



**February
2022**

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

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

Communications for February 2022

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

Friday February 4th 7:45PM

Enjoy masonic light with masonic birthdays regular business meeting, and brotherhood. Light refreshments after lodge. Dinner at 6:30 TBA.

Friday February 18th 7:45PM

Enjoy masonic light with masonic birthdays, regular business, and a special in uniform presentation By WB Tim Boyle pm of Rising Sun #15 on the life of a private during the civil war.

Dinner will be at 6:30. Lasagna and veggies cooked by the Worshipful Master's Wife Alyse.
\$10 donation requested. Light refreshments after lodge

District Lodge of Instruction

Feb 9th is DLI at Compadre de Libertad 376
(Merchantville Temple)

M&W at 6:45 with DLI starting at 7:30

All officers are expected to attend

Brethren: 2022 Dues were Due 12/31/21

Dues notices were mailed.

More detail in this Trestleboard.

By Order of
WB Donald L Keppen Jr.
Worshipful Master

Attest
WB Craig J Woodruff, PM
Secretary

Worshipful Masters Message

In our fellow craft degree, we are taught that feeling is one of our essential human senses. We are also instructed on the various grips and tokens, each having their own distinct meanings behind their teachings, which are expressed in the simplest form of a handshake. The first recordings of the handshake date back to 5th century B.C. Greece. The handshake is believed to have originated as a gesture of peace by demonstrating that the hand holds no weapon. The Romans, who liked to hide daggers in the sleeves of their robes, used to grab each other's sleeves to make sure there was peace as well. When people made agreements in the Middle Ages, the treaties were rarely ever written down. To finalize the deal a gesture was used, the handshake eventually becoming the common expression alongside an oath.

There is an old saying that "A man's handshake is his bond". Once he has shaken on it, he has agreed to it. One who did not keep his word would lose all the respect of his fellow man, now not to be trusted. A handshake was more than just a greeting of friendship.

Today a handshake is just a form of greeting, one becoming increasingly phased out as the years go by. We now see more informal ways of greeting each other such as fist bumps, or elbow bumps in today's crazy world, rather than the standard handshake. It no longer has the same ramifications, legal or personal, as before.

However, for us as Freemasons the handshake still has great meaning. Those who learn it are taught to live by the three basic tenets of Freemasonry: Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love. These tenets teach us: how to treat each other, to meet on the level as friends, the expectation of honorable conduct, and how to work with others in a civil manner. Such a handshake binds two people together and represents the type of relationship and rapport you can expect between brothers.

May brotherly love prevail and peace and kindness reach all of our hearts.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Donald Keppen Jr.
Worshipful Master

My Brother,

Too often we go through hard times or are sick and we at Lodge do not find out until after the fact, when we could've offered our warm hand of friendship, please keep in touch and let us know of your situation and also remember to update your contact information as it would be a shame to be suspended due loss of contact.

Thank You S&F, Craig Woodruff PM Secretary

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Future Events to look forward too

**Family Bowling Event this March/April
More detail to follow in future Trestleboard.**

Masonic Family Day in the Pine Barrens

**Pine Barrens Canoe Trip scheduled this June
More detail to follow in future Trestleboard.**

Volunteers to Cook Dinners

The Worshipful Master is requesting Volunteers to cook dinners for our Scheduled Meetings. It would be greatly appreciated.

Brethren: 2022 Dues are Due 12/31/21

Please note the following important information.

You have received your 2022 dues notice in the mail.

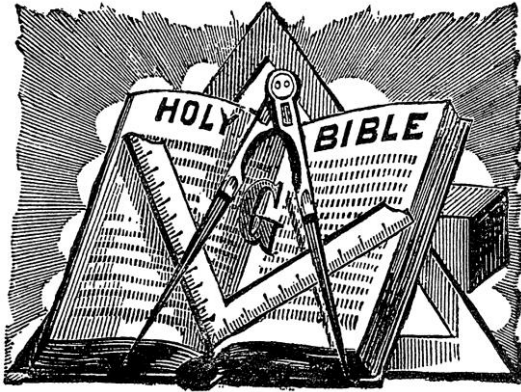
If you have not received your dues notice please contact WB Woodruff.

If you have a question or concern regarding your dues please call or e-mail WB Craig J. Woodruff at cjwpm2002@yahoo.com or 856-669-9796.

