

Communication for May 2013

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

Friday, May 3, 7:45 PM

**Regular business, Birthdays & Refreshments
The Fellowcraft degree will be conferred**

Friday, May 17, 7:45 PM

**Regular business, Birthdays &
Refreshments**

**By Order of
WB Kevin D. Kloss
Worshipful Master**

**Attest
WB Craig R. Thorpe, PM
Secretary**



Worshipful Master's Message

I would like to take the time to remind you that Memorial Day is on Monday, May 27. We will be continuing our tradition of laying a wreath at the Laurel Springs Memorial in the morning. The officers of the lodge are expected to be there and members are always welcome to join in the remembrance. This is a great way for our lodge to show its commitment to the community and to our fallen brethren. The dress code for Officers will be dress slacks and a Masonic Polo. Preferably blue but please don't let that stop you from attending. The first official Memorial Day was May 30, 1868, Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic issued what was called General Order Number 11, designating May 30 as a memorial day. He declared it to be "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land." The first national celebration of Memorial Day (originally Decoration Day) took place May 30, 1868, at Arlington National Cemetery. The national observance of Memorial Day still takes place there today, with the placing of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the decoration of each grave with a small American flag. The holiday has changed a bit since it first began, which some argue was even earlier than Logan's dedication. Southern women decorated the graves of soldiers even before the end of the Civil War. After the war, a women's memorial association in Columbus, Mississippi, put flowers on the graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers in 1866, an act of generosity that inspired the poem by Francis Miles Finch, "The Blue and the Grey," published in the Atlantic Monthly. In 1971, federal law changed the observance of the holiday to the last Monday in May and extended it to honor all those who died in American wars. People pay tribute not only with flowers but also with speeches and parades.

(Found at: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/recon/jb_recon_memorial_1.html)

Here are a few ways to observe Memorial Day:

1. Fly Your Flag at Half-Staff - Proper protocol for flying your flag on Memorial Day is to fly it at half-staff from sunrise to noon and then raise it quickly to full-staff.
2. National Moment of Remembrance - The White House Commission on Remembrance encourages all Americans to remember those who paid the ultimate price in service to our nation. On Memorial Day at 3 p.m. (your local time) take a moment and observe the National Moment of Remembrance by pausing for 60 seconds to remember the men and women who fought and died while serving our country.
3. Placing Flags on Gravesites - Cemeteries will need volunteers to help place flags on military gravesites. If this is something that interests you, but you're unsure how to get involved, simply call the cemetery or church of your choice and inquire.
4. Attend a Ceremony- Across the country, veterans organizations such as the VFW, American Legion and most, if not all military installations Will host a Memorial Day ceremony.

**Fraternally,
Kevin D. Kloss
Worshipful Master**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Officers Rehearsal at Lodge

Friday, May 3, 7:45 PM
Fellowcraft Degree

Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 PM
District Lodge of Instruction
USS New Jersey Lodge No. 62
All officers must attend.

Friday, May 17, 7:45 PM
Regular Meeting

Saturday May 11, 2013
Grand Master's Reception
Fellowship Center
1114 Oxmead Road
Burlington, NJ 08016

Tuesday, May 28, 2012
The 18th District
2013 Gold Token Night

CANDIDATES IN WAITING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Date</u>	<u>Next Status</u>	<u>Next Date</u>
	EA	2/1/13	FC	5/3/13
	EA	3/1/13	FC	5/3/13
	EA	3/1/13	FC	5/3/13
	EA	2/1/13	FC	5/3/13
	MM	3/15/13	MMX	TBD
	MM	3/2/13	MMX	TBD
	MM	2/2/13	MMX	TBD
	MM	3/15/13	MMX	TBD
	MM	3/2/13	MMX	TBD
	MM	3/2/13	MMX	TBD

2013 DUES ARE PAST DUE

Your 2013 dues were due on or before December 31, 2012. If you have not paid it is now 60 days Past Due. 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 #237
P.O. Box # 127
Stratford, N.J. 08084

Building Trustees Request

The Trustees would like to expand the gallery of Officers pictures and are looking for the Officers group pictures for the following years

1923 Beck	1934 Goodwin	1987 Butler
1924 Scrimshaw	1937 Rankin	1991 Walsh
1925 Forrest	1939 Hansen	2001 DiOrio
1926 Giffin	1941 Gardiner	2002 March
1927 Giffin	1942 Cope	2004 Bathurst
1929 Osborne	1945 Wooster	2005 Caraballo
1930 Garrison	1948 Matthews	2011 Read
1931 Mills	1965 Gamp	2012 Madgey
1933 Bender	1985 Applegate	

Anyone knowing where they can be located please contact one of the Building Trustees

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

Saturday May 11, 2013

Fellowship Center

1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 08016

4:00PM Church Service at the
Masonic Home Chapel

5:30PM Social Hour

6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Reception

\$50.00 per Person

Admission to the reception is by advance reservation only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations must be made by May 1, 2013. For those attending the installation only, there is no charge and no reservations are necessary (however we request that you contact the Grand Marshal with your intention to attend).

