



**Communications for January 2018**

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

**Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> 7:45PM**

**Enjoy Masonic Light with a Ballot, Birthdays, Brotherhood,  
Regular Business and Refreshments after Lodge  
A Ballot for Initiation & Membership for the following  
Candidates:**

**Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> 7:45PM**

**Enjoy Masonic Light with Birthdays, Brotherhood an  
Entered Apprentice Degree, Regular Business and  
Refreshments after Lodge**

**The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred on the  
Following Candidates:**

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

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

**January  
2018**

***By Order of  
WM Joseph Abiuso  
Worshipful Master***

***Attest  
WB James A. Weisensee, PM  
Secretary***

## Worshipful Masters Message

Brethren,  
Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a joyous Holiday season overall.

It is my honor and privilege to have been elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Laurel Lodge for 2018 by you the brethren. I thank you for your support and hope I will be able to fulfill your trust. On behalf of the Brethren and myself, we thank WB John P. Gomen for your labors this past year, and for your leadership, guidance and friendship.

Throughout this upcoming year we will be faced with challenges that by working together we can overcome for the continued growth, benefit and future of Masonry within our Lodge and beyond. I look forward to working with each of you during this year to promote more membership inclusion on activities to benefit our Lodge. Along with your officers both elected and appointed positions, I will call on the entire membership to strengthen our Lodge and through our combined efforts we will carry on our Masonic traditions. Let us all commit ourselves to the beliefs of and the furtherance of the good works of Masonry this year.

Jennifer and I would like to wish all the Brethren a safe, healthy, happy and prosperous 2018.

May the Grand Artificer of the Universe keep you in his eternal love.

**Sincerely and Fraternaly**  
**Worshipful Master**  
**Joseph Abiuso**

## January Masonic Birthdays

<b>Bro Warren E. Kreis</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Bro Harry L Scherfel</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>WB Joseph Raffensberger</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Bro David A Schmitt</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Bro Kenneth W Cashin</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Bro A. Harry Moffett</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Bro John L Wiley</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Bro Harold P Hazen</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>WB Scott D Cianci, PM</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Bro Charles Clements III</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>19</b>

**Happy Masonic Birthday from the Brethren of  
Laurel Lodge #237 F&A.M.**


Bro. John L. Stoll  
Bro. William R. Terwilliger, Jr.

## Brethren

The following is a Friendly Reminder if a person approaches you and asks about joining our Brotherhood.


In the U.S., generally, these are the requirements for becoming a mason:

- Be a man who comes of his own free will.
- Believe in a Supreme Being (the form of which is left to open interpretation by the candidate).
- Be at least 18 years old in New Jersey.
- Be of good morals, and of good reputation.
- Be of sound mind and body (lodges had in the past denied membership to a man because of a physical disability; however, now, if a potential candidate says a disability will not cause problems, it will not be held against him).
- Be capable of furnishing character references, as well as one or two references from current Masons, depending on jurisdiction.
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**FREEMASON**

# FAMILY NIGHT



vs.



**Wells Fargo Center - Philadelphia, PA**

**Saturday, January 20 @ 1pm, Doors Open at 12:30pm**


**SEE THE FREEMASON HONOR GUARD CEREMONY,  
STOP BY THE FREEMASON MEMBERSHIP TABLE, AND  
WATCH THE FLYERS WITH FELLOW NJ, PA, AND DE  
MASON FAMILIES**

**TICKETS IN SECTION 222/222A: \$65 /GROUP RATE**

All tickets are available at will call window

Tickets can be ordered by credit card or check through  
The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 100 Barrack Street,  
Trenton, NJ 08608-2008, 609-239-3950

(Last date to order tickets January 5, 2018)



### Building Fund Benefactors 2018

WB Joe Abiuso	WB Ronald A. Rocco
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## Masonic Family Bowling Night

**Saturday MARCH  
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**Saturday, March DATE 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 are helpful**

**SATURDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> 2018**



**DATE, TIME AND DETAILS WILL BE  
EXPLAINED IN THE FEBRUARY  
TRESTLEBOARD**

<u>* Deceased</u>	<u>Past Masters</u>	<u># Dual Member</u>
1922 Albert C. Stack *	1960 Harold T. Wolf*	1991 Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *
1923 Harry A. Beck *	1961 John P. Steffan*	1992 George W. Stott, Jr. *
1923 William S. Martin #*	1962 Harold H. Croom*	1992 Harry H. Wible # *
1924 Arthur Scrimshaw *	1963 Charles F. Yost *	1993 Dale A. Lynch, Jr., PDDGM
1925 Benjamin Forrest *	1964 Charles W. Engler, Jr.*	1994 Henry J. Rahn, Jr. PSGS
1926 Elmer F. Giffin *	1965 Daniel A. Mullen, III *	1994 Charles A. Castley,PDDGM #*
1927 Charles B. Giffin *	1965 Carl H. Gamp # *	1995 Russell R. Hoyle, Sr.
1928 John T. Reif *	1966 Albert L. Hann , PJGD	1996 Frazier R. Alburger
1929 Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1967 Henry Baumert *	1996 James E Miller PGC #
1930 Samuel G Garrison Jr.*	1968 Robert E. Walsh, Jr.*	1997 Raymond B. Kingett
1931 Charles P. Mills # *	1969 George E. Carpenter *	1997 Jerry R. Barnish #
1932 William R. Cannon *	1970 Henry Sannipolli,PDDGM *	1998 Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC*
1933 Noah C. Bender *	1971 Leonard O. Beebe *	1999 Scott D. Cianci
1934 F. Maurice Goodwin *	1972 Robert D. Rowand *	1999 Frank M. Blizzard III #
1935 Michael Balent, Jr. *	1973 Louis W. Bradley, PGT *	2000 Paul E. Burkhardt
1936 Enos J. Jarvis *	1974 Robert W. Bates, PSGD	2001 Robert F. DiOrio
1937 Robert F. Ranken *	1975 Frederick W. Knox	20012 Donald C Sharp Sr #
1938 John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1976 Leroy See *	2002 Leonard M March, PDDGM
1939 Oscar M. Hansen *	1976 John J. Eitel # *	2002 Craig J. Woodruff #
1940 Albert F Neidinger PGP*	1977 Roy F. Gutshall, Jr.*	2003 Eugene J. Applegate
1941 Lawrence E. Gardiner *	1978 John R. Beetle	2004 Eugene O. Bathurst
1942 B. Franklin Cope *	1979 Charles W. Bell	2005 Juan A. Caraballo, Jr
1943 Fred Humphrey *	1980 Benjamin H. Read, Jr. *	2006 Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC
1944 Charles. S. Schenick *	1981 Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM	2007 Richard J McCunney, II
1945 Ora L. Wooster, Sr. *	1982 Warren E. Rival, PGC *	2008 Michael E.Owsiak
1946 Carl C. Caldwell *	1982 Ronald A. Rocco #	2009 Robert E. Kunze Sr.
1947 Benjamin A. Glatz *	1983 Hugh C. Williams *	2010 Craig R. Thorpe
1948 Joseph H. Matthews *	1984 Walter C. Knett *	2011 Brian J. Read PJGS
1949 Ralph E. Husted *	1984 Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *	2012 Bernard J. Madgey V DRI
1950 Thomas Milne *	1985 Frank A. Applegate, Sr.*	2013 Kevin D. Kloss
1951 Ferdinand Herbst *	1986 Henry Bubacz # *	2014 James A. Weisensee
1953 Charles Mannice *	1986 Wilfred E. Wilson *	2015 Robert A. Taylor
1953 Robert C Osborne,PGC*	1986 Donald L. Keppen Sr. #	2016 Gene G Olson
1954 Earl B. Hallowell *	1987 Robert F. Butler *	2017 John P. Gomen
1955 Harry M. Ireland *	1988 William E. Hand *	
1956 John M. Fisher, Jr.*	1989 Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr.	
1957 Albert C. Stack, Jr.*	1989 James E Miller PGC #	
1958 Whitney H. Myers *	1990 Donald C. Lever, PSGS *	
1959 George F. McCann *	1991 Stewart D. Walsh *	

