



**October  
2025**

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Constituted May 25<sup>th</sup> 1922*

## Communications for October 2025

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

### Friday October 3rd 7:45PM Meeting

Enjoy masonic light with regular business, masonic birthdays and brotherhood. A ballot for plural membership to Laurel Lodge #237 will be conferred upon Brother Anthony Rodriguez Arroyo.

Brother Arroyo is a member of Mozart Lodge #121.

Dinner will be Lodge 6:30PM.

\$10 Donation is requested.

### Friday October 17th 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.

Dinner at 630PM. Menu includes Prime Rib, Baked Potatoes and Green Beans Almondine. We will also be having a visit from RW Glenn Vischer who will be giving a talk on leadership.

We will also be having a special visit by Most Worshipful Len Vanderhorn PGM. There will be no charge for dinner Past Masters Night.

A ballot for initiation and membership will be held for Mr.



*By Order of*  
*RW Michael I. Mattes*  
*Worshipful Master*

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

# **Worshipful Masters Message**

Brethren,

How many lessons have you taken away from the degrees that you took within our walls. Personally, I have taken a number of tenants deep to heart. But like all of us, sometimes I fall short. Let's take last month's trestle board message for example. Did you read it? In case you did not I will give you a brief recap. Last month's trestle board was blank. See I got so wrapped up in work and my daily life that time passed and we were facing the cut off before our meeting that I instructed the brother that diligently works to put our trestle board together to just send it without a message. I failed to employ one of the basic tenants that we learned and did not use the 24-inch gauge as I should have. But as Masons we try to rebuild. and learn from our mistakes. This is one mistake that I think all of us face at one time or another. But what we do is try to rebound and correct this defect.

But one other thing that I would like to mention about the reason that there was no message last month. It's to implore you brethren that each month a lot of hard work goes into both the Masters, Senior Wardens messages. and Trestle boards in general. Do you know how many people called me to ask why there was no trestle board message this month? One! These brethren work long and tirelessly to try and share their thoughts on the Fraternity and what it means to them. Take the time to read these messages and engage your brethren. Ask especially to the brother that puts the trestle board together. It is a thankless job that he has done diligently for the last few years. Thank you to all who take a part in making Laurel Lodge a shining jewel within our district and craft.

**Sincerely and Fraternaly**

**Michael Isadore Mattes**

Worshipful Master Laurel Lodge #237

Education Officer for the 18th District

Past Grand Pursuivant

Past Master Mozart Lodge #121 (2020/2021/2022)

Past President of the 18th District Masters and Wardens Association

# **October Masonic Birthdays**

<b>RW Robert W. Bates PSGD</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>WB Charles W. Bell, PM</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Bro David W. Clark</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Bro Stanley Livanos</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Bro Bernard C. Sharp</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Bro James D. Sannipoli</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>WB John R. Beetle, PM</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Bro James R. O'Brien</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>WB Ronald A. Rocco, PM</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>48</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>38</b>
<b>WB Craig J. Woodruff, PM</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>WB Robert F. DiOrio, PM</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Bro Joseph H. Rival, III</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>WB Juan A. Caraballo, Jr PM</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Bro William P Buchanan</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Bro Anthony Cipriano, III</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Bro Morton W Argoe</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Bro Jeffrey A Williams</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>WB Kevin D Kloss, PM</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Bro Michael G Owskiak</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Bro Scott E Fitting</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Bro Michael J Tavani</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Bro Adrian M Graciano</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Bro James A Drexel</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Bro Worrell R Walker III</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Bro David Michael Aune</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Bro. Francis M. Guthrie</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bro. Jacob T. Keppen</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bro. Thomas J. Santangelo</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bro. Christopher Broschard</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>1</b>

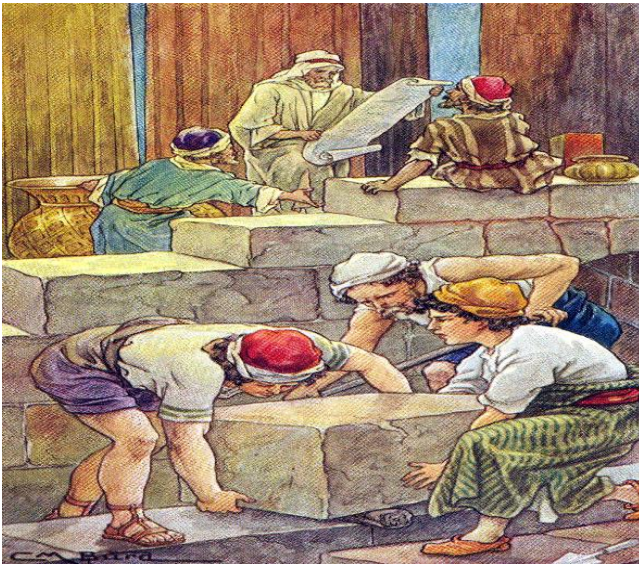
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WB John P. Gomen, PM	
<b>Brethren, Thank you!</b>	

