

Worshipful Master's Message

Charity

The three principal supports of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. In the EA degree, we learn that faith may be lost in sight, hope ends in fruition, but charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity. The Fellow Craft lecture tells of the two columns or pillars in the porch of King Solomon's temple, they were adorned with two globes or spherical bodies on the surface of which were represented the countries, the seas and the various parts of the earth, the face of the heavens the planetary orbits and the other important particulars. They were thus extensive to denote the universality of masonry and to teach us that a mason's charity should be equally extensive. The Master Mason reception address tells us that through Free Masonry we will find examples of pity and charity to excite and direct our benevolence.

Through our lodge, we the members of Laurel Lodge, were all able to contribute a substantial amount of relief to the following charity's. To the Grand Lodge of Texas/Florida Hurricane Relief Fund, to the Scottish Rite Almoners Fund and to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Brethren as Masons we can be very proud of our Lodge and its Good Works of Charity.



Communications for October 2017

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

Friday October 6th, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Ballot, Birthdays & Refreshment after Lodge. Also, a presentation on Semper Fido

Ballot for Initiation & Membership

Friday, October 20th, 7:45 PM

Regular Business, Ballot, Birthdays & Dinner at 6PM

“Past Masters Night”

The Master Mason Degree will be conferred

Sincerely and Fraternally

John P. Gomen

Worshipful Master

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 October 6th, 7:45 PM
Regular Business, Birthdays and
Refreshments after Lodge and a
Presentation on Semper Fido

Friday October 20th, 7:45 PM
Past Masters Night
MM Degree, Regular Business,
Birthdays & Refreshments
Before Lodge at 6PM
See announcement in this Trestleboard

Saturday October 14th
Blood Drive at Laurel Lodge
8am to 5pm

Sunday October 22nd
Wheelchair Push at Masonic Home
Carpool from the lodge at 7:45
See More Detail in this Trestleboard

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



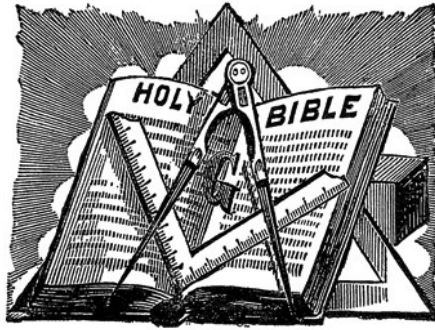
DLI Schedule for 2017
October 11th Ritual Committee
Visit Merchantville #119

November 8 Qualification Teams
TBA

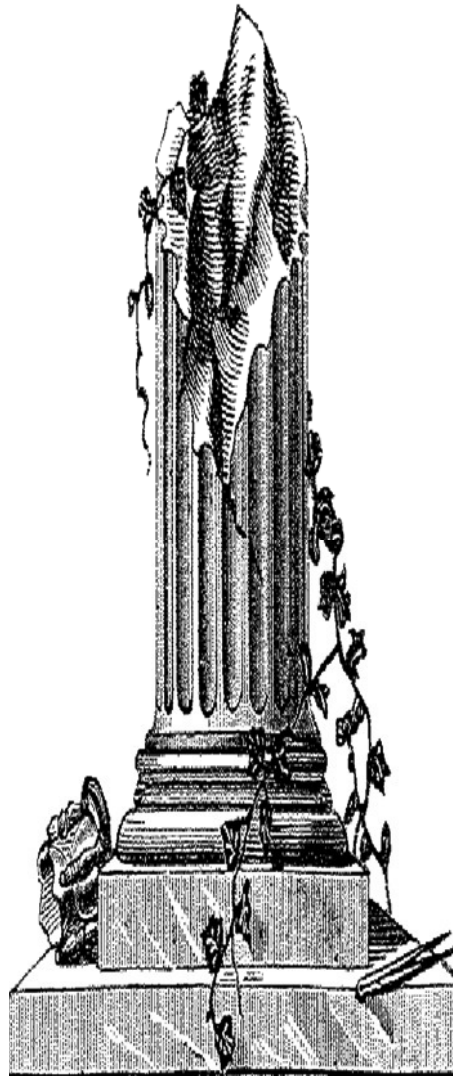
Master & Wardens Association
6:45PM

District Loge of Instruction 7:30PM

In Memorium



RW Kirk D. Nevius Jr. PGC
Raised 9-21-1990
Past Master 1998
Called from Labor 9-27-2017



Building Fund Benefactors

Bro. Joe Abiuso
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Bro. Richard L. Wooster

**Thank you from
Worshipful Brother Gomen!**

2017 DUES NOTICE

Please note: Your dues for 2017 were due 12-31-2016. If you know or believe that you haven't paid dues for 2016 please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

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

A Message from our Senior Warden

Brethren,

The Yeti Cooler Raffle held this summer was a great success. I would like to thank everyone who participated in this event. Over \$1800.00 was raised for the Lodge to offset the cost of our Annual Installation/Reception Dinner.