## Candidate Status

<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>LAST DATE</b>	<b>NEXT STATUS</b>	<b>NEXT DATE</b>
	<b>MM</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>MM EXAM</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>EA</b>	<b>11/17/15</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>FC</b>	<b>11/27/17</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>FC</b>	<b>11/27/17</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>FC</b>	<b>11/27/17</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>EA</b>	<b>11/3/17</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>Ballot 9/15/17</b>	<b>EA</b>	<b>Jan 19</b>
	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Ballot</b>	<b>Jan 19</b>
	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Investigation Committee</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Investigation Committee</b>	<b>Jan 19</b>
	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Investigation Committee</b>	<b>TBD</b>

### 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.**

## 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 member's 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.

### Volunteer Services 2018

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

Masonic Home Address:

902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ

March 25<sup>th</sup> June 24<sup>th</sup>

September 23<sup>rd</sup> December 23<sup>rd</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.

### 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

2018 A.D.

Officer Line

6018 A.L.

#### Worshipful Master

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#### Secretary

WB James A. Weisensee PM – Cathy  
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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

<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Bro Charles Heimerl 856-343-8637
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Bro Don L. Keppen Jr – 856-371-8675
<b>S.M. of Ceremonies</b>	Bro Casey Huston – 856-627-0094
<b>J.M. of Ceremonies</b>	Bro Ross A. Chase - 856-503-7677
<b>Senior Steward</b>	Bro Walter Romer – 856-655-3995
<b>Junior Steward</b>	Bro Keith Watermasyk – 609-317-1336
<b>Marshal</b>	Bro Robert S. Outlaw - 609-471-2869
<b>Chaplain</b>	Bro. Julian Babel – 301-938-2124
<b>Tyler</b>	Bro William F. Anderson - 856-547-0453
<b>Historian</b>	RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD - 856-845-6951
<b>Proxy</b>	Bro Charles Heimerl IV – 856-343-8637
<b>Director of Ritual</b>	RW Brian J. Read PJGS & WB Bob Kunze
<b>Webmaster</b>	DB Raymond T. McManus - 856-346-9150
<b>Dir. Of Craftsmen</b>	Brother William Gahagan 609-313-0924
<b>Entertainment</b>	WB James A Weisensee WB Robert A. Taylor
<b>Sick and Visiting</b>	RW Albert L. Hann ,PJGD, PM 856-845-6951 RW Bernard J. Madgey, V, DRI, PM 856-470-7609
<b>Auditing, Budget &amp; Finance</b>	RW James E. Miller, PGC and Bro Gerard DiBona
<b>Blood Bank Chairman</b>	Bro Bob Outlaw - 856-471-2869
<b>Photographer</b>	Bro William Roche` - 609-314-0505
<b>Masonic Education</b>	RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD, RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, RW Bernard J. Madgey V DRI
<b>Advisor to Officers</b>	RW Albert L. Hann , PJGD
<b>Refreshments</b>	By Committee
<b>Funeral Coordinator</b>	RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD 856-845-6951
<b>Building Trustees</b>	3 Year RW Bernard J. Madgey, V, DRI, PM 3 Year WB John P. Gomen, PM
<b>Building Trustees</b>	2 Year Bro John C Read & WB Gene G Olson PM
<b>Building Trustees</b>	1 Year DB Raymond T McManus & WB Robert Taylor, PM
<b>Financial Trustees</b>	3 Year RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, PM
<b>Financial Trustees</b>	2 Year Bro Scott Slimm Officer at Large
<b>Financial Trustees</b>	1 Year Bro Bill Anderson

<b>Grand Master</b>	<b>M.W. Dieter B. Hees, Grand Master</b> <b>100 Barrack Street Trenton NJ 08602-2008</b>
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### DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS

B Richard P. Alspach      DB Thomas J. Kane \*  
DB John E. McDowell \*      DB Raymond T. McManus

### HONORARY MEMBERS

MW David A. Dorworth, Grand Master 2013  
MW William H. Berman, Grand Master 2009  
MW Larry S. Plasket, Grand Master 2002  
MW William H. Sackett, Grand Master 1986  
MW Edgar N. Peppler, Grand Master 1979  
RW Chester H. Clark PGC  
RW Benjamin Foster PGC

## 2018 DUES NOTICE

Please note: Your dues for 2018 were due 12-31-2017. If you know or believe that you haven't paid dues please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

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

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