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629 Stone Road Laurel Springs, NJ 08021  
Constituted May 25<sup>th</sup>+  
1922*

## **Communications for October 2024**

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

### **Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> 7:45PM Meeting**

**Laurel Lodge 237 Past Masters Night!**

**Attend Lodge to Honor our Past Worshipful Masters.**

**Enjoy Masonic Light with Brotherhood, Masonic Birthdays and Regular Business. A Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Brother Fellowcraft**

**Dinner at 630PM. A \$10 donation is suggested.**

### **Friday October 18th 7:45PM Meeting**

**Enjoy Masonic, regular business birthdays and a Ballot for Dual Membership. Dinner at 6:30. A \$10 Donation is suggested.**

### **Brethren: 2024 Dues were due 12/31/23**

**Please note the following important information.**

**If you have a question or concern regarding 2024 due's or 2023 dues, please call or e-mail WB Jerry Barnish at 609-458-5122 or [laurellodge237@gmail.com](mailto:laurellodge237@gmail.com).**

***By Order of  
WB Keith Verrico  
Worshipful Master***

***Attest  
WB Jerry R. Barnish, PM  
Secretary***

## New Jersey Grand Lodge Information

Grand Master Most Worshipful Leonard Vander Horn

District Deputy Grand Master: Keith A. Herman

District Ritual Instructor: Right Worshipful Kenneth F. Carpenter Jr.

18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District 2024 Grand Officers

Grand Marshal: Bernard J. Madgey V, GO, PDDGM

Grand Chaplain: Right Worshipful Joseph Abiuso GC

Grand Chaplain: Right Worshipful Mark Frederich

### Laurel Lodge Distinguished Brethren

DB Richard P. Alspach\*, DB Raymond T. McManus,

DB John C. Read Jr., DB Robert S. Outlaw

### Laurel Lodge Honorary Members

MW William H. Sackett, Grand Master 1986 \*

MW Edgar N. Pepler, Grand Master 1979

MW Larry S. Plasket, Grand Master 2002

MW William H. Berman, Grand Master 2009

MW David A. Dorworth, Grand Master 2013

RW Chester H. Clark PGC

RW Keith A. Herman, DDGM

RW Benjamin Foster PGC\*

## Worshipful Masters Message

“Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason.” - Benjamin Franklin

I hope everyone has a wonderful Halloween with their families and I look forward to seeing you all in lodge!

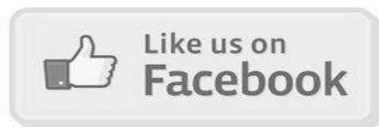
Fraternally, WB Keith Verrico Worshipful Master

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**Stated Meeting  
Laurel Lodge #237 F.&A.M.**

**Friday September 6th 2024 A.D. A.L. 6024 7:45 p.m.**

Lodge was opened in due form by W.B. Keith Verrico Officers, visitors and brethren are listed per the register on the Tylers desk. Minutes were posted for previous month in Grand View and posted on the bulletin board with copies to the lodge files. Corrections are noted and will be made. There was no treasurers report as W.B. Taylor is on vacation in Hawaii. W.B. Barnish, secretary, gave a synopsis of expenditures over the summer with monies received.

Expenditures due to repairs were approximately \$7,540.00 and receipts were about \$5,006.00. A petition for membership by restoration by Bro. Anthony Cipriani was read and spread by The Worshipful Master. The ballot was unanimous for restoration. The rental agreement between Laurel Lodge and Audobon Parkside # 218 was read by the secretary. The agreement will be voted on by the members in October 2024 meeting. Questions and discussions were held and entertained by the acting chair of the building committee.

A petition of dual membership was submitted to Laurel Lodge by R.W. David Lane. It will be voted on during the October business meeting. A motion to send \$125.00 to the annual Teddy Bear golf outing for dyslexia was passed. Crescent Shrine will host a Gambling even September 29th 3 - 6 pm. Bro. Santangelo thanked the brethren who helped with work with refurbishment of the lodge jewels. He also thanked Brother Colavita for the work on repairs of the building during the summer and for W.B. Barnish for his attendance during the repairs. DLI is announcing that it will be held at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken September 11 at 6pm. It is open to all members and family and friends who are interested in learning about the craft.

