



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*

***March
2018***

Communications for March 2018

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

Friday March 2nd 7:45PM

**Enjoy Masonic Light with a Ballot, Birthdays, Brotherhood,
Regular Business & Refreshments after Lodge.**

A video will be shown on Pythagoras.

A Ballot for Dual Membership for

Friday March 16th 7:45PM

**Enjoy Masonic Light with a Ballot, Birthdays, Brotherhood,
Regular Business and Refreshments.**

**A Ballot for Initiation and Membership for the following
three candidates:**

*By Order of
WB Joseph Abiuso
Worshipful Master*

*Attest
WB James A. Weisensee, PM
Secretary*

Worshipful Masters Message

Brethren, what is a cable tow?

The cable tow according to ancient laws of Freemasonry and in our obligation states that every Brother must attend his Lodge if he is “within the length of his cable tow.” In ancient times, the length of a cable tow has been said to be three miles for an Entered Apprentice.

But I believe the expression means the scope of a man's reasonable ability. I believe the true meaning of the cable tow is the length of sacrifice you are willing to make on behalf of your Brethren, your Lodge and yourself, not the length of miles or distance. We do it not only because we made a commitment and obligation to the craft and ourselves, but it is done by the heart.

The cable tow is not, and should never be used as an instrument of control, other than in our ritual. Rather it draws us, to shape us through human touch and its moral nobility. By the same power it wins obedience and gives guidance and direction in our lives. Masonic vows are not empty obligations - they are vows in which a man pledges his life and his sacred honor.

The cable tow also has 2 ends which symbolizes that, as we are connected to the Lodge, so to then is the Lodge connected to us. One cannot survive without the other.

Commitment, obligation, sacrifice, morals, obedience, honor. These are some of the things that separate us as Masons from the rest of the world. This is why there is no contention in our Brotherhood. Spreading our Light will hopefully make the world a better place for all, even if it is only one man at a time.

We all took an oath that include the duties we owe to God, our country, our neighbor and ourselves. Therefore, we owe it to ourselves to understand the sublime teachings of Freemasonry. By such means alone can we hope to attain perfection and hopefully qualify to become a stone in "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

**Sincerely and Fraternaly
Joseph Abiuso
Worshipful Master**

March Masonic Birthdays

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Bro David K. Chew | 50 | 1968 |
| Bro Marvin O Thorn | 44 | 1974 |
| Bro Robert F. McCann | 43 | 1975 |
| Bro Richard L Busch | 38 | 1980 |
| Bro Charles R Fieger | 38 | 1980 |
| Bro Norman R Holloway, Jr | 38 | 1980 |
| Bro Charles F Williams | 38 | 1980 |
| Bro Carl J Obermeier | 37 | 1981 |
| Bro Robert G Bansky | 36 | 1982 |
| Bro William F Campbell | 36 | 1982 |
| Bro Steven H Holloway | 36 | 1982 |
| RW Dale A Lynch Jr. PDDGM | 32 | 1986 |
| Bro Gary N Moore, Sr. | 26 | 1992 |
| WB Eugene O Bathurst, PM | 20 | 1998 |
| Bro Michael A Mascioli | 20 | 1998 |
| Bro William C Zeoli, III | 16 | 2002 |
| Bro William F Anderson | 13 | 2005 |
| Bro John F Beetle | 13 | 2005 |
| Bro Barclay M Campion | 13 | 2005 |
| Bro Kenneth J Cheesman | 13 | 2005 |
| Bro Joel H Gallardo | 13 | 2005 |
| Bro Robert Hankins | 13 | 2005 |
| Bro Robert T Harrell, Jr | 13 | 2005 |
| Bro Ronald H Knott | 13 | 2005 |
| RW Brian J Read, PM PJGS | 13 | 2005 |
| Bro Thomas A Williams | 13 | 2005 |
| Bro Paul J Nieczpiel | 11 | 2007 |
| Bro Ronald S Shute | 11 | 2007 |
| Bro Victor M Bianco Jr. | 11 | 2007 |
| Bro William E Richard, Jr. | 9 | 2009 |
| Bro Alfred J Dandurand | 6 | 2012 |
| Bro Daniel F Deppen | 6 | 2012 |
| Bro James W Gicker | 6 | 2012 |

March Masonic Birthdays

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| Bro Russell J Heath | 6 | 2012 |
| Bro Seth A Malcolm | 6 | 2012 |
| Bro Jason P Procaccino | 6 | 2012 |
| Bro Carl T Springle | 6 | 2012 |
| Bro Michael R Thomas | 6 | 2012 |
| Bro Anthony J DiNatale | 5 | 2013 |
| Bro Dennis P Deal | 5 | 2013 |
| Bro Joseph M DiVentura | 5 | 2013 |
| Bro Wilfredo S Halina | 5 | 2013 |
| Bro Scott P Vicari | 5 | 2013 |
| Bro Ross A Chase | 4 | 2014 |
| Bro William J Gahagan | 4 | 2014 |
| Bro Julian P Bable | 3 | 2015 |
| Bro Steven J Brooks | 3 | 2015 |
| Bro Bryan J Emenecker | 3 | 2015 |
| Bro Eugene R Emenecker | 3 | 2015 |
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18 Masonic District Official Visits

