



**January
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 January 2022

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

Friday January 7th 7:45PM

Enjoy Masonic Light with Birthdays, Brotherhood, Regular Business and Refreshments at 6:30PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 consisting of stuffed shells, veggies and salad prepared by my wife Alyse, there will also be some light dessert for after lodge. Donation is \$10 requested.

**WB Nick Vettesse PM, ST. Johns lodge #115 in Philadelphia PA will be doing a presentation called
“The compasses a deeper look”**

Friday January 21st 7:45PM

Enjoy Masonic Light with Birthdays, Brotherhood, Regular Business and Refreshments at 6:30PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 consisting of Hoagies and Chips with light dessert after meeting.

RW Keith A. Herman DDGM of this the 18th district will have presentation on masonic protocol.

Brethren: 2022 Dues are 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

Greeting's brethren,

Happy new year! I hope everyone had a Joyous holiday season.

Thank you for your faith and confidence in electing me to lead the lodge. Thank you all for your continued support. It is with great gratitude that I take on this immense responsibility, hoping to deliver on your trust.

I would like to thank WB Craig Woodruff for your service and continued dedication to our lodge not only this past year but beyond. It has been an honor to serve as your Senior Warden, and we are all honored and grateful to elect you as our secretary.

January is a time for new beginnings. It is commonly believed that the month of January is named after the Roman god Janus. In roman mythology, Janus was the god of doorways, beginnings, and transitions.

He is usually depicted as having two faces, one looking towards the past and one facing the future. In many ways Janus is a representation of our lodge. With one face we look back on the good of the past.

We look at the successes Laurel lodge has had. We then transition to the face looking forward, looking towards the new beginnings for us in the future. As we search out new ways to improve masonry, we must remember our strong traditions that got us here. Please reach out with any ideas. As the adage goes, many hands make light work. I look forward to all of us working together as one to strengthen and grow our lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Donald Keppen Jr.

Worshipful Master

District Lodge of Instruction

**Jan 12th is the first DLI at Audubon Parkside #218
MW&PM association 6:45 pm before DLI at 7:30 pm**

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.**



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)

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

January Masonic Birthdays

Bro David A Schmitt	1962	60
Bro Kenneth W Cashin	1963	59
Bro A. Harry Moffett	1964	58
Bro John L Wiley	1981	40
Bro Harold P Hazen	1991	31
WB Scott D Cianci, PM	1993	29
Bro Charles Clements III	1999	23

HOW MANY MASONS SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?

Extravagant claims are sometimes made in connection with the Masonic membership of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. There were fifty-six signers of the document. There is satisfactory evidence to prove conclusively that eight were Masons. Twenty-four others are sometimes claimed as Masons, but evidence submitted is not completely satisfactory, being based of hearsay and "tradition", rather than documents. There are twenty-four signers who have never been claimed as Masons. The best answer the question is as follows: "Scholars have proved that eight Signers were Masons. As many as thirty may have been."

ALBERT PIKE'S MASONIC LIBRARY SAVED BY ENEMY BROTHER

A Union general, Thomas H. Benton, Grand Master in Iowa, 1860 - 1862, saved Albert Pikes Masonic Library at Little Rock, Arkansas, by placing Federal Troops around Pike's home when the city was invaded during the Civil War.

Brethren helping Brethren:

Call or contact WB Olson for the following service:

GENE OLSON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LLC

1 WINDSOR ROAD GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026

License# 13794 Office (856) 782-0077 and Cell (609) 868-2218

Residential Electric Work | Commercial Electrical
Services www.olsonelectricnj.com

Gene Olson Electrical Contractors, LLC has provided dependable residential & commercial electrical services in Camden, Gloucester and Burlington counties since 1996.

Call or contact Brother Halina for the following service:

Trophies, Plaques, Medals and other Awards

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

"Fair Winds & Following Seas " Capt. Bill

Call or contact WB Abiuso for the following services:

Firearms, Ammunition, Accessories and More.

J&J GUNWORKS

310 White Horse Pike Clementon, NJ 08021 856-784-1910

www.jjgunworks.com

YOUR 2nd Amendment Store.

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 drexelvac@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.

Website: <https://tridentprotection.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Trident-Protection-2584900004858860>

Email: tridentprotectionk9@gmail.com



H.O.P.E.

Helping Other People Evolve, Inc.

*A Unique Support Program
for Widowed Persons*

Hal Hazen

Office Coordinator

856-234-2200

Fax 856-234-7499

www.hopesnj.org

hopesnjhelps@gmail.com

16 East Main Street • Moorestown, NJ 08057

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.



Find out more about us—

***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**

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

5 Barclay Drive

Turnersville, NJ 08012

(856) 371-8675 E-mail: kepperoni1@comcast.net

Senior Warden

WB Jerry R. Barnish, PM - Beth

2799 Garwood Rd.

Sicklerville, NJ 08081

609-458-5122 E-mail: jb854975@gmail.com

Junior Warden

Bro Keith Verrico – Deanna

205 Essex Ave

Sewell, NJ 08080-1503

856-745-8156 keithverricotattoos@gmail.com

Treasurer

MW Joseph H. Rival, Jr., PGM – Judy

333 Francis Ave. Chesilhurst, NJ 08089

856-768-0312 - gm-nj2010@comcast.net

Secretary

WB Craig J. Woodruff, PM- Laurie

920 Vandon Loop

Berlin, NJ 08009

(856) 669-9796 E-Mail: cjwpm2002@yahoo.com

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

<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
<u>Tyler</u>	Bro William F. Anderson - 609-828-1535
<u>Historian</u>	RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD - 856-845-6951
<u>Proxy to Grand Lodge</u>	WB Robert A. Taylor, PM – 856-834-3917
<u>Director of Ritual</u>	RW Brian J. Read, PJGS
<u>Webmaster</u>	DB Raymond T. McManus, DB - 856-346-9150
<u>Dir. of Craftsmen</u>	Brother William Gahagan 609-313-0924
<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

New Jersey Grand Lodge Info

Grand Master Most Worshipful Robert V. Monacelli
100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 609-239-3937

District Deputy Grand Master: Keith A. Herman
641 Guilford Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
609-440-2217 | kaherman@msn.com

District Ritual Instructor: Right Worshipful Kenneth F. Carpenter Jr.
544 S. Brentwood Dr. Mt. Laurel New Jersey 08054
Cell 609-634-5660 / kfcarpenter@comcast.net

Grand Instructor Most Worshipful Larry S. Plasket, PGM
205 Pico Court., Mays Landing, NJ 08330
609-472-2617 | lplasket@njmasonic.org

Grand Pursuivant Right Worshipful Scott P. Vicari
405 Otter Branch Drive, Magnolia, NJ 08049
856-952-3459 | vicari427@comcast.net

Grand Chaplain: Right Worshipful David A. Frankel
59 Treaty Elms Lane, Haddonfield, NJ 08033
(856) 429-4607 | dafrankel@comcast.net

Laurel Lodge Distinguished Brethren

**DB Richard P. Alspach, DB Raymond T. McManus,
DB John C. Read Jr. DB Robert S. Outlaw**

Laurel Lodge Honorary Members

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

GRAND LODGE WEBPAGE

WWW.NEWJERSEYGRANDLODGE.ORG

LAUREL LODGE WEBPAGE

WWW.LAURELLODGE237.ORG



TINYURL.COM/LAUREL237-FACEBOOK



[@LAURELLODGE237](https://twitter.com/LAURELLODGE237)