

Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren

In operative masonry, the square can be said to be the most significant tool. It is the only tool by which the rough Ashlar can be prepared and tested. Without a perfect Ashlar, the building cannot be built. No matter how wise the plans, no matter how strong and beautiful the stonework. It is used to form, from the rough Ashlar, to that which is perfect. Only then, can the stone, which is made right by the square be used to start and lay the foundation. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that an implement on which so much depends shall be itself perfectly correct. The artificer employs the square to form the rude mass; the Master to prove the work; but whose duty is it to see that this most important tool is itself correct? The most suitable person would seem to be the Past Master. He, having passed through the stages of using it and testing with it, would be most impressed with the necessity of its being correct.

So it makes sense, in Speculative Masonry, that the Jewel of the Worshipful Master of a lodge is the square. In Freemasonry the square symbolizes Virtue and Morality. Speculative Masonry teaches a man, by the industrious application of the principles of Eternal Truth and Right, to shape his thoughts and actions; So as to erect from it, a spiritual building, on sure foundations. So it is by extension, the Worshipful Master's duty to apply the perfect square of Right and Truth and in himself exemplify Virtue and Morality. To carry on and build upon the foundation, that has been laid down, by our previous Past Masters. To set the craft at labor and give them good and wholesome instruction.

At Laurel Lodge, we have been fortunate enough to have had Worshipful Masters that have done just that, each one adding to and strengthening our lodge. It is a rarity, to see such a strong presence of Past Masters, in a lodge. I believe this is why we have such a strong group of officers. It is my hope that my year will continue this heritage. I purpose to you brethren that I will try to maintain and extend these principles. To do, for you, what has been done for me.

To make us all better men!

Fraternally,
James A. Weisensee
Worshipful Master



Communication for January 2014

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

Friday, January 3, 7:45 PM

Regular business, Birthdays & Refreshments

The Master Mason degree will be conferred

Friday, January 17, 7:45 PM

Regular business, Birthdays & Refreshments

The Entered Apprentice degree will be conferred

By Order of
WB James A. Weisensee
Worshipful Master

Attest
WB Craig R. Thorpe, PM
Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Officers Rehearsal at Lodge

Friday, January 3, 7:45 PM
Master Mason Degree

Saturday January 4, 2014, 10:00 AM
**Emergent Communication of
Grand Lodge**

See announcement in this message

Friday, January 17, 7:45 PM
Entered Apprentice Degree

Saturday, February 8
Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Tour

See announcement in this message

Saturday, March 8, 7:00 PM
New Jersey Devils Mason Night

See announcement in this message

Saturday March 22
Laurel Lodge Bowling Night

See announcement in this message

January Masonic Birthdays

Bro Warren E. Kreis	1949	65
Bro Harry L. Scherfel	1949	65
Bro David A. Schmitt	1962	52
Bro Kenneth W. Cashin	1963	51
Bro A. Harry Moffett	1964	50
Bro John L. Wiley	1981	33
WB Donald C. Sharp, Sr., PM	1989	25
Bro Harold P. Hazen	1991	23
Bro Charles D. McMaster	1992	22
WB Scott D. Cianci, PM	1993	21
Bro Charles P. Clements III	1999	15

2014 BUILDING FUND

BENEFACTORS

WB	James A. Weisensee, WM
Bro	Charles D. McMasters
Bro	Alfred J. Dandurand
Bro	Robert J. Powell
WB	James B. Alspach
WB	Frazier R. Alburger, PM
Bro	Herbert L. Seidman
Bro	John F. Greer
Bro	Lloyd H. Jones
Bro	Murray C. Lightman
Bro	Walter N. Hickman
WB	Robert E. Kunze, Sr., PM
Bro	Donald C. Springle
Bro	Stanley Livanos
RW	Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC
WB	Whitney H. Myers, PM
DB	Richard P. Alspach
Bro	William P. Hansche
Bro	Gerry DiBona
Bro	Richard L. Busch
Bro	Anthony J. Centritto
Bro	Kenneth W. Cashin
Bro	Richard A. Greiner
Bro	Barclay M. Champion
Bro	William E Roche`
DB	Raymond T. McManus
Bro	Alvin C. Fitting
Bro	Joseph Abiuso

2014 Dues are due

Your 2014 dues were due on or before December 31, 2013. If you are experiencing financial difficulties or other issues that make it difficult for you to pay. Please contact the Worshipful Master or the Secretary. This matter will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Please send your payments to:

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

Candidates In Waiting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
	Elected	10/12/13	EA	1/17/14
	FC	11/15/13	MM	1/3/14
	FC	7/16/13	MM	1/3/14

The Grand Lodge



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Brethren all,

TAKE NOTICE that the Grand Master, David A. Dorworth, has convened an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge and a meeting of the Masonic Charity Foundation according to Title Four Article II Section 1 Part 1 GL Constitution & By-Laws and Appendix B By-Laws Article III Section 6 of the Masonic Charity Foundation to take place on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ. The Emergent Communication shall be for the purpose of updating the Brethren on the renovation and transformation of the Residential Units of the Masonic Home to Retirement Living Apartments. Tours of the Apartment Samples will be available following the Meeting.