## Candidate Status

NAME	STATUS	LAST DATE	NEXT STATUS	NEXT DATE
	EA	1/20/23	FC	TBD
	EA	4/21/23	FC	TBD
	Mr.	2/2/24	EA	TBD
	Mr.	2/2/24	EA	TBD
	EA	3/1/25	FC	TBD
	Mr.	1/17/25	EA	TBD
	Mr.	10/19/25	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.**



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# 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. Pepler 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**

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 PGC
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 PGP #
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 GC #
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 GC #
1997	Jerry R. Barnish #	2023	Jerry R. Barnish
1998	Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC *	2024	Keith Verrico
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 JGW		
2012	David J. Lane Sr. PGC #		
2013	Kevin D. Kloss		
2014	James A. Weisensee		
2014	Brian McGovern #		
2015	Robert A. Taylor		
2015	Richard Hartshorne #		

**2025 A.D.**

**Officer Line**

**6025 A.L.**

**Worshipful Master**

**RW Michael I Mattes, PGP – Janice**

**Senior Warden**

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

**Junior Warden**

**Bro Jay Colavita - Marianne**

**Treasurer**

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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

<b><u>Senior Deacon</u></b>	Brother Thomas J. Santangelo
<b><u>Junior Deacon</u></b>	Brother Francis M. Guthrie
<b><u>S.M. Ceremonies</u></b>	WB Brother Don Keppen, Jr. PM
<b><u>J.M. Ceremonies</u></b>	WB Craig Woodruff, PM
<b><u>Senior Steward</u></b>	WB Brian McGovern, PM
<b><u>Junior Steward</u></b>	WB Keith P. Verrico, PM
<b><u>Marshal</u></b>	DB Robert S. Outlaw
<b><u>Chaplain</u></b>	Brother Christopher Broschard
<b><u>Tyler</u></b>	Brother William F. Anderson
<b><u>Historian</u></b>	Brother Jacob Keppen
<b><u>Proxy to GL</u></b>	Brother Thomas J. Santangelo
<b><u>Director of Ritual</u></b>	RW Brian J. Read, PJGS
<b><u>Webmaster</u></b>	DB Raymond T. McManus, DB
<b><u>Dir. of Craftsmen</u></b>	By Appointment - Need Volunteer
<b><u>Entertainment</u></b>	By Appointment – Need Volunteer
<b><u>Sick and Visiting</u></b>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<b><u>Auditing, Budget &amp; Finance</u></b>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<b><u>Blood Bank Chairman</u></b>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<b><u>Photographer</u></b>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<b><u>Masonic Education</u></b>	RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, RW Bernard J. Madgey, V JGW
<b><u>Advisor to Officers</u></b>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<b><u>Refreshments</u></b>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<b><u>Funeral Coordinator</u></b>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<b><u>Scholarship Committee</u></b>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.
<b><u>Building Trustees</u></b>	3 Year: DB Bob Outlaw 2 Year: Brother Thomas J. Santangelo 1 Year: By appointment – Volunteer Needed
<b><u>Financial Trustees</u></b>	3 Year: MW Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM 2 Year: WB Craig Woodruff, PM 1 Year: WB Keith P. Verrico, PM
<b><u>Organist</u></b>	By Appointment – Volunteer needed.

## New Jersey Grand Lodge Information

**Grand Master: Most Worshipful: John Eugene Margroff**  
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**Senior Grand Warden: Bruce C. Golway**  
**Junior Grand Warden: RW Bernard J. Madgey V**  
**Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer: MW Douglas R. Policastro**  
**Right Worshipful Grand Secretary: MW Larry S. Plaskett**  
**District Deputy Grand Master: RW Ken Carpenter**  
**District Ritual Instructor: RW Vince Capone**

**18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District 2025 Grand Officers**  
**Grand Chaplain: Right Worshipful Casey Huston GC**  
**Aid to the Grand Master: Scott P. Vicari, ATTGM**

### 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

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**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**  
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