

Worshipful Master's Message

THE TEST

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip and when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount." Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet. When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe; I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter.

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it's a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

Good men search for Freemasonry;
Freemasonry makes them better.

Brother's this was a story told before in our trestle board. It has meant a lot to me and to always remember that I represent the fraternity, and to do my best to be a good mason. I hope everyone enjoys their summer.

Sincerely and Fraternally
John P. Gomen
Worshipful Master



Communications for June 2017

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

Friday June 2nd, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Ballot, Birthdays & Dinner before Lodge, we are Celebrating and Honoring Our King Solomon: RW Albert L. Hann for 60 Years of Freemasonry.

Friday, June 16th, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Birthdays & Refreshment's after Lodge.

The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon the following candidates:

Tuesday June 27th 7PM Emergent Degree

The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred upon the following candidates:

By Order of
WM John P. Gomen
Worshipful Master

Attest
WB James Weisensee, PM
Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

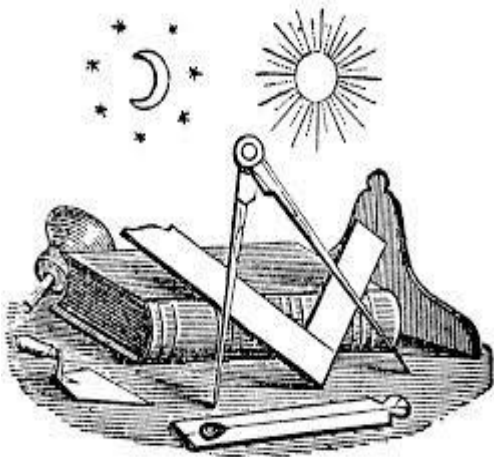
Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Officers Rehearsal at Lodge

Friday June 2nd, 7:45 PM
Regular Business, Birthdays,
Refreshments, and Honoring 60 Years
of Freemasonry for
RW Albert L. Hann

Friday June 16, 7:45 PM
Regular Business, Birthdays,
Refreshments and MM Degree

Friday June 27th, 7:00 PM
Emergent EA Degree for Eligible
Candidates

Laurel Lodge Family Picnic
Saturday, July 22, 2017
12:00PM until?
See announcement in this TB



DLI Schedule for 2017

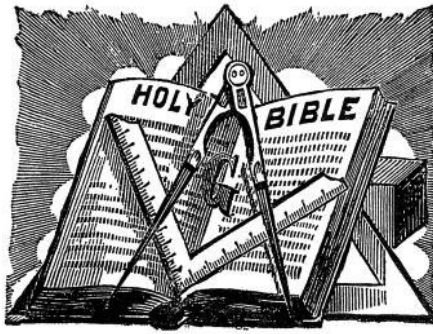
May 10 Mozart #121 (@ Audubon
Temple June 14

Merchantville #119 September 14

Rising Sun #15 October 12

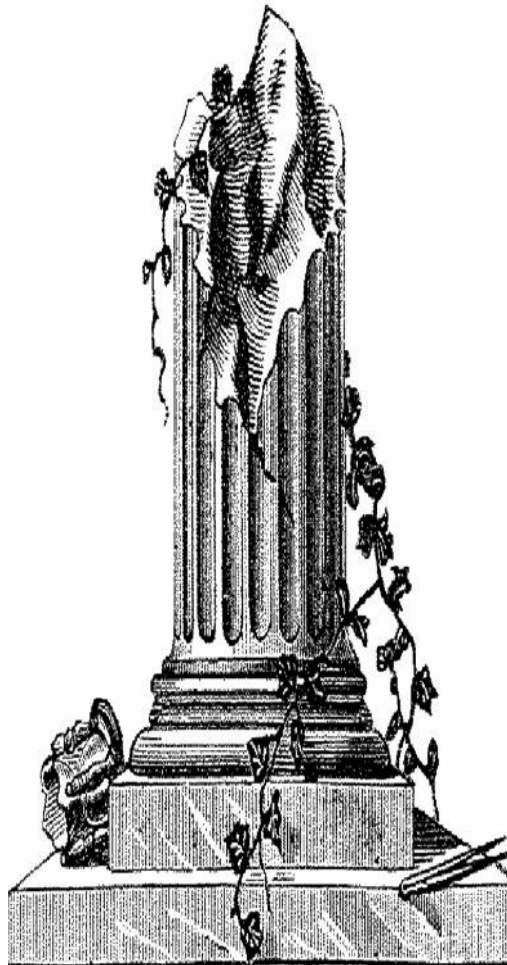
USSNJ #62 (@ Rising Sun/Haddonfield
Temple
November 9 Qualification Teams
(location TBA)

In Memorium



Brother Frank R. Adams
Raised 10-17-1958
Called from Labor
May 7th 2017

Brother Fred F. Logan
Raised 6-20-1975
Called from Labor
May 13th 2017



Building Fund Benefactors

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WB Frazier Alburger
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Bro. Marvin Thorn
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Bro. George E. Widing
Bro. Richard L. Wooster

**Thank you from
Worshipful Brother Gomen!**

2017 DUES NOTICE

Please note: Your dues for 2017 were due 12-31-2016. If you know or believe that you haven't paid dues for 2016 please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

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

Food for Thought

BROTHER - This word is one of the oldest, as it is one of the most beautiful, in any language. No-body knows where or when it originated, but it is certain that it existed in the Sanskrit, in a form strikingly similar to that used by us. In Greek it was phrater, in the Latin frater, whence our "fraternal" and "fraternalism." It has always meant men from the same parents, or men knit by very close blood ties.

