

Worshipful Master's Message

Have you ever paused to consider what your Masonic membership is worth to you- not in dollars, but in the things that dollars cannot buy? Was there ever a passport into more wonderful friendships than that represented by your membership in Masonry? Has the thought occurred to you that you extend your hand in fellowship and understanding, and it is received not by a limited group, but by millions?

Do we give thought to the strength and inspiration that we receive from the lessons of Masonry, and how those lessons enrich our lives, and broaden our vision? Yes, they even make possible an education, the like of which is not possible through any other course of instruction.

Have you ever thought how Masonry makes you tolerant of the other fellow's faults and weaknesses because Love has brought Wisdom from the Great Light of Freemasonry?

Have you ever thought of the privileges of service that Masonry offers- the happiness derived from such service and sacrifice?

When we entered the portals of Masonry we had certain qualifications necessary to become a Mason, but do we take stock of ourselves and find that we have grown spiritually and mentally over years that we have worked in Masonry?

Have you ever looked upon the face of a brother who is about to receive a button for 50 years of service to Masonry? What do you suppose Masonry has meant to that brother?

Let us take our Masonic membership to our heart. Let us thank God for the privilege of our Masonic membership.

As we continue to improve ourselves in Masonry, we are indeed improving life. We know from history that without ideals to guide us, the garden of a man's life will not grow into a place of beauty.
Stanley F. Maxwell, reprinted from "The Masonic Trowel"

I would like to congratulate and acknowledge the following Brethren for their many years of service to the fraternity;

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| Brother William Oliveria | 50 years |
| Brother Richard P. Alspach | 50 years |
| Brother George P. Walmsley, Jr. | 50 years |
| Brother David A. Schmitt | 55 years |
| Brother Robert D. Goodwin | 60 years |

Communications for November 2016

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

Friday, November 4th, 7:45 PM

Service Pin Night, Regular Business, Birthdays & Refreshments after Lodge

Friday, November 18th 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Nominations, Birthdays & Refreshments after Lodge

Sincerely and Fraternally

Gene G. Olson

Worshipful Master

By Order of
WM Gene G. Olson
Worshipful Master

Attest
WB James Weisensee, PM
Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Officers Rehearsal at Lodge

Friday November 4th 7:45PM
Service Pin Night, Regular Business,
Birthdays & Refreshments

Friday November 18th 7:45PM
Regular Business, Nominations,
Birthdays & Refreshments

Saturday December 10th
2:00PM

Children's Christmas Party
See announcement in this trestleboard

Saturday December 17th
Open Installation and
Installation Dinner
See announcement in this trestleboard

Service Pin Night

Brethren, please come to
Lodge Friday November
4th 7:45PM

Our Worshipful Master
will be presenting Service
Pins to eligible Brethren
for their dedicated service
to Freemasonry.



Quotes to Think About

God hides some ideal in every human soul. At some time in our life we feel a trembling, fearful longing to do some good thing. Life finds its noblest spring of excellence in this hidden impulse to do our best. -Robert Collyer

"It is most reverently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." -George Washington

Courage is the first of human qualities, because it is the quality which guarantees all the others. -Winston Churchill

Brethren,

A carpet cleaning service recently cleaned carpets and the chairs in the Lodge Room.

Please be careful with food and drink especially downstairs while dining.

Thank you.

Building Fund Benefactors

Bro. Joseph Abiuso
Bro. Leonard Albig
Bro. James Alspach
DB Richard P. Alspach
WB Eugene J. Applegate
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Bro. Robert R. Brittain
Bro. Richard L. Busch
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Bro. Jeffrey Williams
Bro. Richard L. Wooster

2016 DUES NOTICE

Please note: Your dues for 2016 were due 12-31-2015. If you know or believe that you haven't paid dues for 2015 please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

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

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

PS: It's better to be proactive than reactive.

WHY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY BECAME A MASON

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happen to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?"
"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?" "Well" said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, if that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

