

# Medford Lodge No. 178 F. & A. M.

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Thank you for your generous contribution to the Kip Duffy Memorial Scholarship Fund. Your kind assistance will help us continue Kip's work of serving his community by helping promising young people of good character get started with their career in the trades.

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DeMolay is a leadership and character-building international organization for young men ages 12 to 21, founded on timeless values like respect, service, and integrity. It empowers youth to grow into confident leaders through real-world experiences, brotherhood, and mentorship – all in a safe, supportive, and fun environment.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER

# OPEN HOUSE

*Discover how DeMolay builds  
Leadership, Friendship, & Purpose  
– For youth & parents alike!*

**Saturday,  
25 Oct, 2025**

**1:00PM – 2:30 PM**

25 Bank Street  
Medford, NJ 08055

*\*\*Light Lunch & Refreshments will be  
provided for all guests*

- ✓ Meet with our members & advisors
- ✓ Discover what DeMolay is all about
- ✓ Explore leadership & service opportunities
- ✓ Learn about our scholarships and how to get involved!



For more info:  
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# Message from the East



Brethren, there are many aspects to freemasonry we often overlook or study but soon forget, with the passage of time. One such example for myself was the Sprig of acacia. The Acacia tree, the symbol of resurrection, immortality of the soul and perseverance.



The Acacia is found in some of the harshest environments on this planet, usually found in the dry, arid savannas of Australia and Africa. This plant has 1200 species between trees and bushes. They have developed unique methods that allow themselves to survive in these arid conditions, some of which include drought resistance, symbiotic relations and physical adaptations. Men can cut them down, they can be eaten by herbivores and can be burned by brushfires and lightning, Yet, if one root remains, it is still able to endure, sprout again and re-grow. Now that is a symbol of perseverance! It is no wonder why God chose it as the material for the Ark of the Covenant.

Acacia plays an important role in Masonic ritual. During the initiation ceremony, candidates are presented with a sprig of Acacia as a symbol of their innocence and purity. In the funeral service, the sprig of Acacia is used as a symbol of mourning and the hope of resurrection. It is also placed on the casket of the deceased, to honor their memory and remind Masons of the immortality of the soul. Acacia is also used in the Master Mason degree, where it is used to mark the grave of our Operative Grand Master.

“Acacia is an important symbol in Freemasonry. Its association with immortality, resurrection, and innocence has made it an important part of Masonic lore. The use of Acacia in Masonic ritual serves as a reminder of the principles and values that are central to the Masonic tradition. As Freemasonry continues to evolve, the symbolism of Acacia will continue to play an important role in the Craft.”

Fraternally,  
*WM Rudy Hatala*

[MASONIC SHORT TALKS](http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/SHORT07.HTM) - <http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/SHORT07.HTM>  
[The Acacia Tree | Freemasonry](#)

[Acacia in Freemasonry – The Square Magazine](#)

# Calendar of Events

## Dates to Remember



Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday	2nd	5:15 PM	<b>Grand Lodge of Instruction</b> Dinner is at 5:15pm GLI 6:30pm	<b>Burlington Lodge</b> 2308 Mt Holly Rd Burlington, NJ 08016
Monday	6th	6:00 PM	<b>District Lodge of Instruction</b> Dinner is at 6:00pm DLI 7:00pm	<b>Maple Shade Moorestown Lodge</b> 15 North Fellowship Road Maple Shade, NJ 08052
Thursday	9th	6:00 PM	<b>Medford Lodge BREW-THREN Night Out</b> Purely Social Event Open to All—Masons Family & Friends Breweries will adjust monthly See attached flyer	<b>Magnify Brewery</b> 17 N Main Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	13th	6:30 PM	<b>Regular Communication— Official Visit</b> Dinner/Fraternal Networking 6:30 pm / Open 7:30 pm Dress Officers: Formal/ Masons: Business Dinner Catered by Femmina - Bro. Franco Coppola	<b>Medford Lodge</b> 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	20th	6:30 PM	<b>Emergent Communication— Master Mason Degree</b> Dinner/Fraternal Networking 6:30 pm / Open 7:30 pm Dress Officers: Formal/ Masons: Business Dinner Catered by Femmina - Bro. Franco Coppola	<b>Medford Lodge</b> 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Thursday	23rd	2:00 PM	<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b> Our Fall Blood Drive Please come out and donate some blood.	<b>Medford Lodge</b> 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Saturday	25th	12:00 PM	<b>Demolay Open House</b> Starts at Noon See attached Flyer	<b>Medford Lodge</b> 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055

