

## Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren

Autumn is my favorite time of year. For me this weather is perfect. It brings cooler temperatures during the day, and earlier sunsets. The nights are getting colder, which allows for the enjoyment, of sitting by a fire in the crisp fall air. It also brings the return of fall colors. My anticipation for the season, began in late August early September, when I noticed the leaves were showing signs, of beginning to change. The temperature was dropping. Autumn was coming.

One particular morning, feeling the dropping the temperatures, and recognizing that the colors were in fact changing, it occurred to me: I was accounting, for the return of the seasons! I was noticing the variety of scenes, which each season displays. It hit me, that over the years, as I've gotten older, I have become more aware of the seasons and the changes that announce their arrival. Fall, with shorter days, cooler air, and changing color. Winter has its' dry cold air and leave-less trees. The gusty winds, warmer air, and rain, accompanies spring. Summer has its' long hot days. You can see and feel the changes. You didn't need a calendar to tell you that. Experience has taught us, that a survey of nature, and the observation of her beautiful proportions, was all that was needed. So the same must've been true, for our ancestors. When we started transitioning from nomadic foragers, to settled farmers, this change allowed us more time to learn about and work with, the world around us. Which in turn, afforded us more time; we began to imitate the divine plan, and to study symmetry and order. Not only did we begin to accumulate knowledge, but also we started to teach it and pass it on. Consequently, as we know, this eventually gave rise to society and birth to every useful art.

Through the sciences, we began to see the beauty and majesty of nature, in the order of things. We realized this wasn't happenstance; there was purpose "all framed by the same divine artist". It was in these sciences, that we discover the power, the wisdom, and the goodness of the Grand Artificer of the Universe, and view with delight the wonderful proportions of this vast machine.

Fraternally,  
*James A. Weisensee*  
Worshipful Master



### Communication for October 2014

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

#### Friday, October 3, 7:45 PM

Regular Business

Past Master's Night

All you can eat Meatloaf Dinner at 6:00PM

\$15.00 per person

Free for Past Masters of Laurel Lodge

The Past Masters of Laurel Lodge will confer the  
Master Mason Degree

#### Friday, October 17, 7:45 PM

Regular business, Birthdays & Refreshments

The Entered Apprentice Degree

Will be conferred

By Order of  
WB James A. Weisensee  
Worshipful Master

Attest  
WB Craig R. Thorpe, PM  
Secretary

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
Officers Rehearsal at Lodge

Friday, October 3  
Past Masters Night

Sunday, October 5  
Laurel Lodge will be assisting the residents of The Masonic Home to Sunday Services

Friday, October 17  
Entered Apprentice Degree

Saturday, October 11, 2014  
Riverboat Cruise with Laurel Springs Chapter OES  
See announcement in this message

Saturday October 18, 2014  
Junior Grand Warden's Reception Fellowship Hall, Burlington NJ  
See announcement in this message

Saturday, November 1, 2014  
Masonic Charity Foundation Tricky Tray Basket Raffle  
More information as it becomes available

 **MASONIC HOME OF NEW JERSEY**  
*We Prove We Care*

Laurel Lodge will be assisting the residents of The Masonic Home to Sunday Services

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Sunday, December 28, 2014

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

### 2014 Dues are due

Your 2014 dues were due on or before 12/31/ 2013. If you are experiencing financial difficulties or other issues that make it difficult for you to pay. Please contact the Worshipful Master or the Secretary. This matter will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Please send your payments to:  
Laurel Lodge No. 237  
P.O. Box 127  
Stratford, N.J. 08084

## October Masonic Birthdays

Bro Frank R Adams	56
Bro George R Hambley	64
WB Whitney H Myers, PM	63
Bro George J Crispin	60
Bro Frederick R Giebel	59
RW Albert L Hann, PJGD	57
Bro Walter C Harrington	50
WB Charles W Bell, PM	46
Bro Harry E West	46
Bro David W Clark	45
Bro Stanley Livanos	44
Bro James H Norcross	44
Bro Bernard C Sharp	44
Bro John N Ruth	43
WB John R Beetle, PM	42
Bro Carville F Benton, Jr.	40
WB William E Hand, PM	39
Bro James R O'Brien	38
WB Ronald A Rocco, PM	37
Bro Frank J Marshall	34
Bro Johnny E Morphew	34
Bro Joseph J Cullen	31
Bro Edward H Jordan	31
Bro Harry S Watson	28
WB Russell R Hoyle, Sr., PM	26
WB Craig J Woodruff, PM	21
WB Robert F DiOrio, PM	20
Bro Robert C Hicks	20
Bro Gregory Y Stearn	20
Bro Mark W Reger	19
Bro Joseph H Rival, III	19
WB Juan A Caraballo, Jr, PM	16
Bro William P Buchanan	16
Bro Anthony Cipriano, III	16
Bro Morton W. Argoe	15
Bro John P Madgey	14
Bro Jeffrey A Williams	13
WB Kevin D Kloss, PM	11
Bro Gregory J Mayer	10
Bro Michael G Owsiak	10
Bro Drew W Straub	8
Bro Marc A Riondino	6
Bro Scott E Fitting	5
Bro John J Flanagan	4
Bro John F Greer	4
Bro Luisito S Jovida	4
Bro Michael J Tavani	3
Bro Adrian M Graciano	2
Bro James D Griggs	2

