



**February
2024**

*Please send correspondence to PO Box 127 Stratford NJ
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*Address of Laurel Lodge
629 Stone Road Laurel Springs, NJ 08021
Constituted May 25th 1922*

Communications for February 2024

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

Friday February 2nd 7:45PM Meeting

Masonic light, birthdays, regular business. Dinner at 6:30 hot Italian roast beef sandwiches and sides prepared by Worshipful Brother Craig Woodruff. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Worshipful Brother Vincent Capone.

Friday February 16th 7:45PM Meeting

**Masonic light, birthdays, regular business. Dinner at 6:30 (TBD)
Official visit of the DDGM.**

Brethren: 2024 Dues were due 12/31/23

**Please note the following important information.
If you have a question or concern regarding 2024 due's or 2023 dues, please call or e-mail WB Jerry Barnish at 609-458-5122 or laurellodge237@gmail.com.**

Upcoming Events

Entered Apprentice scheduled tentatively in March.

**Annual Canoe Trip in the Pine Barrens
See more detail in this Trestleboard**

Ax Throwing Date TBD

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

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

Worshipful Masters Message

"Freemasonry teaches not merely temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, brotherly love, relief, and truth, but liberty, equality, and fraternity, and it denounces ignorance, superstition, bigotry, lust, tyranny and despotism."

-President Theodore Roosevelt

Today it is hard to exist within our world without being overwhelmed with a sense of division and hatred. We are constantly reminded of our differences and very seldomly reminded of what we share most in common, the desire to be loved by our creator and our siblings on this earth. Allow our brotherhood to become an olive branch to each and every man you shall meet and treat everyone with love and compassion. Let freemasonry be seen as a beacon of light in a dark time and leave behind a better future for our future generations, so that they may best work and best agree.

Fraternally,

WB Keith Verrico Worshipful Master



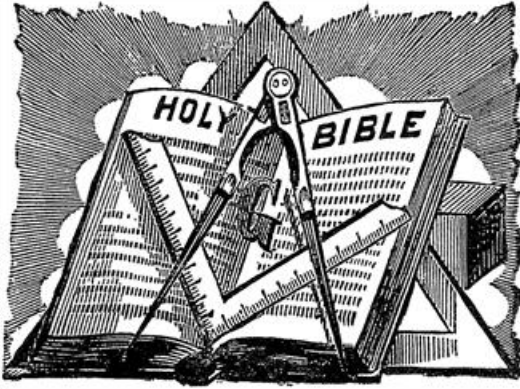
Message about Dues payment to Laurel Lodge 2024

Good day Brethren. I hope all is well with everyone. I understand that there is much confusion concerning payment of dues. Dues notices are to be sent during the fall of each calendar year. Normally our Lodge will send the notices after Grand Lodge of New Jersey notifies each lodge of the assessment inventory for the next year. At that point, each member will have an invoice sent with the lodge dues including any increase voted by the membership usually during September of the current year. According to the by-laws of Laurel Lodge, the membership is required to pay dues for the next year by December 31st of the of the current year. This may be the source of confusion. Think of renewing dues for the forthcoming year in this fashion. If one subscribes to a magazine annually and one receives the renewal notice before the first issue of the magazine arrives for the New year, a reminder letter will be sent to the subscriber. If payment is not received then a second notice will be sent. Thus, it is with lodge. This coming fall dues notices for 2025 will be sent to all Members. This also helps our lodge with payment of the assessment to Grand Lodge with no worries of the financial status of our lodge. The Master and Wardens will be able to look to working within the past spending nature for the betterment of our membership and contributions to society for charity. To answer a question of a grace period, members have by by-laws of the individual lodge and Grand Lodge up to 12 months to pay the afore mentioned notice. Here is a rub for me serving as Secretary. When December 31st hits, the entry for dues on Grand View accounting turns red. Just like in the days of typewriters having a red ribbon for entering accounting entries, that is what would be seen. Black Friday is so named because of ledger entries by the typist for P&L statements. For the membership, Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey has set forth a program called Grand View. If you are not aware of this, members can log into the site provided by Grand lodge to view status of each member and provide additional information about oneself for general viewing by the membership at large. Also, each member may view their individual financial statement with Their lodge. Your statement may be printed for your records, an invoice for payment maybe printed along with a number 10 envelope with address of the lodge to send payment if so desired and/or each members skill and expertise will be up to task. The lodge secretary will accommodate the wish of the member by adding notations to each account. I find it very convenient. I plan, with Master's permission, to demonstrate the system at lodge one meeting on the overhead projector so to clear any questions one may have.