November Masonic Birthdays

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| Bro Albert F Pierce | 1959 | 57 |
| RW Robert W. Bates | 1960 | 56 |
| WB Edwin W. Griffiths Jr. PM | 1962 | 54 |
| Bro Fred J. Maiden Jr. | 1962 | 54 |
| Bro Alfred W. Strater | 1962 | 53 |
| DB Richard P. Alspach | 1966 | 50 |
| WB Frederick W. Knox | 1967 | 49 |
| Bro Robert F. Brittain | 1970 | 46 |
| MW Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM | 1971 | 45 |
| MW William H. Sackett, PGM | 1971 | 45 |
| Bro Arthur J. Marsh | 1981 | 35 |
| RW James E. Miller, PGC | 1983 | 33 |
| DB Raymond T. McManus | 1990 | 26 |
| Bro Michael J. Tuno | 1990 | 26 |
| WB Paul E. Burkhardt, PM | 1992 | 24 |
| Bro William R. Donnelly | 1998 | 18 |
| RW Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC | 1998 | 18 |
| WB Richard J. McCunney, II, PM | 2000 | 16 |
| WB Micheal E. Owsiak, PM | 2000 | 16 |
| Bro Kenneth B. Treger | 2000 | 16 |
| Bro Evan P Graham | 2005 | 11 |
| Bro Joseph A Janney | 2007 | 9 |
| Bro Kevin A McElroy | 2007 | 9 |
| Bro Kenneth L. Rutter, III | 2007 | 9 |
| Bro Robert P. Scapicchio | 2007 | 9 |
| Bro Joseph Abiuso | 2009 | 7 |
| Bro Richard A. Greiner | 2009 | 7 |
| Bro Ronald S. Head | 2009 | 7 |
| Bro John A. Delabo | 2012 | 4 |
| Bro Richard S. Hessart, Jr. | 2012 | 4 |
| Bro James A. Drexel | 2015 | 1 |

Happy Masonic Birthday from Laurel Lodge!

Brethren,

Do not forget your Masonic Birthday. Visit lodge this month, enjoy Brotherhood, Refreshment's and the Worshipful Master will present Masonic Birthday Gift.



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 not 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.

2016 DLI & GLI Schedule

Wednesday November 9th 7PM

**Audubon Temple
Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens
and Qualification Teams Only**



Laurel Lodge #237 Open Installation & Installation Dinner

Open Installation Ceremony

**Laurel Lodge #237 F&AM
Saturday December 17th 2PM
(No Meeting Friday December 18th)**

**Open Installation Dinner
The Palace 109 N. Black Horse Pike
Saturday December 17th 6:00PM-10PM
\$35.00 per person with 4 hour cash bar**

**Menu includes: Soda, juice, coffee and tea.
Salad bar, fresh baked rolls with butter.
Crudité display, tomato basil bruschetta and fresh mango salsa.
Buffet Dinner: Carving Station with Top Round Beef Au Jus, Jumbo Stuffed Shells, Chicken Cordon Bleu and Flounder stuffed with Crabmeat, Oven Roasted Potatoes and mixed vegetables.**

**Dessert: New York Cheese Cake served with Fresh Berries
And Crème Anglaise.**

**RSVP by Monday December 12th to
Worshipful Brother Robert Taylor at
Taylor89@comcast.net or 856-834-3917.**

Payment will be accepted at door.

Laurel Lodge Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 10th 2:00PM

Bring the kids and grandkids to Laurel Lodge #237 for a fun afternoon. The Lodge will be providing entertainment, food and presents for all children. We are also expecting a visit from a special guest. Celebrate Christmas cheer with Laurel Lodge!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Peace on earth and good will to men!

RSVP to Brother Jack Gomen Senior Warden, please specify ages, gender & number of children attending by Tuesday 12/6/2016. Contact: JAKG1231@HOTMAIL.COM or 609-502-0771.



Volunteer Services 2016

Brethren, thank you for volunteering at the Masonic Home this year. Sunday volunteer services for 2017 will be announced in a future Trestleboard.

Masonic Home Address:

902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ 08016

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.

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Laurel Lodge 237 New Phone Number

Brethren, our Lodge has a new phone number.

It is 856-258-6262.

Laurel Lodge Masters Hat

Please donate your dollar bills to the Laurel Lodge Masters Hat. Remember the letter L to the left of Worshipful Brother George Washington. Thank you for your continued support. This money helps pay for lodge refreshments.

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 | 3/18/16 | MM exam | TBD |
| | MM | 3/18/16 | MM exam | TBD |
| | MM | 3/18/16 | 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 |
| | EA | 4/1/16 | FC | TBD |
| | EA | 4/1/16 | FC | TBD |
| | EA | 4/1/16 | FC | 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 # |
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| 1959 George F. McCann * | 2001 Robert F. DiOrio |
| 1960 Harold T. Wolf* | 2001 Donald. C. Sharp Sr. # |
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| 1964 Charles W. Engler, Jr. * | 2004 Eugene O. Bathurst |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |

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DB Richard P. Alspach DB Thomas J. Kane
 DB John E. McDowell * DB Raymond T. McManus

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MW David A. Dorworth, Grand Master 2013
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 MW Larry S. Plasket, Grand Master 2002
 MW William H. Sackett, Grand Master 1986
 MW Edgar N. Peppler, Grand Master 1979

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