

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



Master's Trestleboard

December 2017 AD 2017 AL 6017

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M.W. Dieter B Hees**



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Medford Lodge 2017 Officers

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Message from the East



My Brother,



As I contemplated what topic to discuss in this my final message as Worshipful Master I could not help but think about what great plans I had for the year and then how everything was tossed aside due to some life changing decisions I had made. In reflecting over the year one thing became abruptly clear to me...what it really meant, for me, to be a Mason.

Ever since my father joined a Lodge in PA I wanted to follow in his footsteps; not because I knew what Masonry was but because I thought it was the thing a son should do. Then as I grew older and moved for the military, I wanted to join to get a “foot hold” in the community more quickly. When I was finally raised in September of 2012 I thought that it would bring my father and I closer and we would have something in common.

While some of these came to fruition none of these were the right reasons to be a Free Mason.

These last 3 years of service to the Lodge have been the most trying, both professionally and personally, in my adult life. Masonry may require some much of you that you can feel like you are being pulled in a thousand different directions.

Over this past year my life has been especially trying. Through me moving to another state to provide a better life for my family, being elected to be Worshipful Master, and accepting a new job with responsibility to 30 employees and their families. Needless to say...my cable-tow was stretched, and many times I thought it was going to break.

Luckily my cable-tow became like a bungee cord and never broke. And this was the year I finally learned what it meant to be a Mason. When I made the decision to move I asked RW Black III if I needed to resign and he said to me: “You’re the Master, this is your year, and your Officers will pick up when you can’t, that is what they are there for.”

Over the course of the year I had many plans to help improve the Lodge; both in membership and financially. Unfortunately neither aspired to what I had envisioned. However, something better even more inspiring happened. I was able to watch Masons not previously involved begin to take charge and become leaders, I saw Masons previously not comfortable with speaking learn to speak publicly, I saw new candidates take pride in what they had accomplished, and most of all I saw a Lodge come together like a family.

When I was a child my grandfather said to me that truly fortunate men in this world only have 2-3 friends. People who will come to your aid and stand by you no matter what. I have lived by this for my entire life, not calling people friends but acquaintances and up until this year I only had 1-2 friends. This past year I now have people that I am proud to call not just Brothers but friends. So much so as I feel like I have a new family and that is something that I am forever grateful.

This year I learned what it meant to be a Mason. It isn’t about position or title, not about whom you know or what you have. But it is truly about Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love. For that my Brother I am forever in your debt and thank you from the bottom of my heart. For it is because of you that I am a better man.

I know that this next year Brother O’Brien will continue to do great things and I will be there to help him, as he has done for me, whenever he may need it. I ask as your humble servant to be as good to him as you have been to me.

From my family and myself I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! It has been the greatest honor, of my civilian life, to be of service to you.

Fraternally,

Jonathan Murray
Worshipful Master, 2017

Calendar of Events



Dates to Remember — December / January

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday	2	5:00 PM	Feast of St. John	Fellowship Center 1114 Oxmead Rd Burlington, NJ 08016
Monday	4	7:00 PM	Officer Rehearsal: 2018 Officers All Officers Encouraged to Attend. All Master Masons Welcome	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Sunday	10	8:30 AM	Wheel Chair Push All Masons Encouraged to Attend Dress: Business Casual	Masonic Home 902 Jacksonville Rd Burlington, NJ 08016
Sunday	10	7:00 PM	Closing Lodge of Sorrows All Officers Encouraged to Attend. All Master Masons Welcome	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	11	6:00 PM	Regular Communication: Annual Communication Open 6:00 PM / Dinner: 6:30 PM / Business: 7:30 PM Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	25		 Christmas Day 	
Monday	1		 New Year's Day 	
Tuesday	2	6:30 PM	District Lodge of Instruction Officer Expected to Attend / Master Mason Encouraged Dress: Business	Mount Holly Lodge 15 Garden Street Mt Holly, NJ 08060

December's Program (12.11.2017) Annual Communication

2018 Officers

Bro. Dan O'Brien	Worshipful Master	Bro. Hugh Christine	Senior Master of Ceremonies
Bro. Larry Vernamonti	Senior Warden	Bro. Rudy Hatala	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro. John Quintana	Junior Warden	Bro. Anthony Cannastracci	Senior Steward
RW Howard Black III	Secretary	Bro. Ryan Straddling	Junior Steward
Bro. Joseph Alter	Treasurer	Bro. Richard Weldon	Chaplain
Bro. Thomas Beamer	Senior Deacon	Bro. John Farrace	Marshal
Bro. Rigil Abellanosa	Junior Deacon	WB J Ed Hunt	Historian
Bro. Rick Young	Tyler		

Medford Lodge



DUES

Dues for 2018 are now due and payable to Medford Lodge #178. Please remit to the Secretary. Lodge Dues for 2018 (\$115.50) and include Grand Lodge Assessment.

Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Raised	Years	Brother	Raised	Years
Thomas A Glasgow	12/30/1957	60	Peter A Smith	12/03/1997	10
William H Stoop	12/01/1958	59	Roger A Buck	12/05/2016	1
Lindsey Cooper	12/01/1957	20	James J Crosby	12/05/2016	1
Gregory M Guerina	12/03/2007	10	Michael S DiCroce	12/05/2016	1
Shawn A Hannah	12/03/1997	10	Ryan R Stradling	12/05/2016	1
Andrew C Reuter	12/01/1997	10			



Making Good Men Better

Petitions:	Mr. David M Carvin Jr
	Mr. George W Massey
	Mr. Ryan R Wilno
Ballot:	Bro. Earl Evens
	Bro. Peter Zumalt
In Waiting for Entered Apprentice Degree:	Mr. Matthew Flaherty
	Mr. Michael J Ferry Jr
In Waiting for the Master Mason Exam:	Bro. Matthew S DiPaula
	Bro. Gary C Gubbei
	Bro. Robert T Gadsby
	Bro. Steve Woods
	Bro. David L Puluse

Grand Lodge & District Info



Most Worshipful Dieter B Hees
Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

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800-792-8690 (NJ Only)
All others call 609-387-1333

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of the 19th Masonic District
RW Robert K. Boulton
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Lodges of the 19th District

Beverly Riverside #107

Meets 3rd Thursday
621 Chester Avenue, Riverside, NJ 08075

Burlington #32

Meets 2nd Tuesday
2308 Mt Holly Rd, Burlington, NJ 08016

Central #44

Meets 3rd Wednesday
23 Plum Street, South Hampton, NJ 08088

Covenant #161

Meets 1st Friday
1007 Highland Avenue, Palmyra, NJ 08065

Maple Shade Moorestown #281

Meets 1st Thursday
15 North Fellowship Road, Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Medford #178

Meets 2nd Monday
25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055

Mount Holly #14

Meets 3rd Monday
15 Garden Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Mount Moriah #28

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday's
121 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505

Pemberton Pyramid #92

Meets 4th Tuesday (Except Dec) & April 2nd Tuesday
122 Hanover Street, Pemberton, NJ 08068

Past Masters



In Honor of our Living Past Masters

Richard S. Dellmyer	1966 (+)	John T. Kubit	1998
Calvin Walters	1974	Richard D. Dolbec	1999 (EXP)
Frederick H. Beals III	1976 (DMT)	Borys I. Umyn	2000
Robert S. Middleton, PGC	1977, 79	George J. Wigginton Jr	2001
Frederick D. Domako	1977 (D)	Stephen C. Sweeney	2002
C. William Cornelssen	1978	Robert E. Seufert	2003-04 (A)
Richard A. Godin	1980	John Bradshaw, PSGD	2004, 08 (D)
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	Peter M. DeStefano	2004
J. Edward Hunt	1981	William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 (A)
John F. Hall, PGC, PDGI	1982 (D)	Jerry S. Albrecht	2005
Orrin Dillabough	1982 (D)	A. John Ellor	2006 (D)
Wayne Hartman	1983 (D)	Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008
Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (D)
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Howard I. Black 3 rd , PGMar	1987	Roy A. Winter, SGS	2010, 14 (D)
David B. Stoneback	1989	Mark K. Crosby	2011
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
Owen D. Brennan, PGSB	1990 (+)	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
Howard I. Black 2 nd , PJGS	1991	Russell A. Bauer, GC	2015
Mark Birbaum	1993 (D, S)	Jeremiah H. Phillips	2016
Ronald Gervasoni	1994 (S)		
William B. Watson	1995		
Dennis J. Coloski	1996		
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 (D)		
Allan D. Kline	1997 (DMT)		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — 2017



