

Worshipful Master's Message

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the time of year for us to recognize and to reflect on all of our blessings. To be truly thankful for all we have. We all strive to provide for our families through our occupations and hard work. Our time becomes consumed to earn more and to be as financially successful as possible. It is easy not to realize what we already have and achieved. We have the love of our families and the blessings of close friends and the privilege of living in our country, a free society.

Freemasonry reminds us to practice our faith, respect our country, and to be loyal quiet citizens. As Masons we take responsibility to be there for one another.

Masons are taught to think of their Brothers needs before their own. This holiday is not about what we will buy or receive. This holiday is a reminder to be thankful for all that we have which are Love, Faith, Hope and Charity.

To enjoy our family, friends and our love of Freemasonry. Thanksgiving is also a time to help aide and assist those less fortunate. Our lodge will be collecting non-perishables to help those in need this holiday season.

Sincerely and Fraternally
John P. Gomen
Worshipful Master



Communications for November 2017

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

Friday November 3rd 7:45 PM

Enjoy Birthdays, Brotherhood, Regular Business; Refreshment after Lodge and an EA Degree on this Evening

Friday, November 17th 7:45 PM

Enjoy Birthdays, Brotherhood, Nominations for the Officer Line; Regular Business and Refreshment after Lodge on this Evening

Tuesday November 28th 7PM Emergent Degree

The Fellow Craft 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 November 3rd 7:45 PM
Enjoy Birthdays, Brotherhood,
Regular Business; Refreshment
after Lodge and an EA Degree
on this Evening

Friday November 17th 7:45 PM
Enjoy Birthdays, Brotherhood,
Nominations
for our Officer Line; Regular
Business and Refreshment after
Lodge on this Evening

Saturday November 18th 7PM
18th District Beef & Beer
See announcement in this
Trestleboard

Tuesday November 28th
7PM Emergent Degree
The Fellow Craft Degree will be
conferred upon the eligible
candidates

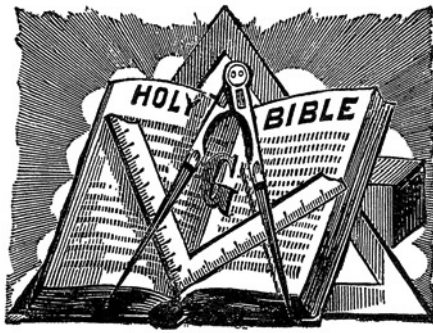
Saturday December 9th 2PM
Children's Christmas Party
See Flyer in this Trestleboard

Saturday December 16th
Open Installation and
Installation Dinner
See announcement in this Trestleboard

DLI Schedule for 2017
November 8 Qualification
Teams for Installations Only

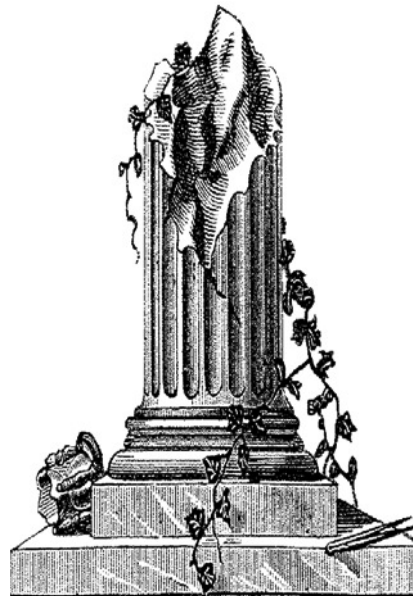
New DLI Dates will be posted
in a Future Trestleboard

In Memorium



Distinguished Brother
Thomas J Kane, Sr.
Raised to the Sublime Degree
of Master Mason
3-2-1992
Called from Labor 10-11-2017

Brother Frederick R Giebel
Raised to the Sublime Degree
of Master Mason
10-24-1955
Called from Labor 10-17-2017



Brethren,
We are looking for
Volunteers to provide
Refreshments after Lodge.
Contact Brother Abuiso if
you're interested and have
cooking skills.

