

**May
2018**

*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 May 2018

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

Friday May 4th 7:45PM

**Enjoy Masonic Light with Birthdays, Brotherhood, a Fellow
Craft Examination for eligible Brethren, Regular Business
& Refreshments after Lodge.**

Friday May 18th 7:45PM

**Enjoy Masonic Light with Birthdays, Brotherhood, a Master
Mason Degree, Regular Business and Refreshments
before Lodge.**

**The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon the
Following Candidates:**

**This Master Mason Degree will be old school, done
by candlelight.**

Saturday May 19th 8AM

**Workday at Laurel Lodge by Order of the
Worshipful Master. Brethren, if your Cable Tow
permits please help with the general maintenance of
your Lodge.**

By Order of
WB Joseph Abiuso
Worshipful Master

Attest
WB James A. Weisensee, PM
Secretary

Worshipful Masters Message

Greetings Brethren,

Lately I've been asked a certain question over and over again. "Why are our meetings not better attended?" One can only guess but I believe the problem is two-fold. First issue I believe is largely a lack of appreciation of the Lodge workings. Others may feel a lack of interest or dare I say boredom? If the latter is the case then I believe you haven't been able to see Freemasonry and unfortunately may still be in darkness. Close your eyes and open your mind and heart and you will see. The lodge room, the ceremonies, signs, symbols and legends are the same, yet every time they are seen and heard there is a beauty about them, a very newness, which if we will only look for, we will surely find.

Second, we often fail to appreciate the social side of Freemasonry and that is a cause for lack of interest. Installation night, Ladies night, libations & comradery after Lodge, annual Grand Lodge dinner, traveling, Black Horse Square Club, bowling night, our annual picnic, cigar night, movie night, Gold Token night, golf outings, and the list goes on. These are all great social events to attend and enjoy Masonry and your Brothers outside the Lodge room. I believe we all can learn a lot from the seasoned Mason to the newly raised Brothers. If we take the combination of lodge work, and lodge sociability, we now have elements of interest and pleasure that should be attractive to everyone.

Brethren, I implore you all to take advantage of your Lodge and all the Masonic social events available to you so that you may enjoy and appreciate your Fraternity and gain further knowledge in Masonry all while having a great time.

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity”

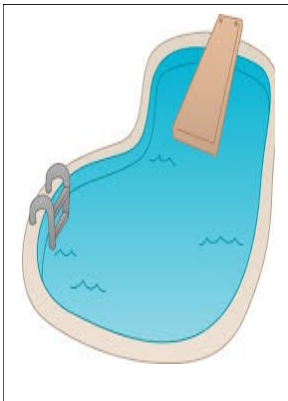
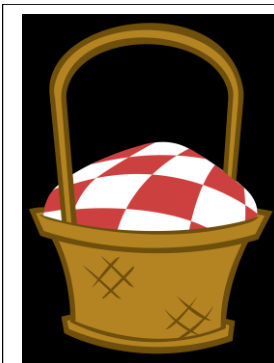
“An Educated Mason is a Dedicated Mason, and a Dedicated Mason will ensure the perpetuation of our Fraternity.”

**Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Joseph Abiuso
Worshipful Master**

**Come One Come All To the Annual
Laurel Lodge Family Picnic
Saturday July 21st**

**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**



Brethren,

I would like to put together a referral list for any Brother who wishes to participate. This is a Brother helping a Brother list. The purpose of this is if someone needs a specific service, they can refer to this list and see if there are any Brothers in our Lodge that may be able to provide such a service for them. You can also use it to refer a friend or neighbor to a Brother.

With that said, I'd like to reach out to our operative Brothers who are handymen, self employed, skilled workers, hobbyist or anyone having a specialty working with tools or implements of any kind. Carpenters, painters, mechanics, HVAC, electricians, I.T. person or anyone else who has a service to offer.

If you would like to add your name to this list, please send all your info to me at j.abiuso888@gmail.com

S&F

Joseph Abiuso WM



Joke Corner

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away.

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name.

I got fired from my job as a taxi driver. It turns out my customers didn't like it when I tried to go the extra mile.

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

A boss announces to his staff: "I've lost a wallet with 500 dollars, if you find it, I'm offering a 100 dollars finder's fee!" A voice in the background says: "I'm offering 200!"

Thank you from Laurel Lodge 237

Worshipful Brother Abiuso thanks everyone who attended our Annual Ladies Night on April 21st at Pennsuaken Country Club.

It was an enjoyable evening with good food, dancing, music and karaoke. Two lucky folks won the 50/50 for \$195.00 each.

One Brother from Merchantville Lodge sung the Billy Joel classic "Piano Man" Karaoke. What a performance!

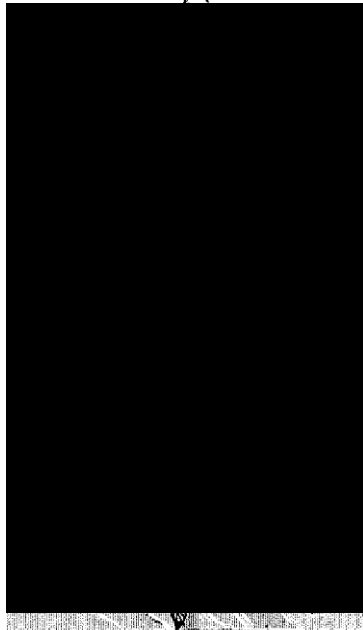
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In Memorium



Brother Ronald H. Knott
Raised 3-19-2005
Called from Labor
4-15-2018



<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 DDGM
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 *	2017 Scott Vicari #
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 *	

18th Masonic District – District Lodge of Instruction Dates

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

Sick and Visiting Report

Brethren, please keep these Brethren and Family Members in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Senior Warden Brother Bill Roche

**Brother Donald Springle
60 Year Member of Laurel Lodge**

**To the Family of recently
Deceased Brother Ronald H. Knott**



Candidate Status

NAME	STATUS	LAST DATE	NEXT STATUS	NEXT DATE
	FC	11/27/17	MM	May
	FC	11/27/17	MM	May
	FC	11/27/17	MM	May
	FC	4/20/18	MM	TBD
	FC	4/20/18	MM	TBD
	FC	4/20/18	MM	TBD
	FC	4/20/18	MM	TBD
	Mr.	N/A	Investigation Committee	TBD
	Mr.	Ballot 3/16/18	EA	TBD
	Mr.	Ballot 3/16/18	EA	TBD
	Mr.	Ballot 4/20/18	EA	TBD
	Mr.	Petition Read	Investigation Committee	TBD
	Mr.	Petition Read	Investigation Committee	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.

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

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

**Bro William Roche – Patricia
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609-314-0505 – wshay62@comcast.net**

Junior Warden

**Bro Ed Bohi – Martha
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609-410-6422 – reeltherapy35@aol.com**

Treasurer

**MW Joseph H. Rival, Jr., PGM – Judith
333 Francis Ave. Chesilhurst, NJ 08089
856-768-0312 - GM-NJ2010@COMCAST.NET**

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

<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 Watermasysk – 609-617-1336
<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, DDGM, 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 DDGM
<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, DDGM, 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

Grand Master	M.W. Roger B. Quintana, Grand Master 100 Barrack Street Trenton NJ 08602-2008
District Deputy Grand Master	RW Bernard J. Madgey V DDGM 7 Lake Villa Drive Voorhees, NJ 08043 856-470-7609 – budmadgey@aol.com
District Ritual Instructor	RW Keith Herman DRI 609-440-2217

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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