## 2014 Building Fund Benefactors

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Bro Michael J. Tavani
RW Chester Clark PGC

### Laurel Lodge #237 Past Master's Night

Friday October 3, 6:00PM

All you can eat  
Meatloaf Dinner

Provided by  
Laurel Springs OES Chapter #227  
\$15.00

Free for Past Masters of Laurel  
Please RSVP to our Worshipful  
Master  
itjayw@yahoo.com

**Join Laurel Springs Chapter OES & Laurel Lodge No. 237 F&AM**

**Saturday October 11, 2014**

**For A Delightful Cruise on The River Lady**

**12:30 PM for 2.5 Hours Lunch Cruise**

**Riverboat leaves from: The River Lady, 1 Robbins Parkway, Toms River, NJ 08753 (732) 349-8664**

**Carpool from Laurel Lodge Masonic Temple at 10:30 AM**

**Cost: \$50 per person**

The River Lady is a 150 passenger, 85 foot authentic reproduction of a paddle wheel riverboat. The River Lady splendidly captures the ambiance of a 19th century Mississippi Paddleboat.

Mid-day magic aboard the River Lady brings forth the tranquility of the sea air with a mid-day meal guaranteed to make your day memorable. During this cruise your Captain will present a full historical commentary and a delectable lunch will be served. As time passes you will see some of the most beautiful sights in the area. As the cruise comes to an end you will have experienced the delightful ambiance of good old fashioned dining aboard an authentic paddleboat.

**Contact:**

**Susan E. Beetle, Worthy Matron 609-760-1978 , James Weisensee, Worshipful Master 609-502-1553**

**Anne H. Dawley, PGO & Albert L. Hann, PJGD 856-845-6951**

**\$25.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUIRED FOR EACH TICKET PURCHASED**

Name _____	<b>Menu Choice:</b>	<b>Children's Menu:</b>
Chapter/Lodge _____	Chicken Francaise _____	Chicken Tenders _____
Telephone # _____	Chicken Marsala _____	Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce _____
Cell Phone # _____	Chicken Parmesan _____	
Number of Tickets @\$50.00 each _____	Filet of Salmon _____	
	Penne Vodka _____	

**All entrees come with bread and butter, salad, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. CASH BAR**



**Sunrise Lodge No. 288**

**Cordially invites you to attend an Official Visit of  
Most Worshipful Gerald James Sharpe  
Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey**

**And**

**The Open Reception and Dinner in Honor of  
R.W. Dieter B. Hees, Junior Grand Warden**

**Saturday October 18, 2014**

**Reception 5:00 PM, Social 6:00 PM**

**Dinner 6:45 PM**

**Fellowship Center**

**1114 Oxmead Road**

**Burlington, NJ 08016**

**RSVP by: October 1st**

**Detach and Send to**

**WB Denis Johnson, 932 Lincoln Ave., Pine Beach, NJ 08741**

**[dwj4185@gmail.com](mailto:dwj4185@gmail.com) PHONE: 1-732-278-6286**

**Please send a check for \$65.00 per person**

**Payable to Sunrise Lodge No. 288**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Candidates In Waiting**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
	FC	6/20/14	MM	10/3/14
	EA	9/9/14	FC	TBD
	EA	9/9/14	FC	TBD
	EA	9/9/14	FC	TBD
	EA	9/9/14	FC	TBD
	Elected	9/19/14	EA	10/17/14
	Elected	6/20/14	EA	10/17/14
	Elected	9/19/14	EA	10/17/14
	Elected	9/19/14	EA	10/17/14

# The Grand Lodge



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September 4, 2014

**To: Worshipful Masters, Secretaries & all Brethren in the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey**

**ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. JOHN**

**Presented by**

**The Grand Lodge of New Jersey**

**This is an open event and ladies and friends are invited.**

**Date: Saturday, December 6, 2014**

**Time: 5:30 PM - Social Hour, - 6:45 PM - Dinner  
6:30 PM - Welcome and opening exercise, - 8:00 PM – Program**

**Place: MCF Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ**

**Price: \$40.00 per person**

**Speaker:** A professional actor of stage, screen and radio since 1999, Brother Dean Malissa has been the official portrayer of George Washington at Mount Vernon since 2009. He has also appeared as Washington in several TV productions, the White House, the National Archives, the Smithsonian, Liberty Hall, and many other historical venues and societies throughout the country. He has even portrayed Washington in France and China. Dean is also a member of the National Speakers Association. Brother Dean will entertain us with his true-to-life portrayal of America's iconic Founding father. Guests will be entertained and educated as they meet Washington himself...real authentic clothing, real hair (Washington never wore a wig)...but no wooden teeth! He will be able to answer all of the guests' questions (in character) related to George Washington. Be prepared for a most memorable, one-of-a-kind presentation!

***Deadline for Reservations – Friday, November 15, 2014***

Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check along with a ***self-addressed, stamped envelope*** with the names of attendees to: The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608; or pay by credit card by calling (609) 239-3950. Tickets mailed from the office must be paid for in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Table reservations may be made for groups of 8 or 10.

Sincerely & fraternally,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "W L Morris Jr".

William L. Morris, PGM  
Grand Secretary

## PAST MASTERS

<i>* Deceased</i>	<i># Dual Member</i>
1922 Albert C. Stack *	1973 Louis W. Bradley, PGT *
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1925 Benjamin Forrest *	1976 John J. Eitel # *
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