P.M.'s in attendance: W.B. J. Miller PGC, W.B. J. Barnish, R.W. F. Alburger PGT, R.W. J. Abiuso G.C., R.W. S. Viccari, PGP, R. W. M. Mattes PGS, W.B. C. Huston, W.B. D. Keppen Jr., W.B. D. Keppen Sr., R.W. B. Read PGS, RW D/ Lynch PGDD, MWPGM J. Rival. No further business. R.W. Abiuso was presented to the East and asked to close the lodge at 9:45 pm.

Attest. WB Jerry Barnish Secretary, Secretary  
Cc: G/V. Bb, file

**Officer Line Continued**

<b><u>Senior Deacon</u></b>	<b>Brother Jay Colavita – 856-261-3278</b>
<b><u>Junior Deacon</u></b>	<b>WB Brian McGovern, PM - 609-975-2121</b>
<b><u>S.M. Ceremonies</u></b>	<b>Brother Thomas J. Santangelo – 609-923-5466</b>
<b><u>J.M. Ceremonies</u></b>	<b>Brother Francis M. Guthrie – 609-221-6145</b>
<b><u>Senior Steward</u></b>	<b>WB Donald L. Keppen, PM</b>
<b><u>Junior Steward</u></b>	<b>Brother Jacob Keppen</b>
<b><u>Marshal</u></b>	<b>DB Robert S. Outlaw - 609-471-2869</b>
<b><u>Chaplain</u></b>	<b>WB Craig Woodruff, PM</b>
<b><u>Tyler</u></b>	<b>Brother William F. Anderson - 609-828-1535</b>
<b><u>Historian</u></b>	<b>Brother Jacob Keppen</b>
<b><u>Proxy to GL</u></b>	<b>Brother Jay Colavita – 856-261-3278</b>
<b><u>Director of Ritual</u></b>	<b>RW Brian J. Read, PJGS 609-922-0877</b>
<b><u>Webmaster</u></b>	<b>DB Raymond T. McManus, DB - 856-346-9150</b>
<b><u>Dir. of Craftsmen</u></b>	<b>By Appointment - Need Volunteer</b>
<b><u>Entertainment</u></b>	<b>By Appointment – Need Volunteer</b>
<b><u>Sick and Visiting</u></b>	<b>By Appointment – Volunteer needed.</b>
<b><u>Auditing, Budget &amp; Finance</u></b>	<b>By Appointment – Volunteer needed.</b>
<b><u>Blood Bank Chairman</u></b>	<b>By Appointment – Volunteer needed.</b>
<b><u>Photographer</u></b>	<b>By Appointment – Volunteer needed.</b>
<b><u>Masonic Education</u></b>	<b>RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, RW Bernard J. Madgey, V GO / PDDGM</b>
<b><u>Advisor to Officers</u></b>	<b>By Appointment – Volunteer needed.</b>
<b><u>Refreshments</u></b>	<b>By Appointment – Volunteer needed.</b>
<b><u>Funeral Coordinator</u></b>	<b>By Appointment – Volunteer needed.</b>
<b><u>Scholarship Committee</u></b>	<b>RW Frazier Alburger, PGT</b>
<b><u>Building Trustees</u></b>	<b>3 Year: Brother Thomas J. Santangelo 2 Year: Brother Eugene Emenecker 1 Year: Brother Jay Colavita</b>
<b><u>Financial Trustees</u></b>	<b>3 Year: Year: Brother Bill Anderson 2 Year: By Appointment 1 Year: WB Craig Woodruff, PM</b>
<b><u>Organist</u></b>	<b>By Appointment – Volunteer needed.</b>

**2024 A.D.                      Officer Line                      6024 A.L.**

**Worshipful Master**  
**WB Keith Verrico – Deanna**

**Senior Warden**  
**RW Michael I Mattes, PGP – Janice**

**Junior Warden**  
**RW Scott P. Vicari, PGP - Jacquelyn**

**Treasurer**  
**WB Robert Taylor, PM – Susan**

**Secretary**  
**WB Jerry R. Barnish, PM - Beth**

**Secretary Emeritus**  
**RW Louis W. Bradley PGT\***  
**Treasurer Emeritus**  
**WB Charles W. Bell PM**  
**WB John R. Beetle, PM**  
**WB Whitney H. Myers, PM \***  
**MW Joseph H. Rival, PGM**

**Stated Meeting**  
**Laurel Lodge #237 F.&A.M.**

**Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 A.D. A.L. 6024 7:45 p.m.**

Lodge was opened by W.M. Keith Vicarro at 7:40 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was recited by the brethren. Reading of the bills was requested by the Worshipful Master and as follows: SJ Gas August \$78.97.