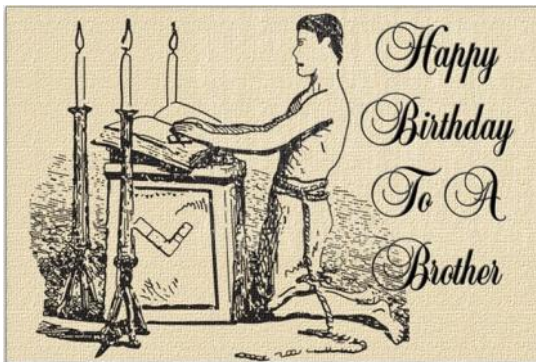
View the updated calendar on the lodge app or on the app website:  
<https://medfordlodge178.minsh.com/>

# Medford Lodge No. 178



## October Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years	Brother	Years
Philip S. Aronow	28	Lawrence R Erisman	23	Matthew E. Schneider	5
Patrick L Barcello	39	William T Jones III	38	Gregory A. Shadman	7
Michael R Beringer	25	Donald S. Morrison	18	Joseph Vazquez	2
David M Carvin, PM	25	Edward G. Parks	7	Charles J Westen	68
Philip A. DiCarlo	2	Leonard Schachner	64	Michael H Wigginton	23
Norton Druger	5				



## Making Good Men Better

**In Waiting to Receive the MM Degree:**

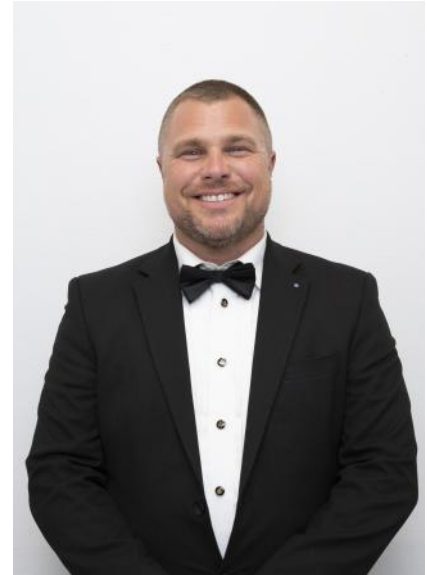
Brother Marc Andrew Tous

Brother Nicholas Andrew Waszkiewicz



## *Notes from the Worshipful Master:*

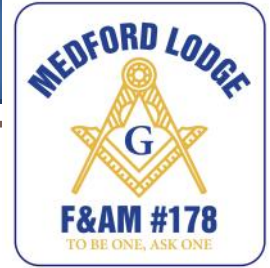
Brethren, we are entering the fall season and our busiest time of the year. We are fast approaching the end of the Masonic year. However, we are not there yet! We still have a Master Mason degree to prepare for as well as a duty to show our new Fellow Craft's a wonderful experience. I encourage everyone that is participating in this degree to attend our practices. Our MM degree is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember as Lodge officers we are expected to continue to improve our masonic knowledge and lead our lodge by example.



Thank you to all the brethren's significant others who attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of Ladies night this past month. Tasty food, wine, and conversation lead to a fun evening had by all.

Our October regular communication will be our Official visit by the DDGM. Please show your support for Medford Lodge if your cable tow allows it.





## *Notes from the Senior Warden.*



### **Brethren**

The Pledge of Allegiance is not likely as old as most people assume. Additionally, it was one of our Brothers that first advanced the idea, and another Brother who created the Pledge itself.