2022 Grand Lodge Assessments, (not Lodge Dues)

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Grand Lodge Operating | \$31.00 |
| Grand Lodge Reserve fund | \$12.00 |
| Grand Lodge Capitol Fund | \$6.00 |
| MCF | \$6.00 |
| Insurance | \$5.00 |
| GW Memorial | \$1.00 |
| Rainbow | \$1.00 |
| Demolay | \$1.00 |
| Masonic Renewal Committee | \$.50 |
| HTMT | \$3.00 |
| Grand Lodge Total per member | \$66.50 |

In Memorium



Brother Paul J. Nieczpiel
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master
Mason March 24th 2007
Called from Labor September 23rd 2021



February Masonic Birthdays

| | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| Bro Herman Kruckner, III | 1957 | 66 |
| Bro John R. Pavolec, Sr. | 1973 | 49 |
| WB Frazier R Alburger, PM | 1977 | 45 |
| Bro Frank A Delucca, Jr. | 1977 | 45 |
| Bro George E Widing | 1977 | 45 |
| Bro Herbert A. Morris | 1980 | 42 |
| Bro Daniel G. Dunleavy | 1988 | 34 |
| WB Frank M. Blizard III, PM | 1994 | 28 |
| Bro Michael H. DiGenova | 1996 | 26 |
| RW Leonard M March, PDDGM | 1996 | 26 |
| RW Bernard J. Madgey, V DDGM | 1997 | 25 |
| Bro Donald H. Demarest | 2000 | 22 |
| Bro Richard Genzlinger, Jr. | 2012 | 10 |
| Bro Jeffrey S. Slimm | 2012 | 10 |
| Bro Joseph DiCiano | 2012 | 10 |



GRAND MASTER ROBERT V MONACELLI

presents:

A Night at the Races!

Benefits The Masonic Charity Foundation



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26th 2022

Crescent Shrine, 700 Highland Dr, Westampton, NJ

Doors open at 6pm first race starts at 7pm

Donation \$30: includes sandwiches, salads and soft Drinks



**An exciting evening of fun and games with chances to win over 50 prizes!
video horse racing, basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing.**

FOR TICKETS AND DETAILS CONTACT:

RW Scott Vicari at (856) 952-3459 or email: vicari427@comcast.net

Hosted by USS New Jersey Lodge No. 62 F.&A.M.

Come Join

Laurel Springs Chapter #227

With a Afternoon of

Wine tasting and Luncheon

Where: Tomasello Winery
225 N White Horse Pike
Hammonton, NJ. 08037



When: Sunday
March 20, 2022

Time: 1:00 - 4:00

You can have a afternoon of Fun and Sociability for \$35.00

Please give all reservations and money with meal choices to:

Judy Alberti. 609-634-3458 or Glenda Westenberger 609-605-4282
by

March 5, 2022

Make all checks payable to Laurel Springs Chapter #227

Sit Down Luncheon

The choices are:

Citrus Grilled Chicken

Almond Encrusted Tilapia

Vegetarian Stir Fry over Rice



Recruitment and Retention Tools & Techniques Presentation Saturday, March 26, 2022



The Grand Lodge of New Jersey Membership Committee

Presents



THE JOURNEY FORWARD



**A Presentation of new Tools & Techniques to Improve
Recruitment and Retention**

March 26, 2022 - 9:30 AM to 2 PM

Masonic Fellowship Center 1114 Oxmead Rd, Burlington NJ 08016

Come see the new tools available to Recruit and Engage our new and existing members. Please participate in the discussion of how we grow our organization.

REGISTER NOW



Please use this QR code or [CLICK TO REGISTER](#):

**[The Journey Forward EventBrite
Registration](#)**

No Registration Fee

Doors open at 8:30.

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided

For Questions, please email WB Art Campbell at arthurjcampbell@outlook.com

Brethren helping Brethren:

Call or contact WB Olson for the following service:

GENE OLSON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LLC

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FAMILY IMPORTS, LLC 630 N Black Horse Pike Blackwood, NJ 08012

Tel 856 228 6400 or famimports@yahoo.com

Call or contact Brother Anderson for the following service:

Anderson Sportsmen Supply Audubon, NJ

609-828-1535

Capt. Bill Anderson (Tyler Bill), has been in business for over 60 years servicing the sportsmen community. We now only sell parts & accessories. (RV, Marine, Hunting, Fishing)

If you need something, Call Capt. Bill @ (609)-828-1535

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Call or contact RW Brian Read for the following Service:

Alcoy's Spa Service Parts and Service for Whirlpool Baths and Hot Tubs

800-322-7727

Call or contact Brother Drexel for the following Service:

DREXEL HVAC, LLC

27 Canyon Drive, Berlin, NJ 08009 - NJ Master HVACR Contractor

#19HC00586400

Office – 856-809-9342 or e-mail drexelhvac@hotmail.com

Sales/Service/Installation/Oil to gas conversions

Brethren helping Brethren Continued:

Call or contact WB Moser for the following service:

Financial Planning: WB Moser is a second generation financial planner with over 30 years experience. I was the last Past Master of Florence Lodge in Woodbury.