Bro. Tom Dickinson

Bro. Kel Cooper



Past Masters



In Memory of our Deceased Past Masters

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

(+) = Affiliated

(**D**) = DUAL





Medford Lodge App

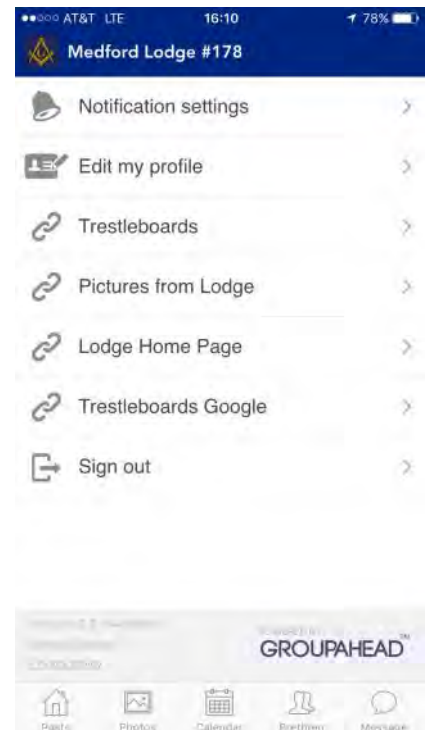
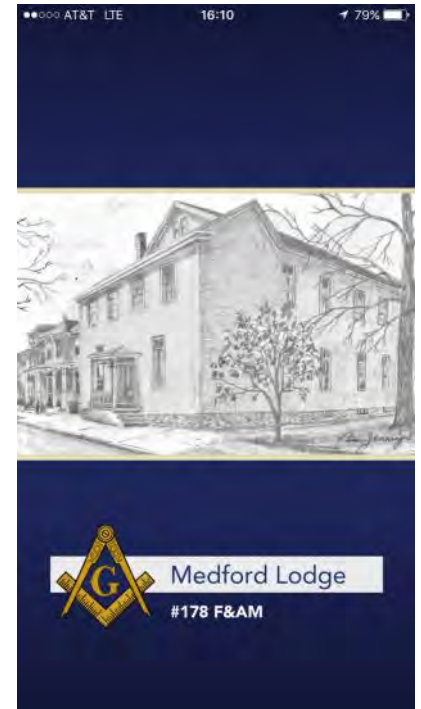
In regards to technology, it is exciting that we, like many organizations, can make use of up-to-date, convenient tools that can benefit our fraternity in an easy to use way. The new Medford Lodge #178 app will allow for just that!

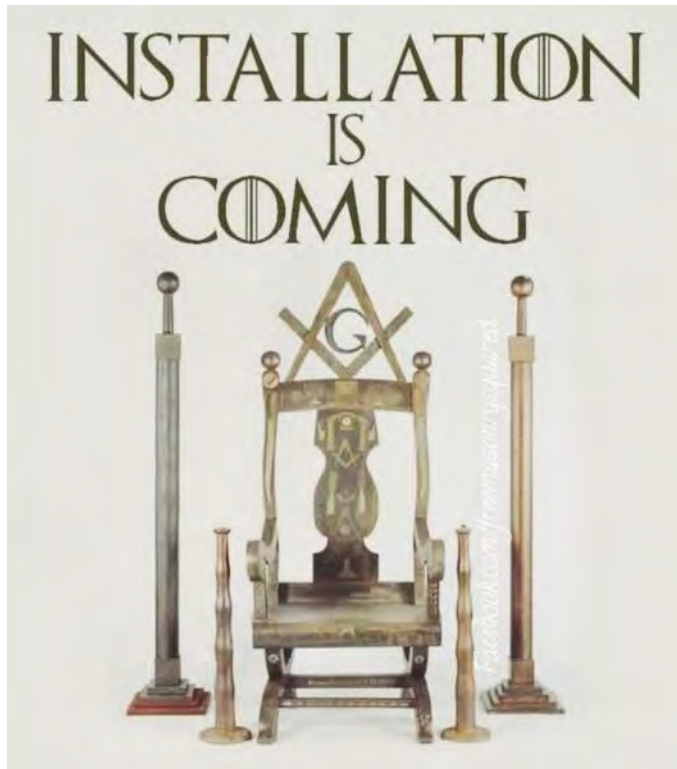
To download and use the Medford Lodge #178 app, you can visit bit.ly/medfordlodge.

- Once you download the app at bit.ly/medfordlodge, you will be able to:
- View up-to-date calendar information for lodge events, to allow members to plan to attend lodge events
 - Use the messaging feature to communicate with other lodge members, and join private and public chats for individual members or Committee groups
 - Access members' contact information
 - View and upload photos from lodge events

Additionally, the app will also have links to our monthly Trestleboards so you can view them when you're on the go!

Here is the link to download: bit.ly/medfordlodge





Open Installation:
Open to the Public,
Friends & Family.
Typically Need to
RSVP. Contact
Brother O'Brien if
you wish to attend
one.