When associated with "initiation, which has the general meaning of "being born into," one can see how appropriate is its use in Freemasonry. All of us have, through initiation in our "mother" Lodges, been born into a Masonry and therefore we are "brothers," and that which holds us together in one great family is the "Mystic Tie," the Masonic analogue of the blood tie among kinsmen.

WORSHIPFUL - The Anglo Saxon worth was something honorable, deserving of respect, a meaning that shows up in worth, the value of anything, also in worship, which is deference paid to some object or person of great importance. Worshipful describes something full of the qualities calling for such deference. It was used in medieval times of one's parents, officers of the state, prelates, etc., signifying that such persons were of high station or entitled to deferential respect. It is so used in Lodge when addressing the Lodge Masters as "Worshipful Master."

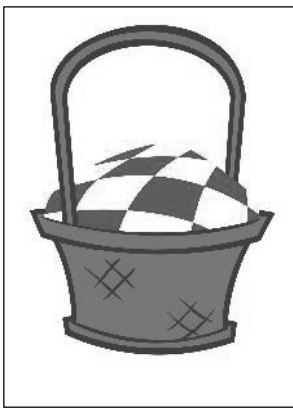
SUBLIME - Sublimis, in Latin, referred to something high, lofty, exalted, like a city set on top of a hill, or an eagle's nest atop some lonely crag. It refers to that which is eminent, of superlative degree, moral grandeur, spiritual exaltation. Inasmuch as the Third Degree is at the top of the system Craft Masonry, it is known as The Sublime Degree.

June Masonic Birthdays

Bro.	Walter C. Guetherman	1953	64
Bro.	Robert D. Goodwin	1956	61
Bro.	John R. Dougherty	1963	53
Bro.	Donald Hughes	1968	49
Bro.	Martin H. Nye	1968	49
Bro.	John L. Stoll	1976	41
Bro.	Kenneth A. Grabert	1978	39
Bro.	Robert H. Price	1978	39
W.B.	Robert E. Kunze Sr, PM	1979	38
Bro.	James C. Black	1979	38
Bro.	William J. Durham	1979	37
W.B.	Donald L. Keppen	1981	36
Bro.	John A. Schlitter, Sr.	1985	32
Bro.	Thomas J. Weldon	1986	31
W.B.	Raymond B. Kingett, PM	1990	27
Bro.	Daniel F. Crane	1990	27
Bro.	Donald L. Kingett	1990	27
W.B.	Jerry R. Barnish, PM	1990	27
Bro.	Gary R. Lehr	1991	26
Bro.	Joseph C. Marchiafava	1991	26
Bro.	William R. Terwilliger, Jr.	1991	26
Bro.	James B. Alspach	1993	24
Bro.	Leonard Zacamy	1994	23
Bro.	Richard A. Faunce	1994	23
W.B.	James A. Weisensee, PM	1995	22
Bro.	Michael W. Hoban	1997	20
Bro.	Gary J. Brown	2000	17
Bro.	William P. Quinn	2000	17
Bro.	William P. Buchanan, III	2002	15
Bro.	Michael J. Ramono	2005	11
Bro.	Ronald J. Scott	2009	8
Bro.	Timothy M. McElroy	2010	7
Bro.	Charles F. Stettler	2010	7
Bro.	Phillip M. Hatfield	2011	6
Bro.	John P. Banks	2013	4
Bro.	Gerard DiBona	2013	4

Happy Masonic Birthday from
Laurel Lodge # 237 F&A.M.





Come One Come All To the Annual Laurel Lodge Family Picnic

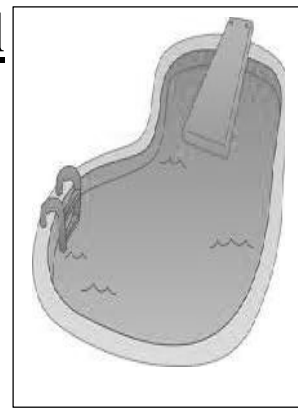
Saturday, July 22, 2017

12:00PM Until?

At the Alspach Homestead

493 Marshall Mill Road

Franklinville, New Jersey 08322



Reservations are required by Sunday 7/16.

\$5.00 per person donation suggested

For reservations call or send an e-mail to WB Robert Taylor at

856-834-3917 or Taylor89@comcast.net

Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert.

The Lodge will provide the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Beverages.