Custodial for September \$75.00. Postage \$70.00. 1st Defense \$172.73 hood inspection.

AC Electric \$260.43. Fitchburg Insurance \$1215.26 second quarter. Northfield Dyslexia Center \$125.00. JB Landscaping \$535.00 Summer lawn cutting. Donation Teddy Bear Event Printing of T.B. \$75.00.

Total is \$2607.39

Monies received: Rental \$700.00. Dues \$202.50. Dues \$109.00.

Cash donations \$28.46. Total \$930.96

Motion made to pay bills by RW. M. Mattes and seconded by R.W. S Vicari. Motion passed by the brethren to pay the bills.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted. An addended report will be published via email. Correspondence of Grand Lodge about Messaging via Grand View by subscription was read and will be reiterated when further details are given. This will cost the lodge a monthly amount if utilized. It is a system of broadcasting information to lodge members in a timely manner. A proposal for landscaping contract by L & G Landscaping and Lawncare was announced. It will be posted and voted for acceptance during October business meetings. A petition for membership by initiation to Laurel Lodge was read for Mr. Moise Jonvin of Laurel Springs N.J. was read. Committee members were assigned to investigate. Lodge was changed to Fellowcraft degree by closing the Master Mason Degree. For the exemplification of the Fellowcraft by Bro. F.C. Chris Broschard. The exam was conducted by W.B. James Penna of Audubon Parkside Lodge. Bro Chris did an outstanding job and as well by W.B Penna conducting the examination. W.M. Verrico congratulated the brethren for the work.

Visitors as by the tylers register.

P.M's in attendance: W.B. D. Keppen Jr. R.W. Vicarri, W.B. Kunze, R.W. Mattes, W.B. McGovern, W.B. Taylor, W.B. Huston, W.B. Verrico and W.B. Barnish. Announcements: R.W. Vicarri received the MSA award at the Scottish Rite in Collingswood NJ.

W.B. Huston stated there is a Karaoke night Oct 12 at Merchantville lodge. Cost is \$35 per person.

No further business W.M. Verrico closed lodge at 9 p.m.

Attest: W.B. Jerry Barnish Secretary 2024 Cc: file, G/V, bb.



## Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237 Continued

### **\* Deceased # Served another Lodge**

1990	Benjamin Foster, PGC # *	2016	Gene G. Olson
1990	Donald C. Lever, PSGS *	2016	Eric Erickson #
1991	Stewart D. Walsh *	2017	John P. Gomen
1991	Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *	2017	Scott Vicari #
1991	William H. Berman, PGM	2018	Joseph Abiuso
1992	George W. Stott, Jr. *	2019	Edward S. Bohi
1992	Harry H. Wible # *	2020	William E. Roche
1993	Dale A. Lynch, Jr., PDDGM	2020	Michael Mattes #
1994	Henry J. Rahn, Jr. PSGS *	2021	Craig J Woodruff
1994	Charles A Castley PDDGM *	2021	Michael Mattes #
1995	Russell B. Hoyle, Sr.	2021	Casey Huston #
1996	Frazier R. Alburger, PGT	2022	Donald L. Keppen Jr.
1996	James E. Miller, PGC #	2022	Michael Mattes #
1997	Raymond B. Kingett	2022	Casey Huston #
1997	Jerry R. Barnish #	2023	Jerry R. Barnish
1998	Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC *		
1999	Scott D. Cianci		
1999	Frank M. Blizard, III #		
2000	Paul E. Burkhardt		
2001	Robert F. DiOrio		
2001	Donald. C. Sharp Sr. #		
2002	Leonard M. March, PDDGM		
2002	Craig J. Woodruff #		
2003	Eugene J. Applegate		
2004	Eugene O. Bathurst		
2005	Juan A. Caraballo, Jr		
2006	Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC		
2007	Richard J. McCunney, II		
2008	Michael E. Owsiak		
2009	Robert E. Kunze		
2010	Craig R. Thorpe		
2011	Brian J. Read, PSGS		
2011	George W. Niessner, PSGS #		
2012	Bernard J. Madgey, V GO PDDGM		
2013	Kevin D. Kloss		
2014	James A. Weisensee		
2014	Brian McGovern #		
2015	Robert A. Taylor		

## Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237

### \* Deceased # Served another Lodge

1922	Albert C, Stack *	1961	John P. Steffan*
1923	Harry A, Beck *	1962	Harold H. Croom*
1923	William S. Martin # *	1963	Charles F. Yost *
1924	Arthur Scrimshaw *	1963	Benjamin Foster, PGC # *
1925	Benjamin Forrest *	1964	Charles W. Engler, Jr.*
1926	Elmer F. Giffin *	1965	Daniel A. Mullen, III *
1927	Charles B. Giffin *	1965	Carl H. Gamp # *
1928	John T. Reif *	1966	Edgar N. Peppler PGM #
1929	Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1966	Albert L. Hann, PJGD *
1930	Samuel G. Garrison, Jr. *	1967	Henry Baumert *
1931	Charles P. Mills # *	1968	Robert E. Walsh, Jr.*
1932	William R. Cannon *	1969	George E. Carpenter *
1933	Noah C. Bender *	1970	Henry Sannipolli, PDDGM *
1934	F. Maurice Goodwin *	1971	Leonard O. Beebe *
1935	Michael Balent, Jr. *	1972	Robert D. Rowand *
1936	Enos J. Jarvis *	1973	Louis W. Bradley, PGT*
1937	Robert F. Ranken *	1974	Robert W. Bates, PSGD
1938	John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1975	Frederick W. Knox
1939	Oscar M. Hansen *	1976	Leroy See *
1940	Albert F Neidinger PGP*	1976	John J. Eitel # *
1941	Lawrence E. Gardiner *	1977	Roy F. Gutshall, Jr.*
1942	B. Franklin Cope *	1978	John R. Beetle
1943	Fred Humphrey *	1978	James J. Golley #
1944	Charles. S. Schenick *	1979	Charles W. Bell
1945	Ora L. Wooster, Sr. *	1980	Benjamin H. Read, Jr.*
1946	Carl C. Caldwell *	1981	Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM
1947	Benjamin A. Glatz *	1982	Warren E. Rival, PGC *
1948	Joseph H. Matthews *	1982	Ronald A. Rocco #
1949	Ralph E. Husted *	1983	Hugh C. Williams *
1950	Thomas Milne *	1984	Walter C. Knett *
1951	Ferdinand Herbst *	1984	Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *
1952	Charles Mannice *	1984	Larry S Plasket, PGM, #
1953	Robert C. Osborne, PGC*	1985	Frank A. Applegate, Sr.*
1954	Earl B. Hallowell *	1985	Henry Bubacz # *
1955	Harry M. Ireland *	1986	Wilfred E. Wilson *
1956	John M. Fisher, Jr.*	1986	Donald L. Keppen Sr. #
1957	Albert C. Stack, Jr.*	1987	Robert F. Butler *
1958	Whitney H. Myers *	1988	William E. Hand *
1959	George F. McCann *	1989	Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr. # *
1960	Harold T. Wolf*	1989	James E. Miller, PGC #

## October Masonic Birthdays

<b>RW Robert W. Bates PJGD</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>WB Charles W. Bell, PM</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Bro Harry E. West</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Bro David W. Clark</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Bro Stanley Livanos</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Bro Bernard C. Sharp</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Bro James D. Sannipoli</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Bro Bernard C Sharp</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>WB John R. Beetle, PM</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Bro James R. O'Brien</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>WB Ronald A. Rocco, PM</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Bro Frank J. Marshall</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>WB Russell R. Hoyle, SR, PM</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>WB Craig J. Woodruff, PM</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>WB Robert F. DiOrio, PM</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Bro Joseph H. Rival, III</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>WB Juan A. Caraballo, Jr PM</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Bro William P Buchanan</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Bro Anthony Cipriano, III</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Bro Morton W Argoe</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Bro Jeffrey A Williams</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>WB Kevin D Kloss, PM</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Bro Michael G Owsiak</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Bro Scott E Fitting</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Bro Michael J Tavani</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Bro Adrian M Graciano</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Bro James A Drexel</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Bro Worrell R Walker III</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Bro David Michael Aune</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Bro. Francis M. Guthrie</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bro. Jacob T. Keppen</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bro. Thomas J. Santangelo</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2</b>

## Laurel Lodge 2024 Dues are Past Due

Brethren,

As of September 1st, 2024, an estimated (43) Brethren are in arrears for 2024 Laurel Lodge Membership dues.

Dues for 2024 were dues December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

This number is close to 25% of our Lodge Membership.  
The total dollar amount in arrears is estimated at \$8,000.00.