In 1892, Brother James P. Upham, publisher of *The Youth's Companion* magazine, advanced the idea of a flag raising ceremony in all schools. This was in celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of America (at least by Christopher Columbus who at the time, was considered the one to find it). Patriotic fervor swept the country over the idea for an appropriate prayer filled with reverence, patriotism, and love of country.



The Pledge itself was created by Reverend and Brother Francis J. Bellamy, and was first used on Columbus Day, October 12, 1892. The original form was meant to be applicable to any nation, not just the United States. In its original form it read: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added.

The Pledge of Allegiance was officially adopted on June 22, 1942, and "under God" was added on June 14, 1954 in response to the Communist threat of the times. Initially those reciting the Pledge were expected to begin with a salute in a military style with the right hand to the forehead, palm to the ground. At the words "to the Flag" the hand was to be raised upward toward the Flag, remaining that way through the rest of the Pledge. During World War II the salute too much resembled the Nazi salute, so it was changed to keep the right hand over the heart throughout.

*Michael Chadwick*

Michael Chadwick, Senior Warden

### Sources:

[http://www.themasonictrowel.com/articles/history/other\\_files/masonic\\_events\\_history.htm](http://www.themasonictrowel.com/articles/history/other_files/masonic_events_history.htm)  
<https://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>





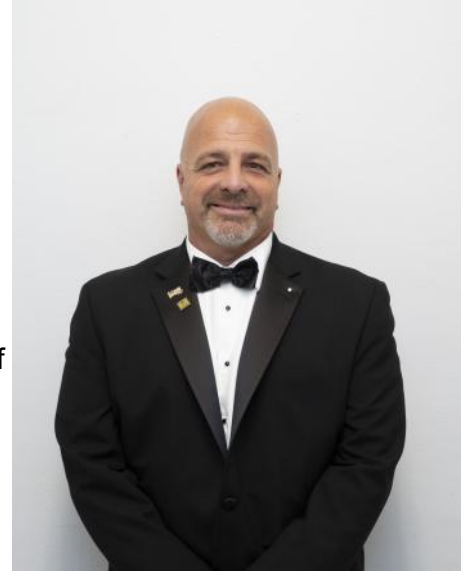
## *Notes from the Junior Warden.*



Brethren,

Greetings from the South! In my last article I spoke of personal property being restored to individuals and or their families, but during the Civil War, many temples were also plundered. It is sad for me to say that there

are good Masons and bad Masons, as Masons are but ordinary men and fall to human frailties. Unfortunately, there are far too many accounts of Mason's plundering the other sides Masonic Temples, which is particularly disgusting as they are aware of the value and meaning of the Charter, Jewels and Furniture of the Lodge. However, there were many good Officers, who were Masons, who upon witnessing the plunder of the Lodges went out in earnest to get the items back and punish the looters. These Mason's uphold our Masonic and American values and demonstrated them on the battlefield.



And then there were Masons who abandoned their Masonic Values, but upon receiving gestures of Masonic recognition, reverted back to their Masonic value and made things right. During General Sherman's march, the standing order was to take supplies from the civilian populace as the Union Army would not have a supply train, and leave them (civilians) with a 10-day supply. During a time of war, it was not exactly a favorable outcome for the civilians. One such account has a Union Army Officer taking provisions from a doctor in North Carolina, the doctor had about a year's worth of provisions to support his family, but remember there was a war going on and supply lines were non-existent so obtaining a fresh supply of food was not likely. The Officer had his men start taking the families provision and filled a large wagon with its first load. The doctor fearing starvation for his family turned to Freemasonry. When the Soldiers left, the doctor took the opportunity to give a few Masonic signals which the Lieutenant instinctively responded to showing he was indeed a Mason and in addition a Royal Arch Mason. The doctor finally resorted to giving the Masonic sign of distress, which put the Lieutenant into a state of deep thought. The doctor was not sure if his request was acknowledged until the Soldiers returned and began to take more supplies, the Lieutenant halted his men and told them there was just enough supplies left to support the family. He even posted a sentry at the door to prevent any further foraging attempts until the Army moved on. This Officer and a Mason countered his standing orders and fell back on his fundamental values and did the right thing. What would you do? I hope your Masonic values will kick in if ever faced with a similar situation.

