

Worshipful Master's Message

What is Freemasonry? Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory. We are taught to admonish with friendship, judge with candor and reprehend with justice. We are taught to be of good character and to have strong morals in our thoughts and actions. To remember our obligations. To live a good and moral life. When we meet a brother to treat him with respect. To aid in his needs and the needs of his family. To be there for one another. It is important to admonish with friendship. To be accepting of a Brother and to be charitable to him. Judge with candor the quality of being open, honest and fair. Reprehend with Justice. It is easy to be harsh and critical of one another. Being a mason reminds us to be fair and kind. Life can be tough. We never truly know what someone is dealing with. We all have our own problems and situations. It is easy to be overwhelmed with our own problems that we forget someone else may be in distress. Masonry truly teaches us to think of our brothers needs before our own.

I always find it to be amazing how when I can aide or help someone in need, my own troubles seem to improve. The reality is being there for each other strengthens ourselves to be able to handle our own troubles.

What a great fraternity teaching us to be a better man by being there for each other.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, John P. Gomen Worshipful Master

Communications for March 2017

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

Friday, March 3rd, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Birthdays & Refreshments after Lodge

A Presentation is scheduled for this Evening:

“Gun Safety and Situational Awareness”

Presenter is Brother Brian Emmenecker

Friday, March 17th, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Birthdays & Refreshments after Lodge

A Presentation is scheduled for this Evening:

“Traveling By Degree”

Presenter is Right Worshipful Robert W. Hertneck

Sincerely and Fraternaly

John P. Gomen

Worshipful Master

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 March 3rd 7:45PM
Regular Business, Birthdays,
Presentation & Refreshments

Friday March 17th 7:45PM
Regular Business, Birthdays,
Presentation & Refreshments

Saturday, March 4th
Masonic Bowling Night
See announcement in this TB

Friday, March 10th
Ladies Night
See announcement in this TB

Saturday, March 18th
Chairman's Charity Ball

Tuesday, March 21st
Laurel Lodge Past Masters
Association Meeting
See announcement in this TB

Thursday April 20th
Grand Master's Installation

Thursday April 29th
Grand Master's Reception

Friday, May 19th
Brother Larry Golley Golf Memorial
See separate flyer in
March, April, May TB

DLI Schedule for 2017

March 8 Laurel #237

April 12 Lazarus #303 (@ Rising
Sun/Haddonfield Temple)

May 10 Mozart #121 (@ Audubon
Temple June 14

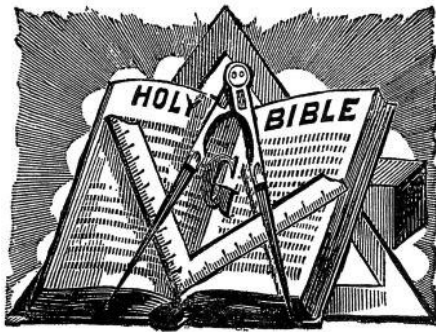
Merchantville #119 September 14

Rising Sun #15 October 12

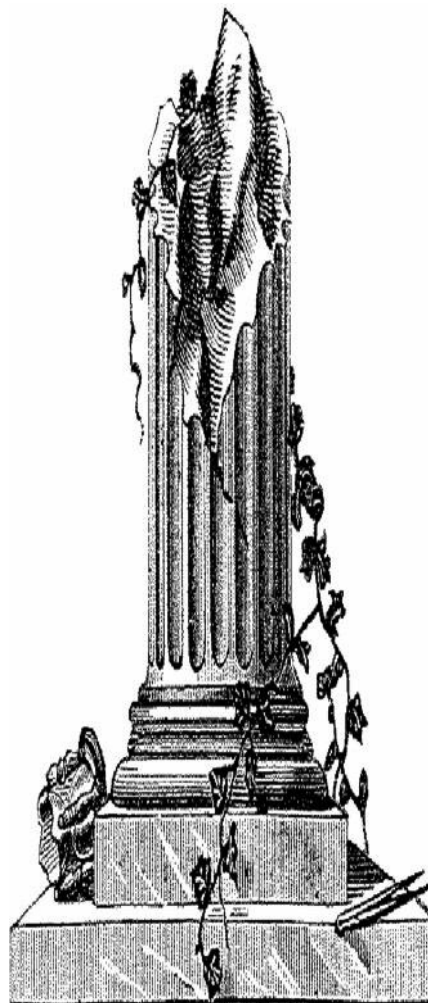
USSNJ #62 (@ Rising Sun/Haddonfield
Temple

November 9 Qualification Teams
(location TBA)

In Memorium



Brother Thomas Peters
Raised 9-17-1993
Called from Labor
2-2-2017



Building Fund Benefactors

Bro Joe Abiuso
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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**

St. Patrick's Life

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Christian missionary given credit with converting Ireland to Christianity in the AD 400s. So many legends surround his life that the truth is not easily found. St Patrick was not actually Irish. His exact birthplace and date is not known. However it is believed he was born around 375AD in Scotland. His parents were Calpornius and Conchessa, were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies.