It is requested that you disseminate this announcement to all members within your Lodge and District by any means possible before the event, including reading at all meetings, including Installation of Officers, and publishing in your Lodge Trestleboards.

Fraternally,

William L. Morris, Jr., PGM
Grand Secretary

Cc: Elected Line
Grand Lodge Trustees
MCF Trustees
Grand Orator
Lodge Secretaries

Laurel Lodge No. 237 Masonic Family Bowling Night

When: Saturday, March 22, 2014
7:30PM to 10:00PM

Where: 30 Strikes Bowling, Pub & Pizzeria
(formerly Martini Lanes)
501 S. White Horse Pike
Stratford, NJ 08084 (near the
Lindenwold Speedline Station)

Cost: \$10.00 per person
Pay at the door
Cash bar available
Rate based on 6 bowlers per lane

Included: 2 hours of unlimited bowling
Shoe Rental
Bumper lanes available for the kids.

Contact Brother Robert A. Taylor for reservations
856-834-3917 or Taylor89@comcast.net
Group reservations of 6 can be made
Reservations due by March 20

Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Guided Tour

When: Saturday, February 8
Time TBD

Where: Carpool from Lodge to
PA Grand Lodge

Cost: \$5.00 - 15 or more
\$10.00 - Less than 15

More information next month
Contact

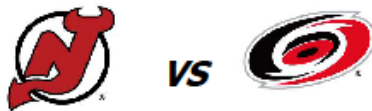
WB James A. Weisensee
Worshipful Master
for reservations

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NEW JERSEY DEVILS MASON NIGHT

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT GRAND LODGE CHARITIES



Saturday, March 8, 2014 – 7:00PM

Stop by the Bud Light Goal Bar from 5:30-7:00PM to say hello to your Grand Master!

MASONS PRICE: \$55

100 Level Seating (BOX OFFICE PRICE \$69)

To Order By Phone: Call William Lamont (973) 757-6159
To Order online visit: www.newjerseydevils.com/masons
Use offer code: **masons**

Questions, please email Jack Ruch - jruch3@comcast.net Or call 609.693.9102

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Carolina 3/8/14 * Offer deadline 2/24/14

TICKETS _____ x \$55 = \$ _____

* Tickets are limited and subject to group ticket availability. Orders are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds or exchanges on tickets purchased. Offer not valid on previously purchased tickets. Tickets for this offer cannot be purchased at the Prudential Center box office.

PAST MASTERS

<i>* Deceased</i>	<i># Dual Member</i>
1922 Albert C. Stack *	1973 Louis W. Bradley, PGT *
1923 Harry A. Beck *	1974 Robert W. Bates, PSGD
1923 William S. Martin # *	1975 Frederick W. Knox
1924 Arthur Scrimshaw *	1976 Leroy See *
1925 Benjamin Forrest *	1976 John J. Eitel # *
1926 Elmer F. Giffin *	1977 Roy F. Gutshall, Jr. *
1927 Charles B. Giffin *	1978 John R. Beetle
1928 John T. Reif *	1979 Charles W. Bell
1929 Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1980 Benjamin H. Read, Jr. *
1930 Samuel G. Garrison, Jr. *	1981 Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM
1931 Charles P. Mills # *	1982 Warren E. Rival, PGC
1932 William R. Cannon *	1982 Ronald A. Rocco #
1933 Noah C. Bender *	1983 Hugh C. Williams *
1934 F. Maurice Goodwin *	1984 Walter C. Knett *
1935 Michael Balent, Jr. *	1984 Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *
1936 Enos J. Jarvis *	1985 Frank A. Applegate, Sr. *
1937 Robert F. Ranken *	1985 Henry Bubacz # *
1938 John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1986 Wilfred E. Wilson *
1939 Oscar M. Hansen *	1987 Robert F. Butler *
1940 Albert F Neidinger PGP*	1988 William E. Hand
1941 Lawrence E. Gardiner *	1989 Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr.
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1948 Joseph H. Matthews *	1994 Henry J. Rahn, Jr. PSGS
1949 Ralph E. Husted *	1994 Charles A. Castley, PDDGM #
1950 Thomas Milne *	1995 Russell R. Hoyle, Sr.
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1971 Leonard O. Beebe	2012 Bernard J. Madgey, V
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