Scrimshaw *	1963	Benjamin Foster, PGC # *
1925	Benjamin Forrest *	1964	Charles W. Engler, Jr.*
1926	Elmer F. Giffin *	1965	Daniel A. Mullen, III *
1927	Charles B. Giffin *	1965	Carl H. Gamp # *
1928	John T. Reif *	1966	Edgar N. Peppler PGM #
1929	Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1966	Albert L. Hann, PJGD *
1930	Samuel G. Garrison, Jr.*	1967	Henry Baumert *
1931	Charles P. Mills # *	1968	Robert E. Walsh, Jr.*
1932	William R. Cannon *	1969	George E. Carpenter *
1933	Noah C. Bender *	1970	Henry Sannipolli, PDDGM *
1934	F. Maurice Goodwin *	1971	Leonard O. Beebe *
1935	Michael Balent, Jr. *	1972	Robert D. Rowand *
1936	Enos J. Jarvis *	1973	Louis W. Bradley, PGT*
1937	Robert F. Ranken *	1974	Robert W. Bates, PSGD
1938	John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1975	Frederick W. Knox
1939	Oscar M. Hansen *	1976	Leroy See *
1940	Albert F Neidinger PGP*	1976	John J. Eitel # *
1941	Lawrence E. Gardiner *	1977	Roy F. Gutshall, Jr.*
1942	B. Franklin Cope *	1978	John R. Beetle
1943	Fred Humphrey *	1978	James J. Golley #
1944	Charles. S. Schenick *	1979	Charles W. Bell
1945	Ora L. Wooster, Sr. *	1980	Benjamin H. Read, Jr.*
1946	Carl C. Caldwell *	1981	Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM
1947	Benjamin A. Glatz *	1982	Warren E. Rival, PGC *
1948	Joseph H. Matthews *	1982	Ronald A. Rocco #
1949	Ralph E. Husted *	1983	Hugh C. Williams *
1950	Thomas Milne *	1984	Walter C. Knett *
1951	Ferdinand Herbst *	1984	Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *
1952	Charles Mannice *	1984	Larry S Plasket, PGM, #
1953	Robert C. Osborne, PGC*	1985	Frank A. Applegate, Sr.*
1954	Earl B. Hallowell *	1985	Henry Bubacz # *
1955	Harry M. Ireland *	1986	Wilfred E. Wilson *
1956	John M. Fisher, Jr.*	1986	Donald L. Keppen Sr. #
1957	Albert C. Stack, Jr.*	1987	Robert F. Butler *
1958	Whitney H. Myers *	1988	William E. Hand *
1959	George F. McCann *	1989	Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr. # *
1960	Harold T. Wolf*	1989	James E. Miller, PGC #

Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237 Continued

*** Deceased # Served another Lodge**

1990	Benjamin Foster, PGC # *	2016	Gene G. Olson
1990	Donald C. Lever, PSGS *	2016	Eric Erickson #
1991	Stewart D. Walsh *	2017	John P. Gomen
1991	Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *	2017	Scott Vicari #
1991	William H. Berman, PGM	2018	Joseph Abiuso PGC
1992	George W. Stott, Jr. *	2019	Edward S. Bohi
1992	Harry H. Wible # *	2020	William E. Roche
1993	Dale A. Lynch, Jr., PDDGM	2020	Michael Mattes #
1994	Henry J. Rahn, Jr. PSGS *	2021	Craig J Woodruff
1994	Charles A Castley PDDGM *	2021	Michael Mattes #
1995	Russell B. Hoyle, Sr.	2021	Casey Huston #
1996	Frazier R. Alburger, PGT	2022	Donald L. Keppen Jr.
1996	James E. Miller, PGC #	2022	Michael Mattes #
1997	Raymond B. Kingett	2022	Casey Huston # GC
1997	Jerry R. Barnish #	2023	Jerry R. Barnish
1998	Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC *	2024	Keith Verrico
1999	Scott D. Cianci		
1999	Frank M. Blizard, III #		
2000	Paul E. Burkhardt		
2001	Robert F. DiOrio		
2001	Donald. C. Sharp Sr. #		
2002	Leonard M. March, PDDGM		
2002	Craig J. Woodruff #		
2003	Eugene J. Applegate		
2004	Eugene O. Bathurst		
2005	Juan A. Caraballo, Jr		
2006	Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC		
2007	Richard J. McCunney, II		
2008	Michael E.Owsiak		
2009	Robert E. Kunze		
2010	Craig R. Thorpe		
2011	Brian J. Read, PSGS		
2011	George W. Niessner, PSGS #		
2012	Bernard J. Madgey, V JGW		
2013	Kevin D. Kloss		
2014	James A. Weisensee		
2014	Brian McGovern #		
2015	Robert A. Taylor		