His real name is believed to be Maewyn Succat and he took on the name Patrick upon becoming a priest.

As a teen he was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland to herd and tend sheep on Slemish Mountain, Co Antrim. During his six-year captivity, he became fluent in the Irish Language, he turned to God in prayer. He escaped after having a dream sent from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast where he would find a ship waiting to sail to Britain. He is believed to have met up with his parents in Wales before travelling to France where he became a priest and later a bishop.

Patrick was sent another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him to come and walk among them once more. He was set the task of teaching Christianity to the Irish. He travelled throughout Ireland, preaching the Gospel and converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Patrick preached and converted all over Ireland for 40 years. The date cited for when Ireland was converted to Christianity is 432.

There is much debate over when and where he died. It is believed he died on 17 March, 460 at Saul, Downpatrick. That is why Saint Patrick's day is celebrated on March 17th.

Some people suggest he was also born on 17 March. The clans of Ireland began to bicker over who should receive the honor of having his final resting-place on their land. To avoid this sacrilegious end to his life his friends secreted away his body to bury in a secret grave. Many believe this to be in Downpatrick, County Down, where there is a permanent memorial.



March Masonic Birthdays

Bro	David K Chew	1968	49
Bro	Marvin O Thorn	1974	43
Bro	Robert F McCann	1975	42
Bro	Edward P Graham Jr.	1976	39
Bro	Richard L Busch	1980	37
Bro	Charles R Fieger	1980	37
Bro	Norman R Holloway, Jr	1980	37
Bro	Charles F Williams	1980	37
Bro	Carl J Obermeier	1981	36
Bro	Robert G Banský	1982	35
Bro	William F Campbell	1982	35
Bro	Steven H Holloway	1982	35
RW	Dale A Lynch Jr. PDDGM	1986	31
DB	Thomas J Kane	1992	25
Bro	Gary N Moore, Sr	1992	25
WB	Eugene O Bathurst, PM	1998	19
Bro	Michael A Mascioli	1998	19
Bro	William C Zeoli, III	2002	15
Bro	William F Anderson	2005	12
Bro	John F Beetle	2005	12
Bro	Barclay M Champion	2005	12
Bro	Kenneth J Cheesman	2005	12
Bro	Joel H Gallardo	2005	12
Bro	Robert Hankins	2005	12
Bro	Robert T Harrell Jr.	2005	12
Bro	Ronald H Knott	2005	12
RW	Brian J Read, PM JGS	2005	12
Bro	Thomas A Williams Jr.	2005	12
Bro	Paul J Nieczpiel	2007	10
Bro	Ronald S Shute	2007	10
Bro	Victor M Bianco Jr.	2007	10
Bro	William E Richard, Jr.	2009	7
Bro	Alfred J Dandurand	2012	5
Bro	Daniel F Deppen	2012	5
Bro	James W Gicker	2012	5
Bro	Russell J Heath	2012	5
Bro	Seth A Malcolm	2012	5
Bro	Jason P Procaccino	2012	5
Bro	Carl T Springle	2012	5
Bro	Michael R Thomas	2012	5
Bro	Anthony J DiNatale	2013	4
Bro	Dennis P Deal	2013	4
Bro	Joseph M DiVentura	2013	4
Bro	Wilfredo S Halina	2013	4
Bro	Scott P Vicari	2013	4
Bro	Ross A Chase	2014	3
Bro	Michael J Daisey Jr.	2014	3
Bro	William J Gahagan	2014	3
Bro	Julian P Bable	2015	2
Bro	Steven J Brooks	2015	2
Bro	Bryan J Emenecker	2015	2
Bro	Eugene R Emenecker	2015	2

Laurel Lodge and Black Horse Square Club Ladies Night 2017

Lucien's Manor 81 West White Horse Pike Berlin, NJ 08009

Friday, March 10, 2017 - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Cocktails 6:00pm with Cash Bar and Hors d'oeuvres

Dinner 7pm with DJ Dance 8pm and Gifts for the Ladies **\$70.00 per couple**

You and your lady are cordially invited to attend our annual **"Ladies Night"**. This is a most enjoyable evening and it offers us an opportunity to show our ladies how much we appreciate them. This is an Open Affair. Feel free to invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Group seating can be arranged. Please RSVP to: WB Robert A. Taylor, PM
30 Indian Birch Rd. Turnersville, NJ 08012 (856-834-3917 or Taylor89@comcast.net)

\$70.00 per couple: Make checks payable to Laurel Lodge #237

Name: _____ No. Attending: _____

Please make a menu selection:

Prime Rib of Beef _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Stuffed Flounder _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____



Masonic Family Bowling Night

Saturday, March 4th 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 of 6 can be made – Reservations are helpful



The Grand Lodge



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To: All Lodges

In the event of the election of Right Worshipful Dieter B. Hees as Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey at the 230th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge on April 20, 2017, the Brethren, their ladies and friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following:

GRAND MASTER'S OPEN INSTALLATION

Thursday, April 20, 2017
Bally's Atlantic City – Convention Room
1900 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ
2:00 P.M.

