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Address of Laurel Lodge 629 Stone Road Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 Constituted May 25th 1922

Communications for September 2024

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

Friday September 6th 7:45PM Meeting

Enjoy Masonic Light with regular business, birthdays, a ballot for restoration of Brother Anthony Cipriani and reading of rental agreement with Audubon Parkside Lodge. In addition, we will discuss lodge dues increase due to rising operational costs of \$10 pers member.

Dinner at 630PM.

Friday September 20th 7:45PM Meeting

Enjoy Masonic Light, birthdays, brotherhood and regular business. Dinner at 630PM.

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.

By Order of WB Keith Verrico Worshipful Master

Attest

WB Jerry R. Barnish, PM

Secretary

Worshipful Masters Message

I'm excited to resume meetings and activities in and out the apartments of the Temple this fall. I hope to see you soon this month. We have Past Master's Night scheduled in October with Master Mason Degree planned.

A quote from William Howard Taft:

The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another, and no man can know it alone.



Fraternally, WB Keith Verrico Worshipful Master

Laurel Lodge #237 Minutes Stated Meeting A.L 6 June 6024 A. D. 2024

Meeting was opened at 7:40 p.m. by W.M. Keith Verrico in due and ancient form. The Pledge of Allegiance then followed. Brethren and officers in attendance as listed in the register. W.M. asked for a reading of the bills. The total was \$1647.00. A motion by Sr. Warden Mattes and seconded by Jr. Warden Vicari was made and then approved by the Brethren. Monies received were in total of \$957.00. Bill and monies were turned over to the treasurer. A motion was made

by Sr. Warden Mattes and seconded by Jr. Warden Vicari To send S.D. Colavita to Elisabeth, Pa. In October for training at the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge home. It

was approved by the brethren.

The communications were read and filed. Treasurer gave a report and a motion to

Sick and visiting: W.B. Don Keppen Jr. Gave a report about his mother's

condition. W.B. Taylor reported about Bro. Faunce and his mother's illness.

Bro. S.D. Colavita discussed possibility of holding another event at Autumn

at the event and to report for actual cost. It was noted that it was advertised at \$299 but W.M. Verrico asked for confirmation at the news meeting.

A motion was made by and approved By Bro. Wm. Anderson, Tyler to send a

letter of appreciation to Bro Novella for all of his donations to the lodge.

Lake Winery in October. W.B. Barnish discussed cost of a remoter terminal to use

Past Master's in attendance: MWPGM J. Rival. zW.B. Jerry Barnish W.B. R. Taylor

R.W. D Lynch W.B. D. Keppen Jr. R.W. Mattes

R.W. D Lynch W.B. D. Keppen Jr. R.W. Matter R.W. B. Read R.W. Vicari W.B McGovern

accept as read and filed was approved.

W.B. A Huston.

W.B. Jim Stapleton, W.M. of Battleship New Jersey Lodge was greeted and presented to the brethren.

No further business, lodge was closed at 9:31 P.M. by R.W. D Lynch

Laurel Lodge #237 F.&A.M. Minutes of Meeting 21 June A.D. 2024 A.L. 6024.

The meeting was opened at 7:45 p.m by W.M. Keith Verrico in due and ancient form. Pledge of Allegiance to our nations flag was recited by all present.

Members, visitors and officers present as listed in the register.

Past Masters present are as following:

R.W. Brian Read. W.B. Casey Huston. W.B. Don Keppen Sr. R.W. Frazier Alburger. R.W. Michael Mattes. R.W. Mark Fiedriech. R.W. Dale Lynch R.W. Joseph Abiuso R.W. Scott Vicari `W.B. Brian McGovern. W.B. Jerry Barnish

No ballots or petitions for this evening.

Call for correspondence by Worshipful Master. A bill for electrical repair by Hands on Electrical; repair estimate of \$1350.00 with \$1850 in parts bringing the estimate to that price.

A letter from Acqua water company was previously read requesting installation of a backflow valve. Estimated at \$950 by Civich Plumbing.

A motion was made by by R.W. Viccari to allow funding of needed repairs of \$4200. The motion was seconded by R.W, Alburger. After a brief discussion the motion was passed unanimously. A motion by R.W. Alburger to allow the secretary and treasurer to pay all necessary expenses over the summer months was made and seconded by R.W, Viccari. The motion was passed by the members of the lodge.

R.W. Mattes questioned if monies were sent to the Forum for the annual installation banquet.

No money was sent as no information was presented to the secretary of treasurer as of tonight's meeting. The blood drive for 27 June 2024 at Merchantville Temple was announced, 1-6 pm.

4th of July parade in Haddonfield N.J. was announced. As there is also a BBQ provided by Rising Sun Lodge.

A Master Mason Degree is being conferred at Medford Lodge Monday 25 2024 R.W. Mike Mattes stated plans of a grilling day here at Laurel Lodge July 13^{th.} Time will be announced.

District appointments were announced. R.W. Mattes will be District Education Officer. R.W. Huston will be Grand Chaplain. R.W. Viccari will be Aide to Grand Master. R.W. Keith Hermann will be Grand Orator. R.W. Ken Carpenter will be District Deputy of the 18th Masonic District.