I like to give a special Thank You to the following Brethren,

Bro. Jim Drexel
Bro. Don Keppen
Bro. Jackie Delabo
Bro. Tony Cipriano IV

These Brothers helped to make this raffle a success. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Finally Congratulations to the winner:
Donna Gahagan

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Bro. Joseph Abiuso SW

Save the Date

Laurel Lodge #237 Annual Installation of Officers will be held 12/16/17. This year's Installation Dinner will be held at Paris Caterers in Berlin, NJ from 6-10pm.

Tickets for the Installation Dinner are now available for purchase.

Please contact Brother Joe Abiuso or WB Bob Taylor for your tickets. The price per ticket is \$50 and includes open bar.

More Detail to follow in the November Trestleboard.

October Masonic Birthdays

Bro	George J Crispin	1954	63
Bro	Frederick R Giebel	1955	62
RW	Albert L Hann PJGD	1957	60
Bro	Frank R. Adams	1958	59
Bro	Walter C Harrington	1964	53
WB	WB Charles W Bell, PM	1968	49
Bro	Harry E West	1968	49
Bro	David W Clark	1970	47
Bro	Stanley Livanos	1970	47
Bro	Bernard C Sharp	1970	47
Bro	James H Norcross	1970	47
Bro	Bro John N Ruth	1971	46
WB	John R Beetle, PM	1972	45
Bro	Bro Carville F Benton Jr	1974	43
WB	William E Hand, PM	1975	42
Bro	James R O'Brien	1976	41
WB	Ronald A Rocco, PM	1977	40
Bro	Frank J Marshall	1980	37
Bro	Johnny E Morphew	1980	37
Bro	Joseph J Cullen	1983	34
Bro	Edward H Jordan	1984	33
Bro	Harry S Watson	1986	31
WB	Russell R Hoyle, SR, PM	1987	29
WB	Craig J Woodruff, PM	1993	24
WB	Robert F DiOrio, PM	1994	23
Bro	Robert C Hicks	1994	23
Bro	Gregory Y Stearn	1994	23
Bro	Mark W Reger	1995	22
Bro	Joseph H Rival, III	1995	22
WB	Juan A Caraballo, Jr PM	1998	19
Bro	William P Buchanan	1998	19
Bro	Anthony Cipriano, III	1998	19
Bro	Morton W Argoe	1998	19
Bro	John B Madgey	2000	17
Bro	Jeffrey A Williams	2001	16
WB	Kevin D Kloss. PM	2003	14
Bro	Gregory J Mayer	2004	13
Bro	Michael G Owskiak	2004	13
Bro	Drew W Straub	2006	11
Bro	Marc A Riondino	2010	9
Bro	Scott E Fitting	2009	8
Bro	John F Greer	2010	7
Bro	Michael J Tavani	2011	6
Bro	Adrian M Graciano	2012	5
Bro	James D Griggs	2012	5
Bro	Charles A Heimerl IV	2013	4
Bro	Bernard J Madgey VI	2014	3
Bro	James A Drexel	2015	2

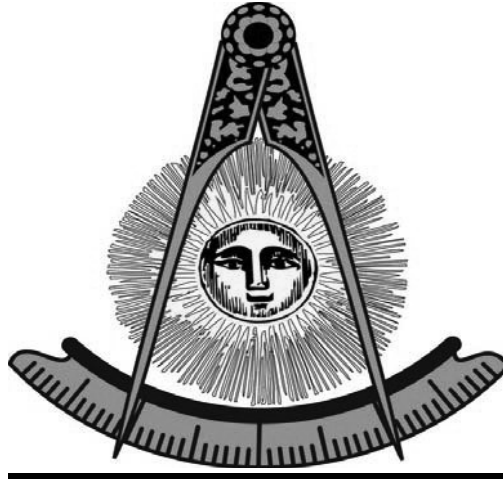
**Happy Masonic
Birthday from the
Worshipful Master
& Brethren!**

Laurel Lodge #237 Past Masters Night

Friday October 20th 7:45PM

Dinner optional at 6PM \$10

**Come to Lodge to Honor the Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237 to confer
The Master Mason Degree upon eligible Candidates.**



Riddle Fun – Answers in November Trestleboard

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

When is a piece of wood like a King?

What kind of vegetable is unpopular on board ships?

I have hands, but I cannot clap. What am I?

What word in the dictionary is always spelled incorrectly?

You serve me, but can't eat me. What am I?

What do you call a baby rifle?

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

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

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

How is a person in jail like a sinking ship?

Volunteer Services 2017

Brethren, thank you for volunteering at the Masonic Home this year.

Masonic Home Address:

902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ

October 22nd

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.

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

Attention: Blood Drive Date

It's the Masonic thing to do!

Laurel Lodge 237 Saturday October 14th 8am to 12pm



Blood Drive!

Candidate Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
	EA	11/17/15	FC	TBD
	FC	4/7/17	MM	10/20/17
	EA	6/27/17	FC	TBD
	EA	6/27/17	FC	TBD
	EA	6/27/17	FC	TBD
	EA	6/27/17	FC	TBD
	MR	9/15/17	EA	TBD
	MR	N/A	EA	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** Deceased**# Dual Member*

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
1968 Robert E. Walsh, Jr.*	2009 Robert E. Kunze Sr.
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

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DB John E. McDowell * DB Raymond T. McManus

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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
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