Building Fund Benefactors

Bro. Joe Abuiso
WB Frazier Alburger
DB Richard Alspach
Bro. James Alspach, Sr.
Bro. Robert F. Brittain
Bro. Richard L. Busch
Bro. William F. Campbell
Bro. Barclay Campion
Bro. Kenneth W. Cashin
Bro. Anthony J. Centritto
Bro. Joseph A. Cruz III
Bro. Alfred J. Dandurand
Bro. Gerard DiBona, Jr
WB Robert F. DiOrio, PM
Bro. Richard Faunce
Bro. Charles R. Fieger
Bro. Derek J. Freyberger
WB John P. Gomen
Bro. Wilfredo S. Halina
RW Albert L Hann, PJGD
Bro. Robert Harrell, Jr.
Bro. Ronald S. Head
Bro. Charles Heimerl, IV
Bro. Donald Hughes
Bro. Lloyd H. Jones
WB Robert E. Kunze Sr., PM
Bro. Willam A. Lambert
RW Bernard Madgey, DRI
Bro. Fred J. Maiden, Jr.
Bro. Frank J. Marshall
DB Ray McManus
Bro. Charles D. McMaster
Bro. James H. Norcross
Bro. Robert J. Powell
WB Ronald A. Rocco, PM
Bro. Bill Roche'
Bro. James D. Sannipoli
Bro. Todd M. Simon
Bro. Donald C. Springle
Bro. John L. Stoll
Bro. William R. Terwilliger, Jr
Bro. Marvin Thorn
WB James A. Weisensee, PM
Bro. George E. Widing
Bro. Richard L. Wooster
Bro. Chester Clark

Thank you from
Worshipful Brother Gomen!

Riddle Fun – Answers from October Trestleboard

I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I? **A Candle**

When is a piece of wood like a King? **When it's a ruler.**

What kind of vegetable is unpopular on board ships? **A Leek**

I have hands, but I cannot clap. What am I? **A Clock**

What word in the dictionary is always spelled incorrectly? **Incorrectly**

You serve me, but can't eat me. What am I? **A Tennis Ball**

What do you call a baby rifle? **A Son of a Gun**

If you feed me, I live, but if you water me, I die. What am I? **A Fire**

I have a head and a tail but no body. What am I? **A Coin**

The strangest creature you'll ever find: Two eyes in front and many more behind. **A Peacock**

How is a person in jail like a sinking ship? **Both want to be bailed out.**

“BEEF N BEER FUNDRAISER”

FOR THE 18TH MASONIC DISTRICT

“To Support District worthy causes”

All you can eat and drink for \$25 per Person

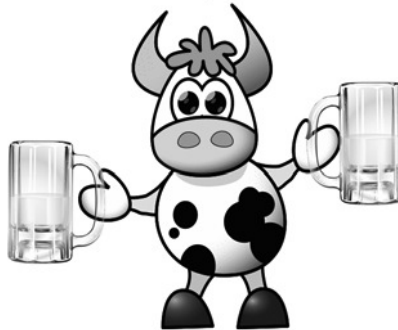
When: Saturday November 18th 7PM

Where: Crescent Shriners 700 Highland Drive Westampton, NJ

Details: \$25 per Person at Door (Family and Friends Welcome)

**Dance Music, Entertainment by Worshipful Brother Robert Taylor and
Raffles, Prizes and Surprises as Well**

**RSVP to Worshipful Brother Robert Taylor by Monday November 13th
856-834-3917 or Taylor89@comcast.net**



Laurel Lodge Past Masters Association Meeting

Brethren, The fall meeting of the Laurel Lodge Past Master's Association will be at Filomena Restaurant on Blackwood-Clementon Rd, Blackwood on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Social gathering will begin at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:30 and our meeting to follow. As usual, the lodge will pay 1/2 the cost of the meal. I had to guarantee 20 to get the group discount so, we need all to attend. Please contact me at gm-nj2010@comcast.net so I can get a head count.