Remaining Official Visits

Audubon Parkside Lodge #218 March 2nd

Mozart Lodge #121 March 6th

USS NJ Lodge March 19th

Building Fund Benefactors 2018

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| WB Joseph Abiuso | WB Gene Olson |
| WB Frazier Alburger | Bro. Robert J. Powell |
| Bro. James Alspach, Sr. | WB Ronald A. Rocco |
| DB Richard Alspach | Bro. Bill Roche` |
| WB Eugene Applegate | Bro. Todd M. Simon |
| Bro. Joseph A. Armstrong | Bro. Donald C. Springle |
| Bro. William P. Buchanan | Bro. John L. Stoll |
| Bro. Richard L. Busch | Bro. Michael J. Tavani, Sr. |
| Bro. Barclay Champion | Bro. William R. Terwilliger, Jr. |
| Bro. William F. Campbell | Bro. Marvin O. Thorn |
| RW Chester H Clark | WB James A. Weisensee |
| Bro. Kenneth W. Cashin | Bro. Charles D. McMaster |
| Bro. Anthony J. Centritto | |
| Bro. Joseph A. Cruz III | |
| Bro. Alfred J. Dandurand | |
| Bro. Frank A. DeLucca | |
| WB Robert F. DiOrio | |
| Bro. Richard Faunce | |
| Bro. Charles R. Fieger | |
| Bro. Derek J. Freyberger | |
| WB John P. Gomen | |
| Bro. Richard A. Greiner | |
| Bro. Wilfredo S. Halina | |
| Bro. Robert Harrell, Jr. | |
| Bro. Ronald S. Head | |
| Bro. Donald Hughes | |
| Bro. Lloyd H. Jones | |
| WB Robert E. Kunze Sr | |
| Bro. Anthony A. Lafferty | |
| Bro. Murray Lightman | |
| Bro. Fred J. Maiden, Jr. | |
| WB Richard J. McCunney II | |

Masonic Family Bowling Night

Saturday, March 3rd 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

Ladies Night Saturday April 21st

The Black Horse Square Club, Laurel Lodge

#237, Merchantville Lodge #119 & Mozart

Lodge #121 proudly present our Annual Ladies

Night at Pennsauken Country Club.

Time: 7PM to 11PM

Cocktail Hour 7PM and Dinner at 8PM

\$50 Per Person with Open Bar

Disc Jockey and Karaoke

Includes Hors D'oeuvres Caesar Salad

Filet Mignon Broiled, Jumbo Crab Cakes &

Chicken Francaise

Reservation Requirements

RSVP by Friday April 13th 2018

To WB Robert Taylor Taylor89@comcast.net

Pennsauken Country Club address is 3800 Haddonfield

Road Pennsauken

| <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. Blizard 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 * | |

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| 18th Masonic District – District Lodge of Instruction Dates |
| Laurel Lodge #237 March 14th |
| Lazarus Lodge #303 April 11th |
| Merchantville Lodge #119 May 9th |
| Mozart Lodge #121 June 13th |
| Rising Sun Lodge #15 September 12th |
| USS NJ Lodge October 10th |
| Qualifications Teams November TBD |
| Masters & Wardens @6:45PM |
| DLI Opening @7:30PM |

ATTENTION BRETHREN

**The Annual Grand Lodge Communication is
scheduled for Wednesday and
Thursday April 11th and 12th.
(Angelo's Wednesday Night)**

Wednesday, April 11th - Thursday, April 12th

Bally's Atlantic City Resort

**Call 888-516-2215 (8am-2am EST seven days a week) or click link
below to register.**

**Use booking code SB04GL8 or "Grand Lodge of New Jersey" for
discounted Group Rate.**

**\$69.00 per night, \$20 per-night resort fee, plus all taxes.
Code is good for Rooms from Monday to Friday April 9 to 13, 2018.
OFFER EXPIRES March 31st.**

**For additional details please refer to the 2018 Spring
Edition of the New Jersey Freemason Magazine.**

Candidate Status

| NAME | STATUS | LAST DATE | NEXT STATUS | NEXT DATE |
|------|--------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | MM | TBD | MM EXAM | March |
| | FC | 11/27/17 | MM | May |
| | FC | 11/27/17 | MM | May |
| | FC | 11/27/17 | MM | May |
| | EA | 11/3/17 | FC | April |
| | EA | 1/19/18 | FC | April |
| | EA | 1/19/18 | FC | April |
| | EA | 1/19/18 | FC | April |
| | Mr. | N/A | Investigation Committee | TBD |
| | Mr. | N/A | Investigation Committee | March |
| | Mr. | N/A | Investigation Committee | March |
| | Mr. | N/A | Investigation Committee | March |

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.