GRAND MASTER'S OPEN RECEPTION

Saturday, April 29, 2017
Masonic Fellowship Center
1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ
3:00 P.M. - Church Service at the Masonic Home Chapel
4:00 P.M. - Social Hour 5:00 P.M. - Dinner 6:30 P.M. - Reception
\$65.00 per person

Admission to the reception is by advance reservation only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations must be made by **April 15, 2017**. For those attending the installation only, there is no charge and no reservations are necessary; however we request that you contact the Grand Marshal, Keith Herman, with your intention to attend at kaherman@msn.com

Please make checks payable to **Sunrise Lodge No. 288** and mail to:
R.W. Arnold "Butch" Elliott
38 Main Street, Flanders, NJ 07836
(C): 201-390-3415 Email: butch0012@gmail.com

Please mail the completed slip below with your check:

GRAND MASTER'S OPEN INSTALLATION and RECEPTION

Name: _____ Title: _____

Lodge: _____ District _____ # Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Guest(s) Name (If Applicable): _____

Volunteer Services 2017

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

Masonic Home Address:

902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ

April 23rd

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

75/40 Members

Laurel Lodge continues to value and Honor our 75/40 members by not requiring Lodge dues payments. In order to preserve our lodge's financial stability, we are requesting that if you are able, and it will cause you any undue hardship, to pay only the Grand Lodge assessment of \$44.50. This is voluntary on your part, but will help our Lodge meet its financial responsibilities.

Girl Scout Cookies

A Big Thank from Girl Scout Troop #61678 goes out to all Brethren who purchased Girl Scout Cookies on February 17TH.

For All Past Masters

A Spring Meeting of the Laurel Lodge Past Masters Association will take place on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Filomena Italian Restaurant, Blackwood-Clementon Rd, Blackwood. Social hour 6:30, Dinner 7:30, meeting to follow. For reservations contact MW Joe Rival, Secretary/ Treasurer at 609-922-4736 or gm-2010@comcast.net or in person. Thanks, Joe

Candidate Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
	MM	10/2/15	MM exam	TBD
	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
	EA	6/5/15	FC	TBD
	FC	2/17/17	MM	TBD
	FC	2/17/17	MM	TBD
	EA	10/21/16	FC	TBD

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

<i>* Deceased</i>	<i># Dual Member</i>
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 # *
1937 Robert F. Ranken *	1986 Wilfred E. Wilson *
1938 John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1986 Donald L. Keppen Sr.
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.
1942 B. Franklin Cope *	1990 Donald C. Lever, PSGS *
1943 Fred Humphrey *	1991 Stewart D. Walsh *
1944 Charles. S. Schenick *	1991 Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *
1945 Ora L. Wooster, Sr. *	1992 George W. Stott, Jr. *
1946 Carl C. Caldwell *	1992 Harry H. Wible # *
1947 Benjamin A. Glatz *	1993 Dale A. Lynch, Jr., PDDGM
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.
1951 Ferdinand Herbst *	1996 Frazier R. Alburger
1952 Charles Mannice *	1996 James E. Miller, PGC #
1953 Robert C. Osborne, PGC*	1997 Raymond B. Kingett
1954 Earl B. Hallowell *	1997 Jerry R. Barnish #
1955 Harry M. Ireland *	1998 Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC
1956 John M. Fisher, Jr. *	1999 Scott D. Cianci
1957 Albert C. Stack, Jr. *	1999 Frank M. Blizard, III #
1958 Whitney H. Myers *	2000 Paul E. Burkhardt
1959 George F. McCann *	2001 Robert F. DiOrio
1960 Harold T. Wolf*	2001 Donald. C. Sharp Sr. #
1961 John P. Steffan*	2002 Leonard M March, PDDGM
1962 Harold H. Croom*	2002 Craig J. Woodruff #
1963 Charles F. Yost *	2003 Eugene J. Applegate
1964 Charles W. Engler, Jr. *	2004 Eugene O. Bathurst
1965 Daniel A. Mullen, III *	2005 Juan A. Caraballo, Jr
1965 Carl H. Gamp # *	2006 Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC
1966 Albert L. Hann , PJGD	2007 Richard J. McCunney, II
1967 Henry Baumert *	2008 Michael E. Owsiak
1968 Robert E. Walsh, Jr.*	2009 Robert E. Kunze Sr.
1969 George E. Carpenter *	2010 Craig R. Thorpe
1970 Henry Sannipolli, PDDGM *	2011 Brian J. Read PJGS
1971 Leonard O. Beebe *	2012 Bernard J. Madgey V DRI
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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MW David A. Dorworth, Grand Master 2013
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