Here's an itemized cost of Laurel Lodge Dues:  
To keep figures simple, I'm using round numbers:

Total average dues for 2024 are \$182.50 with Past Master Masters dues at \$192.50. The \$182.50 amount includes a Grand Lodge assessment. Dual members do not pay the Grand Lodge assessment.

In addition to cash and check, Laurel Lodge accepts Square as a payment method. If you know your past dues for 2024, please contact WB Jerry Barnish, Lodge Secretary at [laurellodge237@gmail.com](mailto:laurellodge237@gmail.com).

We need your support Brethren. Dues for 2024 were due December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Thank you, WB Robert Taylor, PM, Treasurer.

## Brethren helping Brethren Continued:

Call or contact WB Moser for the following service:

**Financial Planning:** WB Moser is a second generation financial planner with over 30 years experience. I was the last Past Master of Florence Lodge in Woodbury.

Donald S Moser - DSM Capital Wealth Management  
Managing Director/ CCO [www.dsmwealthmanagement.com](http://www.dsmwealthmanagement.com)  
609/221-9276

Call or contact Brother Kingett for the following service:

**Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts & Elder Law**

Donald L. Kingett, Esq. Offices in Gloucester County & Camden County  
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Call or contact Brother Jay Colavita for the following service:

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## **Message about Dues payment to Laurel Lodge 2024**

Good day Brethren. I hope all is well with everyone. I understand that there is much confusion concerning payment of dues. Dues notices are to be sent during the fall of each calendar year. Normally our Lodge will send the notices after Grand Lodge of New Jersey notifies each lodge of the assessment inventory for the next year. At that point, each member will have an invoice sent with the lodge dues including any increase voted by the membership usually during September of the current year. According to the by-laws of Laurel Lodge, the membership is required to pay dues for the next year by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the of the current year. This may be the source of confusion. Think of renewing dues for the forthcoming year in this fashion. If one subscribes to a magazine annually and one receives the renewal notice before the first issue of the magazine arrives for the New year, a reminder letter will be sent to the subscriber. If payment is not received, then a second notice will be sent. Thus, it is with lodge. This coming fall dues notices for 2025 will be sent to all Members. This also helps our lodge with payment of the assessment to Grand Lodge with no worries of the financial status of our lodge. The Master and Wardens will be able to look to working within the past spending nature for the betterment of our membership and contributions to society for charity. To answer a question of a grace period, members have by by-laws of the individual lodge and Grand Lodge up to 12 months to pay the aforementioned notice. Here is a rub for me serving as Secretary. When December 31<sup>st</sup> hits, the entry for dues on Grand View accounting turns red. Just like in the days of typewriters having a red ribbon for entering accounting entries, that is what would be seen. Black Friday is so named because of ledger entries by the typist for P&L statements. For the membership, Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey has set forth a program called Grand View. If you are not aware of this, members can log into the site provided by Grand lodge to view status of each member and provide additional information about oneself for general viewing by the membership at large. Also, each member may view their individual financial statement with Their lodge. Your statement may be printed for your records, an invoice for payment maybe printed along with a number 10 envelope with address of the lodge to send payment if so desired and/or each members skill and expertise will be up to task. The lodge secretary will accommodate the wish of the member by adding notations to each account. I find it very convenient. I plan, with Master's permission, to demonstrate the system at lodge one meeting on the overhead projector so to clear any questions one may have.

Please contact me with your questions.

Fraternally, Jerry Barnish, P.M. Secretary 2024

## 2024 Building Fund Benefactors

WB Robert E Kunze, PM	WB Robert A Taylor, PM
Bro Richard A Greiner	RW Frazier Alburger, PGT
WB Craig J Woodruff, PM	WB Eugene Applegate, PM
Bro William Campbell	Bro Russell Van Zyl
RW Scott Vicari, PGP	Bro Charles D McMaster
Bro William E Hughes III	Bro Alvin C Fitting
WB Ron Rocco, PM	Bro Robert Harrell
WB Eric Erickson, PM	Bro Phillip Hatfield
Bro Ricardo Pena	Bro Thomas Santangelo
Bro John Stahl	Bro Wallace Carey
WB Bill Roche, PM	Bro Richard A Faunce
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<b>Brethren, Thank you!</b>	

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	EA	4/21/23	FC Degree	TBD
	FC	5/17/24	MM	10/4/24
	Mr.	2/2/24	EA	TBD
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**Brethren, many sets of hands make lighter work. Let us continue to work towards building a stronger Masonic Temple. If you have a question or concern, please contact Lodge Leadership promptly.**