There being no further announcements or business, W.M. Verrico called for adjournment. R.W. Abuiso, G.C. closed lodge at 8:43 pm.

Attest: W.B. Jerry Barnish P.M., secretary 2024

Dad Jokes for the Family

Where do rainbows go when they've been bad? To prism, so they have time to reflect on what they've done.

What do mermaids use to wash their fins? Tide.

What did the skillet eat on its birthday? Pancakes.

I went to a silent auction. I won a dog whistle and two mimes.

How is my wallet like an onion? Every time I open it, I cry.

What do you call a dog who meditates? Aware wolf.

What kind of fish do penguins catch at night? Star fish.

Which vegetable has the best kung fu? Broc-lee.

Can a frog jump higher than a house? Of course, a house can't jump.

I was going to try an all-almond diet, but that's just nuts.

I found a book called How to Solve 50% of Your Problems, so I bought 2.

What did the lunch box say to the refrigerator? Don't hate me because I'm a little cooler.

September Masonic Birthdays

Bro Joseph A. Armstrong	1982	42
Bro Albert J. Profico Sr.	1989	35
Bro Keith A. Trieble	1990	34
Bro Ralph E. Schwab	1993	31
Bro Robert P. Bansch	1997	27
Bro Raymond B. Kingett, II	1997	27
Bro Joseph S. Cvikich	2012	12
DB Robert S. Outlaw	2012	12
Bro Norman C. MacFerran	2014	10
Bro Joseph A. Cruz	2014	10
Bro Joseph J Novella	2018	6
Bro Frank DeClerico	2018	6
Bro Keith Verrico	2020	4
Bro James J. Colavita	2020	4
Bro Wallace J Carey	2020	4
Bro Ronald W Jablonski	2020	4
Bro Francis Lepre	2020	4
Bro Justin A. Zacamy	2020	4
Summer Masonic Birthdays		
Bro Stephen A. Hamer - August	1977	47
Bro Alfred W. Huston – August	2014	10

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 31st, 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.

We need your support Brethren. Dues for 2024 were due December 31st 2023.

Thank you, WB Robert Taylor, PM, Treasurer.

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 31st 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 bylaws of the individual lodge and Grand Lodge up to 12 months to pay the afore mentioned notice. Here is a rub for me serving as Secretary. When December 31st 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.

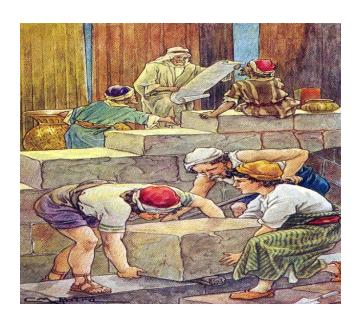
Please contact me with your questions.

Fraternally, Jerry Barnish, P.M. Secretary 2024

2024 Building Fu	ınd 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
Bro Wilfredo S Halina	Bro William R Terwilliger
Bro James D Griggs	Bro Jay Colavita
Bro Robert F Brittain	RW Albert L Hann, PGJD*
WB John P Gomen, PM	
Brethren, Thank you!	

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	MM	10/21/2	MM	TBD
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	MM	10/21/2	MM	TBD
		3	Exam	
	EA	1/20/23	FC	TBD
			Degree	
	EA	4/21/23	FC	TBD
			Degree	
	FC	5/17/24	MM	TBD
	Mr.	2/2/24	EA	TBD
	Mr.	2/2/24	EA	TBD

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.



Brethren helping Brethren:

Call or contact WB Olson for the following service:

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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 <u>www.dsmwealthmanagement.com</u> 609/221-9276

Call or contact Brother Kingett for the following service:

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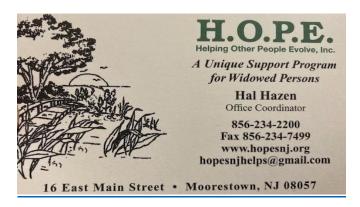
Donald L. Kingett, Esq. Offices in Gloucester County & Camden County 856-374-5800 or DKingett@KingettWarren.com

Call or contact Brother Jay Colavita for the following service:

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Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237

* Deceased # Served another Lodge C, Stack * 1961 John P. Steffan*

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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 #

Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237 Continued * Deceased # Served another Lodge

	Deceased # Serve	u ano	ther Louge
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		
PDDG			
2013	Kevin D. Kloss		
2014	James A. Weisensee		
2014	Brian McGovern #		
2015	Robert A. Taylor		
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2024 A.D.	Officer Line	6024 A.L.
	Worshipful Master	
	WB Keith Verrico – Deanna	L
	Senior Warden	
RW	Michael I Mattes, PGP – Ja	nice
	Junior Warden	
\mathbf{RW}	Scott P. Vicari, PGP - Jacqu	ielyn
	Treasurer	
W	B Robert Taylor, PM – Susa	an
	Secretary	
\mathbf{W}	B Jerry R. Barnish, PM - Be	eth
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	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	

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

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.

18th 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. Peppler, 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*

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