

## Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren, let's get together. I realize one of my most important tasks is to write the Worshipful Master's message. I read in the Perfect Ashlar, that 85% of masons have no face to face masonic involvement, for the majority of masons, the only masonic contact they receive is what is written in the trestle board. The Master's message becomes an integral part, if not their only source of masonic knowledge and instruction to the craft.

I hope to successfully write to you and hold your masonic interest. I would truly love to see your interest grow into wanting to come out and participate in lodge. With friendship and brotherly love, I extend to you my right hand and with it I offer assistance in coming to your lodge. If you need a ride or assistance in coming to lodge, please call me. I will set up a means for you to be able to come to lodge. Remember we have promised to befriend and relieve every brother who shall need our assistance. My goal is to have all who wish to attend lodge to be given the opportunity. Those brothers that ask for assistance are also giving another brother the opportunity to extend their right hand. If you need assistance please call me personally, 609-502-0771.

Let's get together and enjoy our fraternal brotherhood.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Sincerely and Fraternaly, John P. Gomen Worshipful Master

### Communications for February 2017

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

#### Friday, February 3rd, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Birthdays & Refreshments

Official Visit of RW Robert W. Hertneck Jr., DDGM

Dinner 6:00PM \$10.00 Pay at the Door – See Dinner Menu in this Trestleboard

RSVP to the Worshipful Master at

609-502-0771 or JAKG1232@HOTMAIL.COM

#### Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Birthdays & Refreshments after Lodge

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

Sincerely and Fraternaly

*John P. Gomen*

Worshipful Master

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 February 3rd 7:45PM

Regular Business, Official Visit;  
Birthdays & Refreshments

Friday February 17th 7:45PM

Regular Business, Fellowcraft Degree,  
Birthdays & Refreshments

Saturday, March 4th

Masonic Bowling Night  
See announcement in this TB

Friday, March 10th

Ladies Night  
See announcement in this TB

Saturday, March 18th

Chairman's Charity Ball

Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Brother Larry Golley Golf Memorial  
See posting in March, April, May TB

## DLI Schedule for 2017

February 8 Collingswood-Cloud  
#101 (@ TBA)

March 8 Laurel #237 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)

## Fun Facts

**It takes 42 facial muscles to frown but only 17 muscles to smile.**

**The American football huddle was invented in 1892 by Paul Hubbard, a quarterback from an all-deaf Gallaudet University, to stop the opposing team from reading their signs.**

**We use more salt to get ice off our roads (8% of the global salt production) than to eat (6% of the global salt production).**

**The most successful university in the production of billionaires is the University of Pennsylvania – 25 billionaire alumni.**

## Building Fund Benefactors

Bro Joe Abiuso  
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Bro. Richard L. Wooster

**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

## 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

PS: It's better to be proactive than reactive.

## Fellowcraft Degree Friday

### February 17<sup>th</sup>

Brethren, if you haven't been to a Lodge meeting in a while February 17th is a great time to share Fellowship with you Brethren. We have a Fellowcraft Degree scheduled for eligible candidates.



## February Masonic Birthdays

Bro	William P Hansche	1951	66
Bro	Herman Kruckner, III	1957	60
Bro	James M Carroll	1959	58
Bro	Donald C Springle	1959	58
WB	Robert D Rowand, Sr., PM	1963	54
Bro	John R Pavlovec, Sr.	1973	44
WB	Frazier R Alburger, PM	1977	40
Bro	Frank A Delucca Jr.	1977	40
Bro	George E Widing	1977	40
Bro	Herbert A Morris	1980	36
Bro	Daniel G Dunleavy	1988	29
RW	Henry J Rahn, Jr., PSGD	1988	29
WB	Frank M Blizard III, PM	1994	23
Bro	Michael H DiGenova	1996	21
RW	Leonard M March, PDDGM	1996	21
RW	Bernard J Madgey, V, PM	1997	20
Bro	Samuel B Cohen	2000	17
Bro	Donald H Demarest	2000	17
Bro	Richard Genzlinger, Jr.	2012	5
Bro	Scott M Lorimer	2012	5
Bro	Jeffrey S Slimm	2012	5
Bro	Joseph Diciano	2013	4

Brethren,

Do not forget your Masonic Birthday.

Visit your lodge this month, enjoy Brotherhood, refreshment and receive your Masonic Birthday Gift from the Worshipful Master.



## Dinner Menu for the Official Visit

Homemade Italian sauce better known As South Philly Gravy with sausage and peas over pasta and homemade garlic Bread.

Prepared by Worshipful Brother Olson.

## Laurel Lodge and Black Horse Square Club Ladies Night 2017

**Lucien's Manor 81 West White Horse Pike Berlin, NJ 08009**

**Friday, March 10, 2017 - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM**

Cocktails 6:00pm with Cash Bar and Hors d'oeuvres

Dinner 7pm with DJ Dance 8pm and Gifts for the Ladies **\$70.00 per couple**

You and your lady are cordially invited to attend our annual **"Ladies Night"**. This is a most enjoyable evening and it offers us an opportunity to show our ladies how much we appreciate them. This is an Open Affair. Feel free to invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Group seating can be arranged. Please RSVP to: WB Robert A. Taylor, PM  
30 Indian Birch Rd. Turnersville, NJ 08012 (856-834-3917 or Taylor89@comcast.net)