2024 A.D.

Officer Line

6024 A.L.

Worshipful Master

WB Keith Verrico – Deanna

Senior Warden

RW Michael I Mattes, PGP – Janice

Junior Warden

RW Scott P. Vicari, PGP - Jacquelyn

Treasurer

WB Robert Taylor, PM – Susan

Secretary

WB Jerry R. Barnish, PM - Beth

Secretary Emeritus

RW Louis W. Bradley PGT*

Treasurer Emeritus

WB Charles W. Bell PM

WB John R. Beetle, PM

WB Whitney H. Myers, PM *

MW Joseph H. Rival, PGM

Officer Line Continued

<u>Senior Deacon</u>	Brother Jay Colavita – 856-261-3278
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<u>J.M. Ceremonies</u>	Brother Francis M. Guthrie – 609-221-6145
<u>Senior Steward</u>	WB Donald L. Keppen, PM
<u>Junior Steward</u>	Brother Jacob Keppen
<u>Marshal</u>	DB Robert S. Outlaw - 609-471-2869
<u>Chaplain</u>	WB Craig Woodruff, PM
<u>Tyler</u>	Brother William F. Anderson - 609-828-1535
<u>Historian</u>	Brother Jacob Keppen
<u>Proxy to GL</u>	Brother Jay Colavita – 856-261-3278
<u>Director of Ritual</u>	RW Brian J. Read, PJGS 609-922-0877
<u>Webmaster</u>	DB Raymond T. McManus, DB – 609-315-3309
<u>Dir. of Craftsmen</u>	By Appointment - Need Volunteer
<u>Entertainment</u>	By Appointment – Need Volunteer
<u>Sick and Visiting</u>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<u>Auditing, Budget & Finance</u>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<u>Blood Bank Chairman</u>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<u>Photographer</u>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<u>Masonic Education</u>	RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, RW Bernard J. Madgey, V GO / PDDGM
<u>Advisor to Officers</u>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<u>Refreshments</u>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<u>Funeral Coordinator</u>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<u>Scholarship Committee</u>	RW Frazier Alburger, PGT
<u>Building Trustees</u>	3 Year: Brother Thomas J. Santangelo 2 Year: Brother Eugene Emenecker 1 Year: Brother Jay Colavita
<u>Financial Trustees</u>	3 Year: Year: Brother Bill Anderson 2 Year: By Appointment 1 Year: WB Craig Woodruff, PM
<u>Organist</u>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.

New Jersey Grand Lodge Information

Grand Master: Most Worshipful: John Eugene Margroff
Deputy Grand Master: RW Omar S. Morris
Senior Grand Warden: Bruce C. Golway
Junior Grand Warden: RW Bernard J. Madgey V
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer: MW Douglas R. Policastro
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary: MW Larry S. Plaskett
District Deputy Grand Master: RW Ken Carpenter
District Ritual Instructor: RW Vince Capone

18th Masonic District 2025 Grand Officers
Grand Chaplain: Right Worshipful Casey Huston GC

Laurel Lodge Distinguished Brethren

DB Richard P. Alspach*, DB Raymond T. McManus,
DB John C. Read Jr., DB Robert S. Outlaw

Laurel Lodge Honorary Members

MW William H. Sackett, Grand Master 1986 *
MW Edgar N. Pepler, Grand Master 1979
MW Larry S. Plasket, Grand Master 2002
MW William H. Berman, Grand Master 2009
MW David A. Dorworth, Grand Master 2013
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