*George Massey*

George Massey, Junior Warden

Sources:

<sup>1</sup> Account taken The Better Angels of Our Nature: Freemasonry in the American Civil War by Michael A. Halleran (a fellow Mason), Pages 74-77.



# Officers & Committees



## 2025 Medford Lodge Officers

### Worshipful Master

Rudolph "Rudy" Hatala

### Senior Warden

Michael Chadwick

### Junior Warden

George Massey

### Treasurer

WB Daniel O'Brien

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RW Howard Black III, PGMar

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Robert Foster

Andrew Hobson

### Senior / Junior Master of Ceremonies

Keith Egan

Richard J Weldon

### Senior / Junior Steward

Norton Druger

WB Rigil Abellanos

### Chaplain

Thomas Beamer

### Marshal

WB George Wigginton

### Tyler

J. Gary Hicks, PM

### Historian

WB J Edward Hunt, PM

### Proxy to Grand Lodge

Robert Foster

## Committees

### Lodge Trustees

WB Larry Vernamonti, PM (3)

WB David Carvin (2)

RW Jeremiah Phillips (1)

### Temple Trustees

WB George Wigginton (3)

WB Rigil Abellanos, PM (2)

WB John Ellor, PM (1)

### Sickness & Distress

WB Larry Vernamonti

WB Rick Young

### Audit Committee

William "Bill" Crozier

Michael DiCroce

### Ritual Committee

WB David Carvin, PM

WB Daniel O'Brien

RW Jeremiah Phillips

### Relief Committee

WB Larry Vernamonti

WM Rudy Hatala

WB George Wigginton

### By-Laws

WB David Carvin

WB Larry Vernamonti

WB Rigil Abellanos

### Hospitality Committee

RW Jeremiah Phillips

Franco Coppola

Stewards

### Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship

TBD

# Grand Lodge & District Info



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**Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey**

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## Lodges of the 19th District

### **Beverly Riverside #107**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
621 Chester Avenue, Riverside, NJ 08075

### **Burlington #32**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
2308 Mt Holly Rd, Burlington, NJ 08016

### **Central #44**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
23 Plum Street, Southampton, NJ 08088

### **Maple Shade Moorestown #281**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
15 North Fellowship Road, Maple Shade, NJ 08052

### **Medford Lodge #178**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055

### **Mount Holly #14**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
15 Garden Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

### **Mount Moriah #28**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
121 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505

# Past Masters



## In Honor of our Living Past Masters

Calvin Walters	1974	Mark K. Crosby	2011 (DMT)
Robert S. Middleton, <b>PGC</b>	1977, 79	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
Richard A. Godin	1980	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	Russell A. Bauer, <b>PGC</b>	2015
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Robert Shestack	2016 (D)
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Jeremiah H. Phillips, <b>PJGD</b>	2016
Howard I. Black 3 <sup>rd</sup> , <b>PGMar</b>	1987	Jonathan Murray	2017 (DMT)
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Ralph H. Baron	2017 (D)
Owen D. Brennan, <b>PGSB</b>	1990 (+)	Daniel O'Brien	2018
William B. Watson	1995	F. Lawrence Vernamonti	2020, 2021
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	John A. Quintana	2022
Allan D. Kline	1997 (+)	Rigil Abellanosa	2023
John T. Kubit	1998	Hugh Christine	2024
George J. Wigginton Jr	2001		
Stephen C. Sweeney	2002		
Raymond W. Taylor, Sr, <b>PGC</b>	2003		
Peter M. DeStefano	2004		
J. Gary Hicks	2004 (+)		
William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 (A)		
A. John Ellor	2006 (D)		
Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008		
Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (DMT)		
David M. Carvin	2010, 14		
Roy A. Winter, <b>PDRI</b>	2010, 14 (+)		
Joseph A. Knecht	2014 (D)		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