Please make checks payable to
Covenant Lodge No.161 and mail to:
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**The 18th District Past Masters, Masters & Wardens Association
Cordially Invites You to Attend an Evening of Great Fellowship as We
Honor our Fifty-Plus Year Brethren at
The 18th District 2013 Gold Token Night**

**This is an Open Affair -Candidates, Entered Apprentices,
Fellowcraft, Ladies, Family and friends are all welcome.**

Tuesday, May 28, 2012

Adelphia's Restaurant

1750 Clements Bridge Road Deptford, NJ

6:00PM Cocktail Hour(Cash Bar) with Appetizers

7:00PM Dinner

Laurel's Honorees

Bro. John J Sparks 70 Year Bro. Frank R Adams 55 Year

Bro. Harry L Scherfel 65 Year Bro. James M Carroll 55 Year

Bro. Walter C Guetherman 60 Year Bro. John R Dougherty 50 Year

Bro. Donald C Springle 55 Year Bro. A. Harry Moffett 50 Year

RW Charles A, Castley, PDDGM 50 Years

\$40.00 per Person

Reservations are required by May 21, 2011

Please make check payable to

"Laurel Lodge #237"

Send to

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PO Box 127

Laurel Springs, NJ 08084

18th District Gold Token Night

Name _____ # Attending _____

Meal Choice

Chicken Parmesan _____ Crabcakes _____ Prime Rib _____

Return with payment

Lodge Building Fund Benefactors

Bro Joseph Abiuso
Bro James A. Weisensee, SW
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Bro Gene G. Olson
Bro Joseph J Cullen

May Masonic Birthdays

Bro George P Rosenblatt	1954	59
WB Leonard O Beebe, PM	1961	52
Bro J. Bruce Mumie	1962	51
Bro Harry E Parvin	1967	46
Bro Herbert L Seidman	1969	44
Bro James D Sannipoli	1970	43
Bro Leonard F Albig	1971	42
Bro Robert L Jones	1975	38
Bro Donald E Slimm	1978	35
Bro William A Lambert	1986	27
Bro Michael A Lisowski	1989	24
Bro Christopher T Mascioli	1989	24
Bro Jackie R Longmire, Jr.	1992	21
Bro Timothy P Roedig	1992	21
WB Eugene J. Applegate, PM	1995	18
Bro James J Nilan, Jr.	1995	18
Bro Christopher A Milner	1997	16
Bro Joseph J Barrett	1999	14
Bro Joseph W Obrish, Jr.	1999	14
Bro Joseph A Gazzara	2001	12
Bro Michael W Harrell	2001	12
Bro Anthony J Mazziotti	2001	12
Bro James H Gleeson Jr.	2006	7
Bro Anthony A Lafferty	2006	7
Bro Jon W Nagle	2006	7
Bro Robert A. Taylor	2008	5
Bro Brett M. Wiley	2008	5
Bro Anthony Carozza	2010	3
Bro Walter S. Keebler	2010	3
Bro Andrew J. Read	2010	3
Bro Fred H. Hurlburt	2012	1
Bro Michael P. McKenney, Jr.	2012	1
Bro William E. Roche'	2012	1
Bro Daniel T. Walsh	2012	1

Worshipful Master's Covenant House Charity Drive

Covenant House of New Jersey started Outreach services to at-risk youth in Camden and the surrounding area in March of 2012. They provide a wide range of services, from fulfilling a youth's immediate needs of food, shelter and clothing, to providing them with medical care, educational and vocational services, counseling, legal services, life skills, education, recreation, aftercare, pastoral care, drug abuse treatment and prevention support.

The Worshipful Master is calling upon all Brethren to do the work of a mason and support this worthy Charity which operates practically in our own backyard. We will be designating all donations to be used in the Camden county area.

By making a donation every dollar you give helps them to move a kid from the streets to safety. You can also donate gift cards in any amount from places like Wal-Mart, CVS, Rite Aid and Payless so that they can purchase needed items for the children. They request that if clothing donations are made that they be new clothing items due to a recent problem with used clothing containing bed bugs. Clothing items most needed are sweat pants, T-shirts and socks. There will be a box on the podium downstairs (near the meeting register) at lodge meeting to deposit donations, or you can mail them to the lodge at

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PAST MASTERS

<i>* Deceased</i>	<i># Dual Member</i>
1922 Albert C. Stack *	1973 Louis W. Bradley, PGT *
1923 Harry A. Beck *	1974 Robert W. Bates, PSGD
1923 William S. Martin # *	1975 Frederick W. Knox
1924 Arthur Scrimshaw *	1976 Leroy See *
1925 Benjamin Forrest *	1976 John J. Eitel # *
1926 Elmer F. Giffin *	1977 Roy F. Gutshall, Jr. *
1927 Charles B. Giffin *	1978 John R. Beetle
1928 John T. Reif *	1979 Charles W. Bell
1929 Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1980 Benjamin H. Read, Jr. *
1930 Samuel G. Garrison, Jr. *	1981 Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM
1931 Charles P. Mills # *	1982 Warren E. Rival, PGC
1932 William R. Cannon *	1982 Ronald A. Rocco #
1933 Noah C. Bender *	1983 Hugh C. Williams *
1934 F. Maurice Goodwin *	1984 Walter C. Knett *
1935 Michael Balent, Jr. *	1984 Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *
1936 Enos J. Jarvis *	1985 Frank A. Applegate, Sr. *
1937 Robert F. Ranken *	1985 Henry Bubacz # *
1938 John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1986 Wilfred E. Wilson *
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., DDGM
1948 Joseph H. Matthews *	1994 Henry J. Rahn, Jr. PSGS
1949 Ralph E. Husted *	1994 Charles A. Castley, PDDGM #
1950 Thomas Milne *	1995 Russell B. 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
1971 Leonard O. Beebe	2012 Bernard J. Madgey, V
1972 Robert D. Rowand	

DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS

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 DB John E. McDowell DB Raymond T. McManus

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MW William H. Berman, Grand Master 2009
 MW Larry S. Plasket, Grand Master 2002
 MW William H. Sackett, Grand Master 1986
 MW Edgar N. Pepler, Grand Master 1979

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1 Year WB Robert E. Kunze, Sr., PM

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