Volunteer Cooks Needed

Brethren, our Lodge is in need of a few cooks for our Lodge Meetings. If you're interested in cooking a meal or two for an evening please let Worshipful Brother Abiuso know that you're interested. Those Brethren who volunteer their cooking talent will be eligible for waiver of annual dues for the next Masonic Year! A drawing will be held based upon those Brethren who volunteered their services. Now that's what I call Incentive!

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 25th June 24th

September 23rd December 23rd

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

**Bro Joseph Abiuso – Jennifer
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Senior Warden

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Junior Warden

**Bro Ed Bohi – Martha
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Treasurer

**MW Joseph H. Rival, Jr., PGM – Judith
333 Francis Ave. Chesilhurst, NJ 08089
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Secretary

**WB James A. Weisensee PM – Cathy
24 Bells Lake Dr. Turnersville, NJ 08012
856-227-1699 - LAURELLODGE237@GMAIL.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 ***

Here ye! Here Ye! Here Ye!

**Please free to bring Libations for Refreshment after Lodge!
Remember Brethren, all in Moderation**

Officer Line Continued

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| <u>Senior Deacon</u> | Bro Charles Heimerl 856-343-8637 |
| <u>Junior Deacon</u> | Bro Don L. Keppen Jr – 856-371-8675 |
| <u>S.M. of Ceremonies</u> | Bro Casey Huston – 856-627-0094 |
| <u>J.M. of Ceremonies</u> | Bro Ross A. Chase - 856-503-7677 |
| <u>Senior Steward</u> | Bro Walter Romer – 856-655-3995 |
| <u>Junior Steward</u> | Bro Keith Watermasyk – 609-317-1336 |
| <u>Marshal</u> | DB Robert S. Outlaw - 609-471-2869 |
| <u>Chaplain</u> | Bro. Julian Babel – 301-938-2124 |
| <u>Tyler</u> | Bro William F. Anderson - 856-547-0453 |
| <u>Historian</u> | RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD - 856-845-6951 |
| <u>Proxy</u> | Bro Charles Heimerl IV – 856-343-8637 |
| <u>Director of Ritual</u> | RW Brian J. Read PJGS & WB Bob Kunze |
| <u>Webmaster</u> | DB Raymond T. McManus - 856-346-9150 |
| <u>Dir. Of Craftsmen</u> | Brother William Gahagan 609-313-0924 |
| <u>Entertainment</u> | WB James A Weisensee WB Robert A. Taylor |
| <u>Sick and Visiting</u> | RW Albert L. Hann ,PJGD, PM 856-845-6951 RW Bernard J. Madgey, V, DRI, PM 856-470-7609 |
| <u>Auditing, Budget & Finance</u> | RW James E. Miller, PGC and Bro Gerard DiBona |
| <u>Blood Bank Chairman</u> | DB Robert S. Outlaw - 856-471-2869 |
| <u>Photographer</u> | Bro William Roche` - 609-314-0505 |
| <u>Masonic Education</u> | RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD, RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, RW Bernard J. Madgey V DRI |
| <u>Advisor to Officers</u> | RW Albert L. Hann , PJGD |
| <u>Refreshments</u> | By Committee |
| <u>Funeral Coordinator</u> | RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD 856-845-6951 |
| <u>Building Trustees</u> | 3 Year RW Bernard J. Madgey, V, DRI, PM 3 Year WB John P. Gomen, PM |
| <u>Building Trustees</u> | 2 Year Bro John C Read & WB Gene G Olson PM |
| <u>Building Trustees</u> | 1 Year DB Raymond T McManus & WB Robert Taylor, PM |
| <u>Financial Trustees</u> | 3 Year RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, PM |
| <u>Financial Trustees</u> | 2 Year Bro Scott Slimm Officer at Large |
| <u>Financial Trustees</u> | 1 Year Bro Bill Anderson |
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| Grand Master | M.W. Dieter B. Hees, Grand Master 100 Barrack Street Trenton NJ 08602-2008 |
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| District Deputy Grand Master | Right Worshipful Robert W. Hertneck Jr. 95 Stacey Haines Rd. Lumberton NJ 08048 609-257-3359 / 609-509-1947 E-Mail rhertneck@comcast.net |
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| District Ritual Instructor | Right Worshipful Bernard J Madgey V 7 Lake Villa Drive Voorhees, NJ 08043 856-470-7609 – budmadgey@aol.com |

DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS

DB Richard P. Alspach, DB Raymond T. McManus,
DB Robert Outlaw Thomas J. Kane * DB John M. McDowell*

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. Pepler, 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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