Bring your swimsuits and beach chairs

For directions call 856-694-4388

FACTS ABOUT OUR FIRST PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON

In the spring of 1755, a column of 2,100 British Regulars and 500 colonial militia commanded by Major General Edward Braddock, set out from Virginia to advance upon and take the French stronghold at Fort Duquesne. Braddock's column faced the daunting challenge of moving their men and material over the rough, densely wooded Allegheny Mountains.

George Washington accompanied Braddock's column as an aide-de-camp to the general. Washington, who knew the terrain well, was recovering from a terrible case of dysentery as Braddock's force reached the Monongahela River ten miles from Fort Duquesne. In a wooded ravine on the far side of the river, Braddock's leading force of 1,300 men was suddenly attacked and defeated by a smaller French and native force on July 9, 1755 at the Battle of Monongahela. During the attack, most of the senior British officers, including Gen. Edward Braddock were killed or severely wounded. With panic in the air, George Washington quickly rode into the fray and helped to reestablish some amount of order. During the savage fight, Washington had two horses shot out from underneath him and his coat was pierced by four musket balls. Washington's cool leadership helped many of the surviving soldiers to effectively escape the onslaught. Despite the British loss of 977 killed or wounded, Washington was lauded as the "hero of Monongahela" by Virginia Governor Robert Dinwiddie and was given the rank of colonel in command of the 1,200 man Virginia Regiment.



Is Proud to Honor ...

RW Albert L. Hann PJGD

60 Years a Mason!



**Please join us in honoring RW Brother Al Hann
as we present his 60 Year Pin
Dinner (\$10) 6:00 PM / Regular Communication after
FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017**

**RSVP to WM John Gomen (jakg1231@hotmail.com)
or Sect'y WB James Weisensee (laurelodge237@gmail.com)**

Richard Cadmus Memorial Masonic Wheelchair Meet

NJ MASONIC FRATERNITY

WITH

TRI STATE WHEELCHAIR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

**40th ANNUAL MASONIC WHEELCHAIR TRACK AND FIELD MEET
SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD AND SUNDAY JUNE 4TH, 2017**

*North Brunswick High School
98 Raider Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08920*

TIME: 8:00-8:30 AM each day for job assignments

*Any questions? See R.W. Andrew Jardine at the convention
or call Drew: (862) 684-1960*

***We need at least 90-100 volunteers per day!
Bring your family and friends!***

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP!!!!

**Coffee and buns
Free lunch
Free Masonic Track
Meet T-Shirt**

**One of the most
satisfying days
of Masonic service
for some very
exceptional athletes.**



Volunteer Services 2017

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

Masonic Home Address:
902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ

July 23rd October 22nd
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.

Did You Know?

You can access www.newjerseygrandlodge.org for information on our Brotherhood. On the left hand side of the home page click the members 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.

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



Candidate Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
	MM	11/3/15	MM exam	TBD
	MM	N/A	Ballot - Affiliation	TBD
	FC	9/18/15	MM	TBD
	EA	11/17/15	FC	TBD
	FC	2/17/17	MM	6/16/17
	FC	2/17/17	MM	6/16/17
	FC	4/7/17	MM	TBD
Mr.	N/A		EA	6/27/17
Mr.	N/A		EA	6/27/17
Mr.	N/A		EA	6/27/17
Mr.	N/A		EA	6/27/17

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.

PAST MASTERS** Deceased**# Dual Member*

1922 Albert C. Stack *	1974 Robert W. Bates, PSGD
1923 Harry A. Beck *	1975 Frederick W. Knox
1923 William S. Martin # *	1976 Leroy See *
1924 Arthur Scrimshaw *	1976 John J. Eitel # *
1925 Benjamin Forrest *	1977 Roy F. Gutshall, Jr. *
1926 Elmer F. Giffin *	1978 John R. Beetle
1927 Charles B. Giffin *	1979 Charles W. Bell
1928 John T. Reif *	1980 Benjamin H. Read, Jr. *
1929 Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1981 Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM
1930 Samuel G. Garrison, Jr. *	1982 Warren E. Rival, PGC *
1931 Charles P. Mills # *	1982 Ronald A. Rocco #
1932 William R. Cannon *	1983 Hugh C. Williams *
1933 Noah C. Bender *	1984 Walter C. Knett *
1934 F. Maurice Goodwin *	1984 Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *
1935 Michael Balent, Jr. *	1985 Frank A. Applegate, Sr. *
1936 Enos J. Jarvis *	1985 Henry Bubacz # *
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1949 Ralph E. Husted *	1994 Charles A. Castley, PDDGM #*
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1951 Ferdinand Herbst *	1996 Frazier R. Alburger
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1955 Harry M. Ireland *	1998 Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC
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1957 Albert C. Stack, Jr. *	1999 Frank M. Blizard, III #
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1959 George F. McCann *	2001 Robert F. DiOrio
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1965 Carl H. Gamp # *	2006 Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC
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1968 Robert E. Walsh, Jr. *	2009 Robert E. Kunze Sr.
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1972 Robert D. Rowand *	2013 Kevin D. Kloss
1973 Louis W. Bradley, PGT *	2014 James A. Weisensee
2015 Robert A. Taylor	2016 Gene G. Olson

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