Please contact me with your questions.

Fraternally, Jerry Barnish, P.M. Secretary 2024

In Memorial



Brother Russell J Vanzyl
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason
September 22nd, 2018.
Called from Labor January 27th, 2024.



Masonic Family Day in the Pine Barrens

Pine Barrens Canoe Trip

Saturday June 15TH arrival is 10:00am

**This is a 3 Hour (Tour) Canoe Trip down the
Wading River in the Pine Barrens.**

Beware of the Jersey Devil.

**RSVP cutoff is Sunday June 9th to WB Robert Taylor
856-834-3917.**

Individual Payments will happen June 15th on arrival.

For rates click:

<https://www.mickscanoerental.com>

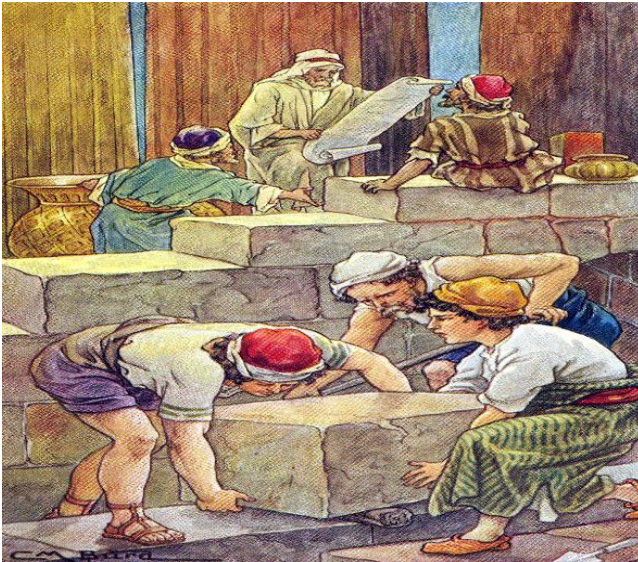


Candidate Status

NAME	STATUS	LAST DATE	NEXT STATUS	NEXT DATE
	MM	10/21/23	MM Exam	TBD
	MM	10/21/23	MM Exam	TBD
	EA	1/20/23	FC Degree	TBD
	EA	4/21/23	FC Degree	TBD
	Mr.	5/11/23	EA Degree	TBD
	Mr.	8/1/23	Ballot	1/5/24
	Mr.	8/11/23	EA Degree	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.

**“Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those doing it.”
— Chinese proverb**



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Call or contact WB Moser for the following service:

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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
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	2022	Donald L. Keppen Jr.
1996	James E. Miller, PGC #	2022	Michael Mattes #
1997	Raymond B. Kingett	2022	Casey Huston #
1997	Jerry R. Barnish #	2023	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		
2010	Craig R. Thorpe		
2011	Brian J. Read, PSGS		
2011	George W. Niessner, PSGS #		
2012	Bernard J. Madgey, V GO PDDGM		
2013	Kevin D. Kloss		
2014	James A. Weisensee		
2014	Brian McGovern #		
2015	Robert A. Taylor		

Best Corny Dad Jokes

I'm afraid for the calendar. Its days are numbered.

**My wife said I should do lunges to stay in shape.
That would be a big step forward.**

**Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go
golfing? In case they get a hole in one!**

**Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your
mouth. Then it's a soap opera.**

**What do a tick and the Eiffel Tower have in common?
They're both Paris sites.**

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 with it.**
- 10. Any problems, please contact your secretary.**

Contact Status Changes

**Brethren, please remember to contact the Secretary or Worshipful
Master regarding 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**

2024 A.D.

Officer Line

6024 A.L.

Worshipful Master

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Treasurer Emeritus

WB Charles W. Bell PM

WB John R. Beetle, PM

WB Whitney H. Myers, PM *

MW Joseph H. Rival, PGM

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<u>J.M. Ceremonies</u>	Brother Francis M. Guthrie – 609-221-6145
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<u>Tyler</u>	Brother William F. Anderson - 609-828-1535
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<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
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<u>Funeral Coordinator</u>	RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD 856-845-6951
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