Donald S Moser - DSM Capital Wealth Management
Managing Director/ CCO

www.dsmwealthmanagement.com

609/221-9276

Call or contact Brother Kingett for the following service:

Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts & Elder Law

Donald L. Kingett, Esq.

Offices in Gloucester County & Camden County

856-374-5800 or DKingett@KingettWarren.com

Call or contact Brother Jay Colavita for the following service:

Trident Protection Group

Contact Brother Jay Colavita (609)481-8091

We're a full-service security agency providing armed or unarmed guards and K9 units. We specialize in event security (no size too big or small), executive protection, property and asset protection (facilities, fine arts, gems, and resources), and transportation.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.



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***The Grand Lodge
of New Jersey***

www.newjerseygrandlodge.org



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 to maintain our membership database as accurate as possible. Thank you, Worshipful Master

Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237

*** 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* | 1990 | Benjamin Foster, PGC # |

Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237 Continued

*** Deceased # Served another Lodge**

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|------|----------------------------|------|------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 | | |
| 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 F Kunze | | |
| 2010 | Craig R. Thorpe | | |
| 2011 | Brian J. Read, PSGS | | |
| 2011 | George W. Niessner, PSGS # | | |
| 2012 | Bernard J. Madgey, V DDGM | | |
| 2013 | Kevin D. Kloss | | |
| 2014 | James A. Weisensee | | |
| 2014 | Brian McGovern # | | |
| 2015 | Robert A. Taylor | | |
| 2016 | Gene G. Olson | | |

A Message from the Secretary

Grandview Registration Instructions

1. Go to nj.grandview.systems
2. Press “Member Portal” on upper right of page
3. Press “Member Registration” on upper right of page
4. Input 237 as your Lodge number
5. Enter your membership number (find number on dues card)
6. Enter last name (case sensitive)
7. Press “Membership Status”
8. Follow prompts and enter password you will remember!
Password must be 8 characters long
9. Once signed up, please update profile with contact information
and browse website to familiar yourself w/ it
10. Any problems, please contact your secretary.

Masonic Home Wheelchair Push

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

All 2022 dates are cancelled until further notice.

Masonic Home Address:

902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ

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.

2022 A.D.

Officer Line

2022 A.L.

Worshipful Master

Bro Donald L. Keppen Jr. - Alyse

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Senior Warden

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Secretary

WB Craig J. Woodruff, PM- Laurie

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Berlin, NJ 08009

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Secretary Emeritus

RW Louis W. Bradley PGT*

Treasurer Emeritus

WB Charles W. Bell PM

WB John R. Beetle, PM

WB Whitney H. Myers, PM *

Officer Line Continued

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| <u>Senior Deacon</u> | WB Robert A. Taylor, PM – 856-834-3917 |
| <u>Junior Deacon</u> | Bro Eugene R. Emenecker |
| <u>S.M. of Ceremonies</u> | Bro Jay Colivita - 609-481-8091 |
| <u>J.M. of Ceremonies</u> | Bro John McHale |
| <u>Senior Steward</u> | WB Brian McGovern, PM |
| <u>Junior Steward</u> | WB Donald L. Keppen Sr. PM |
| <u>Marshal</u> | DB Robert S. Outlaw - 609-471-2869 |
| <u>Chaplain</u> | WB Michael Mattes, PM |
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| <u>Director of Ritual</u> | RW Brian J. Read, PJGS |
| <u>Webmaster</u> | DB Raymond T. McManus, DB - 856-346-9150 |
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| <u>Entertainment</u> | By Committee |
| <u>Sick and Visiting</u> | RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD, PM 856-845-6951 RW Bernard J. Madgey, V, DDGM, 856-470-7609 |
| <u>Auditing, Budget & Finance</u> | RW James E. Miller, PGC and Bro Gerard DiBona |
| <u>Blood Bank Chairman</u> | WB Craig J. Woodruff PM - (856) 669-9796 |
| <u>Photographer</u> | By Committee – We need a Volunteer |
| <u>Masonic Education</u> | RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD, RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, RW Bernard J. Madgey V DDGM |
| <u>Advisor to Officers</u> | RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD |
| <u>Refreshments</u> | By Committee – We need a Volunteer |
| <u>Funeral Coordinator</u> | RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD 856-845-6951 |
| <u>Building Trustees</u> | 3 Years: Appointed Position |
| <u>Building Trustees</u> | 2 Years: WB Brian McGovern, PM & WB Robert Taylor, PM |
| <u>Building Trustees</u> | 1 Year: Bro Joseph Novella & DB Ray McManus |
| <u>Financial Trustees</u> | 3 Year: RW Bernard J. Madgey V PDDGM |
| <u>Financial Trustees</u> | 2 Year: Bro Bill Anderson |
| <u>Financial Trustees</u> | 1 Year: Bro Russell Van Zyl |
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DB John C. Read Jr. DB Robert S. Outlaw**

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

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