**\$70.00 per couple: Make checks payable to Laurel Lodge #237**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a menu selection:

Prime Rib of Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Flounder \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Masonic Family Bowling Night

**Saturday, March 4th 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM**

**30 Strikes Bowling, Pub & Pizzeria**

**501 S. White Horse Pike, Stratford, NJ 08084**

**Cost: \$10.00 per person, Pay WB Taylor, Cash bar available**

**Included: 2 hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental**

**Bumper lanes available for kids**

**Contact WB Robert A. Taylor for reservations**

**856-834-3917 or Taylor89@comcast.net**

**Group reservations of 6 can be made – Reservations are helpful**



### 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](http://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.

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### 75/40 Members

Laurel Lodge continues to value and Honor our 75/40 members by not requiring Lodge dues payments. In order to preserve our lodge's financial stability, we are requesting that if you are able, and it will not cause you any undue hardship, to pay only the Grand Lodge assessment of \$44.50. This is voluntary on your part, but will help our Lodge meet its financial responsibilities.



### Laurel Lodge Masters Hat

Please donate your dollar bills to the Laurel Lodge Masters Hat. Remember the letter L to the left of Worshipful Brother George Washington. Thank you for your continued support. This money helps pay for lodge refreshments.

### Candidate Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
	MM	10/2/15	MM exam	TBD
	MM	11/3/15	MM exam	TBD
	MM	N/A	Ballot - Affiliation	TBD
	FC	9/18/15	MM	TBD
	EA	11/17/15	FC	TBD
	EA	6/5/15	FC	TBD
	EA	4/1/16	FC	2/17/17
	EA	4/1/16	FC	2/17/17
	EA	10/21/16	FC	2/17/17

### 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.

**PAST MASTERS**

<p><i>* Deceased</i></p> <p>1922 Albert C. Stack *          1923 Harry A. Beck *          1923 William S. Martin # *          1924 Arthur Scrimshaw *          1925 Benjamin Forrest *          1926 Elmer F. Giffin *          1927 Charles B. Giffin *          1928 John T. Reif *          1929 Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *          1930 Samuel G. Garrison, Jr. *          1931 Charles P. Mills # *          1932 William R. Cannon *          1933 Noah C. Bender *          1934 F. Maurice Goodwin *          1935 Michael Balent, Jr. *          1936 Enos J. Jarvis *          1937 Robert F. Ranken *          1938 John H. Fisher, Sr. *          1939 Oscar M. Hansen *          1940 Albert F. Neidinger PGP*          1941 Lawrence E. Gardiner *          1942 B. Franklin Cope *          1943 Fred Humphrey *          1944 Charles. S. Schenick *          1945 Ora L. Wooster, Sr. *          1946 Carl C. Caldwell *          1947 Benjamin A. Glatz *          1948 Joseph H. Matthews *          1949 Ralph E. Husted *          1950 Thomas Milne *          1951 Ferdinand Herbst *          1952 Charles Mannice *          1953 Robert C. Osborne,PGC*          1954 Earl B. Hallowell *          1955 Harry M. Ireland *          1956 John M. Fisher, Jr.*          1957 Albert C. Stack, Jr.*          1958 Whitney H. Myers *          1959 George F. McCann *          1960 Harold T. Wolf*          1961 John P. Steffan*          1962 Harold H. Croom*          1963 Charles F. Yost *          1964 Charles W. Engler, Jr.*          1965 Daniel A. Mullen, III *          1965 Carl H. Gamp # *          1966 Albert L. Hann , PJGD          1967 Henry Baumert *          1968 Robert E. Walsh, Jr.*          1969 George E. Carpenter *          1970 Henry Sannipolli,PDDGM *          1971 Leonard O. Beebe *          1972 Robert D. Rowand *          1973 Louis W. Bradley, PGT *          2015 Robert A. Taylor</p>	<p><i># Dual Member</i></p> <p>1974 Robert W. Bates, PSGD          1975 Frederick W. Knox          1976 Leroy See *          1976 John J. Eitel # *          1977 Roy F. Gutshall, Jr.*          1978 John R. Beetle          1979 Charles W. Bell          1980 Benjamin H. Read, Jr. *          1981 Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM          1982 Warren E. Rival, PGC *          1982 Ronald A. Rocco #          1983 Hugh C. Williams *          1984 Walter C. Knett *          1984 Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *          1985 Frank A. Applegate, Sr.*          1985 Henry Bubacz # *          1986 Wilfred E. Wilson *          1986 Donald L. Keppen Sr.          1987 Robert F. Butler *          1988 William E. Hand *          1989 Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr.          1990 Donald C. Lever, PSGS *          1991 Stewart D. Walsh *          1991 Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *          1992 George W. Stott, Jr. *          1992 Harry H. Wible # *          1993 Dale A. Lynch, Jr., PDDGM          1994 Henry J. Rahn, Jr. PSGS          1994 Charles A. Castley,PDDGM **          1995 Russell R. Hoyle, Sr.          1996 Frazier R. Alburger          1996 James E. Miller, PGC #          1997 Raymond B. Kingett          1997 Jerry R. Barnish #          1998 Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC          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 Sr.          2010 Craig R. Thorpe          2011 Brian J. Read PJGS          2012 Bernard J. Madgey V DRI          2013 Kevin D. Kloss          2014 James A. Weisensee          2016 Gene G. Olson</p>
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MW David A. Dorworth, Grand Master 2013  
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