## In Memoriam — 2025

Frederick C. Young Jr. 04/05/2025

Jesse H Roberts 09/26/2025





# Past Masters



## In Memory of our Deceased Past Masters

Frank A. Braddock	1903	Norman R. DeLong	1954	Ronald L. Hodge	1993
Samuel A. Garwood	1904	Henry Emenecker Sr, <b>PGC</b>	1955, 64	Borys I. Umyn	2000
William D. Cowperthwait	1904, 40	A. Robert Merrion	1956	William E. Stockum	2003
J. Maurice Garwood	1905-06	Jerald Carey	1957, 63	Robert E. Seufert	2003-04 ( <b>A</b> )
Harry Brick	1907, 37-38	Harold E. Easlick <b>PGC</b>	1958, 62	Jerry Albrecht	2005
Alfred E. Darnell	1909-10	Kenneth G. Rixon ( <b>D</b> )	1958, 80	Thomas Wright II, <b>PJGD</b>	2007
Carlton J. Garwood	1911	Dean W. Cramer (+)	1958	Frederick C. Young Jr.	2019
Charles J. Hollingshead	1912	Gordon L. Beeler	1959		
Wilbert F. Branin	1913	Herbert M. Hays	1960		
C. Edgar Haines	1914	George D. Richer Jr	1961		
Albert F. Kirby	1915	Fred A. Sharkey III	1965		
Isaac E. Ballinger	1916	David C. Morton	1966		
E. P. Warner	1917	Richard S. Dellmyer (+)	1966		
S. Thackara Haines	1918	Francis R. Mitchell, <b>PGM</b>	1966		
Fred W. Branin	1919	George W. Beisley	1967-68		
Charles H. Griscom	1920	William L. Springman	1969		
Henry S. Lippincott	1921	Arnold Earle (+)	1969		
Eckard J. Ballinger	1922	Benjamin J. Amadio	1970		
Clinton H. Cowperthwait, <b>PSGS</b>	1924, 47	Thomas J. Fitzgerald (+)	1970		
Charles F. Clymer	1925	Oscar Cahall	1971		
George M. Hiles	1926	Carl P. Rehor	1972		
Francis Mickle	1927	William H. Moffett (+)	1972		
William C. Griscom	1928, 39	John D. Cooper	1973		
Lawrence G. Mingin	1929	Richard B. Snavely (+)	1974		
Garfield Alloway	1930	Ernest L. Seth	1975		
Harvey Hiles	1931	Frederick D. Domako ( <b>D</b> )	1977		
Karl G.J. Bingemann	1932	C. William Cornelssen	1978		
Charles H. Leeds	1933	Wilheml Launhardt (+)	1980		
Ralph E. Curry	1934	Paul D. Garlanger <b>PDDGM</b> (+)	1981		
Fred R. Boyd	1935	Russell C.S. Williams	1982		
Robert N. Henderson	1936	Orrin Dillabough	1982 ( <b>D</b> )		
Edwin M. Johnson	1941-44	John F. Hall, <b>PGC, PDGI</b>	1982 ( <b>D</b> )		
George W. Otto (+)	1941	Joseph W. Siatkowski	1983		
George Korradi (+)	1942	V. James Minerva	1984		
Harry T. McNeill	1945-46	Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985		
Edwin Holzschuher	1948	Edwin E. Wood III, <b>PSGM</b>	1988		
Joseph E. Bealer Jr	1949	David B. Stoneback	1989		
E. Lester Small	1950-51	Howard I. Black 2 <sup>nd</sup> , <b>PJGS</b>	1991		
Harold S. Farrow	1952	Frederick H. Tillwick	1992		
Charles N. Parker	1953				

# Demolay & Rainbow



## DeMolay New Jersey



"In a world too often seen through a screen, DeMolay and Rainbow reminds us there are other choices."