S&F, Joe

Laurel Lodge #237 Open Installation & Installation Dinner

Open Installation Ceremony - Laurel Lodge #237 F&AM

Saturday December 16th 2PM

Note: Our Regularly Scheduled Meeting Friday December 15th will not be held.

Open Installation Dinner - Saturday December 16th 5:30PM-9:30PM

Paris Caterers 281 Cross Keys Road Berlin NJ

\$50.00 per person with open bar

Menu: Cocktail Hour: Crudités, a display of fresh vegetables, assorted cheeses and & sliced meats. Cold side: salads, fresh fruit salad & salad caprese.

Served Salad: Classic Caesar Salad. Chefs carving block top round Beef au jus.

Entrees: Seafood Diavolo, Parmesan Crusted Chicken Brest, Jumbo Stuffed Shells, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Sting Bean Almondine.

Dessert: Assortment of Miniature Pastries.

RSVP by Monday December 12th to Brother Senior Warden Joseph Abiuso at 856-357-7883 or j.abiuso@gamil.com or Worshipful Brother Robert Taylor at

856-834-3917 or Taylor89@comcast.net

Payment will be accepted at door.

Laurel Lodge Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 9th 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 Bill Roche Junior Warden, please specify ages, gender & number of children attending by Saturday 12/2/2017. RSVP: Bro William Roche 609-314-0505 or

WSHAY62@COMCAST.NET





FREEMASON

FAMILY NIGHT



vs.



Wells Fargo Center - Philadelphia, PA

Saturday, January 20 @ 1pm, Doors Open at 12:30pm

**SEE THE FREEMASON HONOR GUARD CEREMONY,
STOP BY THE FREEMASON MEMBERSHIP TABLE, AND
WATCH THE FLYERS WITH FELLOW NJ, PA, AND DE
MASON FAMILIES**

TICKETS IN SECTION 222/222A: \$65 /GROUP RATE

All tickets are available at will call window

**Tickets can be ordered by credit card or check through
The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 100 Barrack Street,
Trenton, NJ 08608-2008, 609-239-3950**

(Last date to order tickets January 5, 2018)



**Canned Good Drive at
Laurel Lodge**

**During November and December our Lodge will be holding a Canned Goods Drive for those who are less fortunate. Please donate what you can during the Holiday Season. There will be boxes in our Lodge to place your donation.
Thank you, Worshipful Master**

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 member's 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.

DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS

**DB Thomas J. Kane *
DB Raymond T. McManus
DB Richard P. Alspach
DB John E. 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. Peppler, Grand Master 1979
RW Chester H. Clark PGC
RW Benjamin Foster PGC**

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

New Honorary Members

Brethren, last month a motion was made and seconded to vote on Honorary Membership for RW Chester H. Clark and RW Benjamin Foster. Motions were approved. Congratulations to these Brethren. For many years RW Clark has donated money to Laurel Lodges Building Fund along with frequent visits over the years. RW Ben Foster "From Gloucester" has filled in many times as Chaplain during Master Mason Degrees and has done a superb job with Prayers.

Candidate Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
	MM	10/20/17	MM Exam	TBD
	EA	11/17/15	FC	TBD
	EA	6/27/17	FC	11/28/17
	EA	6/27/17	FC	TBD
	EA	6/27/17	FC	11/28/17
	EA	6/27/17	FC	11/28/17
	MR	Ballot 9/15/17	EA	TBD
	MR	Ballot 10/6/17	EA	11/3/17
	MR	Petitioned	Forthcoming	TBD
	MR	Petitioned	Forthcoming	TBD
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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
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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
	2016 Gene G. Olson

Brethren, due to space limitations on this page the Distinguished Brethren List and Honorary Membership List has been moved to another page in this Trestleboard.

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RW Bernard J. Madgey V DRI

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RW Albert L. Hann , PJGD

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WB Robert A. Taylor, PM
1 Year RW Bernard J. Madgey, V, DRI, PM
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