Members of DeMolay (12-21) and Rainbow (11-20) develop civic awareness through community service projects, personal responsibility by planning and executing their own activities, and gain self-confidence through leadership and public speaking.



**For more information on these organizations** for your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or neighbor, please call or email me.

RW Rick LaBaw (609-902-7516) [rflabawjr@comcast.net](mailto:rflabawjr@comcast.net)

## This is a link to all the 19th District Upcoming Events

<http://www.19thdistrictnj.org/19th-district-events/>



Medford Lodge #178 is continuing to collect toys for the Toys-For-Tots program throughout this year. It is important that we care for children in our community all year long and not just during the holiday season. Our goal is to fill our container multiple times which will help bring joy to children all year long.

The next time you are in a store, buy a toy and bring it, unwrapped, to the Lodge. Let's be the difference for a deserving child. Information on the program is available at <https://www.toysfortots.org>.

# Mason of the Month

## MEDFORD LODGE #178

MASON OF THE MONTH  
OCTOBER 2025



### **BROTHER MATTHEW DIPAULA**

#### **Where were you born?**

I was born in Voorhees NJ

#### **What is your current or last occupation?**

Director of Marketing & Sales

#### **If you could meet any person (dead or alive), who would it be?**

President Donald J Trump

#### **What is your favorite quote?**

Cogito Ergo Sum ( I think, therefore I am) - Rene Descartes

#### **Are there any random facts you can share about yourself with the brethren?**

- I'm excellent in technology and specialize in Artificial Intelligence & AI Digital Imaging
- I own and operate a 3d Printer (let me know if you ever need anything!)
- My second language is Brazilian Portuguese (where my wife is from)

#### **What do you enjoy most about being a Mason?**

I enjoy most the fraternity and the charge to gain more light.



# Mt. Laurel High Twelve Club



My Brother

I would like to take a minute to introduce you to one of the most EXCITING CLUBS in Masonry. The secret, HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL. What's the secret?

**NO FORMAL RITUAL  
MEETINGS ARE ANYTIME  
ANY DAY  
ANY WHERE  
GUESTS OR WIVES ARE WELCOME**

I'm sure you have great memories of: sharing fellowship with your brothers, helping the local youth groups like Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Assisting your Blue Lodge with their projects, that is what we are about. We also support the Wolcott Foundation at George Washington University.

Currently we have five clubs in New Jersey and GROWING. . Nelson Craig, Masonic Village at Burlington, Mt. Laurel, North Jersey and the newly chartered Jersey Travelers. They would love to see you at their next meeting. Bring your wife or guest if you like, all are welcome.

If there is not a club in your area and you would like to form one we are glad to help. Contact our International Secretary Thomas A. Brotherton III at [secretary@high12.org](mailto:secretary@high12.org).

Take time to visit our web site at High12.org, it is full of information and a great video by Ernest Borgnine (remember Mc Hales Navy?).

Thanks for your time and we look forward seeing you at our next meeting. ***High Twelve is not just another appendant body, it's a body that the Future of Masonry is DEPENDENT Upon,***

## ***FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, FUTURE***

### **State of New Jersey - Independent Clubs**

Club Information	Meeting Place and Time	Contact Information
<b># 073 Nelson W. Craig</b>  Cherry Hill, NJ  Chartered: July 15, 1946	Lamp Post Diner 1378 Little Gloucester Rd Gloucester Twnshp NJ 08012  1st & 3rd Monday's @ 12:00 Noon	John Zioance, President 609.206.0878  Joseph A. Dinovi, Secretary 609.670.7214 <a href="mailto:wa2gfk@hotmail.com">wa2gfk@hotmail.com</a>



# The Grand Lodge



Most Ancient and Honorable Society  
of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey

## Nominations for Grand Lodge Offices 2025-2026

### Grand Master

Omar S. Morris, Peninsula Lodge #99

### Deputy Grand Master

Bruce C. Golway, Vineland Lodge #69

### Senior Grand Warden

Bernard J. Madgey, V, Laurel Lodge #237

### Junior Grand Warden

(Vote for 1)

Ronald A Murad, Atlas Pythagoras Lodge #10

Glenn T. Visscher, Cincinnati Lodge #3

### Grand Treasurer

Douglas R Policastro, Ocean Lodge #89

### Grand Secretary

(Vote for 1)

Larry S. Plasket, Merchantville Lodge #119

Roger Quintana, Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric Lodge #35

# Grand Lodge Nominations



## **Grand Lodge Trustee**

(Vote for 3, 2 full terms 1 unexpired term)

Larry Alcime, Alpha Lodge #116

Alexandru D Aldea, Essex Lodge #7

Dwayne A Dolly, II, Mansfield Lodge #36

Michael Mattes, Mozart Lodge #121

David J Weiss, MilltownPalestine Lodge #294

## **Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee**

Andrew G. Churney, Mt Holly Lodge #14

## **Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee**

3 full term positions

Arthur J. Campbell, Matawan Lodge #192

Bruce S Graham, Cape May Lodge #30

Donald R Tuttle, Mantua Lodge #95

1 unexpired term position

Richard F. Schmidt, Fulton Friendship #102

Larry S. Plasket, PGM  
Grand Secretary





## DGM OMAR MORRIS PRESENTS 2025 Festival of Trees

### Sponsorship Request

Join the exclusive group of Masonic Sponsors in making the Festival of Trees a reality! This large scale tricky tray-style event transforms the Masonic Fellowship Center into a Winter Wonderland with Santa Claus as the guest of honor.

#### How it works?

- Sponsors decorate an 8x8 space with a tree and \$1,000 worth of prizes.
- During the event attendees purchase tickets for a chance to win their favorite trees.
- On the last day of the event, tickets will be drawn and winners will be selected.

- PRIZE RAFFLE • SUPER CASH RAFFLE •
- FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA •
- (Donations Welcome)

#### Event Details

Masonic Fellowship Center - 1114 Oxmead Rd. Burlington, NJ

- November 21st: 2pm - 8pm
- November 22nd & 23rd: 10am - 8pm
- November 28th & 29th: 10am - 8pm
- November 30th: 10am - 4pm

Proceeds will support Masonic Charities & the extended Masonic Community.

Please contact WB Wade Collins for sponsorship opportunities.

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**SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE 10/31/2025**



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## OES—Wreath Making Party



# BREW-thern Night Out

Support local and enjoy an evening of Brew-therhood!  
Friends and family are welcome to join in the fun.

Magnify Brewing Company (Oct, Feb, Jun)

Farm Truck Brewing (Nov, Mar, Jul)

Lower Forge Brewery (Dec, Apr, Aug)

King's Road Brewing Company (Jan, May, Sept)

## Rotating Locations

Monthly on the 2nd Thursday

6:00pm to 10:00pm







# **\*Call To Vote\* for DeMolay Sponsorship**

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## **Background:**

This important vote will determine whether Medford Lodge will become the new official sponsoring body for Excelsior Chapter. Sponsorship enables the chapter to operate under the guidance and support of the Masonic family, continuing its mission of developing leadership, character, and service in young men ages 12–21.

DeMolay is not only a youth leadership organization — it is also a natural pipeline into Freemasonry. Many active Masons today began their journey through DeMolay, and sponsoring a chapter helps strengthen the future of the Craft by mentoring the next generation of brothers.

**Date of Vote: 10/13/2025  
Regular Communication  
Medford Lodge**

## **Why this Matters:**

Sponsorship by the lodge is vital to the chapter's ability to meet, operate, and grow under Masonic guidance. Your presence and vote of support are greatly appreciated.

*Please Contact Brother Matt DiPaula for any questions on DeMolay, [mdipaula@njdemolay.org](mailto:mdipaula@njdemolay.org)*





## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.*



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