Closed Installation:
Only Master
Masons invited to
attend. Just as a
Regular
Communication



District Installations



Lodge	Open Closed	Day	Date	Time	Address
Covenant #161	Closed	Fri	12.01.17	6:30 PM	1007 Highland Ave Palmyra, NJ 08065
Maple-Shade Moorestown #281	Open	Sun	12.10.17	2:00 PM	15 N Fellowship Rd Maple-Shade, NJ 08052
Medford #178	Closed	Mon	12.11.17	7:30 PM	25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Mt Moriah #28	Closed	Wed	12.13.17	6:00 PM	121 Farnsworth Ave Bordentown, NJ 08505
Burlington #32	Open	Sat	12.16.17	6:00 PM	2308 Mt Holly Rd Burlington, NJ 08016
Mt Holly #14	Open	Mon	12.18.17	6:30 PM	15 Garden St Mt Holly, NJ 08060
Pemberton Pyramid #92	Open	Tue	12.19.17	6:00 PM	122 Hanover St Pemberton, NJ 08068
Central #44	Closed	Wed	12.20.17	6:30 PM	27 Plum St S Hampton, NJ 08088
Beverly Riverside #107	Open	Fri	12.22.17	5:15 PM	621 S Chester Ave Riverside, NJ 08075

Grand Lodge Communication



The Grand Lodge



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

September 12, 2017

My Dear Brethren,

Membership in our craft makes us an integral part of a network of Freemasons in communities across our country and the globe. Without active participation and support via our dues, the fraternity could not fulfill its commitment to help its membership and the community at large.

While it is evident from conversations with brothers across the state that we all enjoy the fraternal bonding described as the *"mystic tie that binds,"* healthy functioning lodges allow us to continue our hands-on work that propagate the principal tenets of our beloved craft.

Your continued membership means New Jersey Freemasonry will remain an integral part of our local and global community. Every active brother helps collectively strengthen our fraternity, even when unable to be remain active at our lodge.

Please be mindful about maintaining your standing by returning the enclosed dues form with a check for your 2018 dues (in some cases, your payment can be made electronically). I ask that you be mindful about a timely response to fulfill your obligation.

I will close by noting that it's an honor to lead the craft in New Jersey. I remain humbled by your trust in the office of Grand Master which allows me to marshal resources that benefit the brotherhood. I thank you for sustaining your membership. Our collective involvement and support is the pillar without which a great void would exist in our local and global community.

With my fraternal thanks and regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dieter B. Hees'.

M.W. Dieter B. Hees
Grand Master

Grand Lodge Communication



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

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October 9, 2017

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To: Worshipful Masters, Secretaries & all Brethren in the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey

ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. JOHN
Presented by
The Grand Lodge of New Jersey

Please announce the following information on the above at all lodge meetings and include it in all your Trestleboards between receipt of this notice and when the event takes place. It is an open event and ladies and friends are invited.

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M - Social Hour (Open Bar)

6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M - Dinner (Buffet)

7:30 P.M. – Guest Speaker – Master Chief Petty Officer Steven W. Cantrell, U.S. Coast Guard

Place: MCF Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ

Price: \$55.00 per person

Deadline for Reservations – Friday, November 24, 2017

Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check along with a *self-addressed, stamped envelope* with the names of attendees to: The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608-2008; or pay by credit card by calling (609) 239-3950 (\$5.00 per transaction fee will be added). Tickets mailed from the office must be paid for in advance and no tickets will be sold at the door. Table reservations may be made for groups of 8 or 10.

Sincerely & fraternally,

John S. Ryan, PGM
Grand Secretary

Dieter B. Hees
Grand Master



THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN

PRESENTED BY
THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY

Saturday, December 2, 2017, 5 to 11 pm
MCF Fellowship Center
1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ
Buffet Dinner, \$55pp
5-6 pm, Social Hour and Open Bar
6-7:30 pm, Dinner
7:30 pm, Program begins



Guest Speaker

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast
Guard



Incumbent
Master Chief Petty Officer **Steven W. Cantrell**
since May 22, 2014

**Accompanied by
Training Center Commander
Captain Owen L. Gibbons.**

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Grand Lodge of NJ 2018 Winter Seminar

Saturday, January 27TH

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

\$20 per person

at the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple
100 Barrack Street, Trenton, New Jersey

Tickets Available on The Grand Lodge Website

www.NewJerseyGrandLodge.com

From England: Brother Ric Berman

– Foundations, The Prestonian Lecture

Bro. Berman is the 2016 UGLE's Prestonian Lecturer. In continuation of our celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the premier Grand Lodge in England, Bro. Berman will explore the evolution of Freemasonry from the mid-fourteenth century through to the creation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717. Bro. Berman challenges old Masonic myths, explains the interconnections between Freemasonry, Grand Lodge and Britain's new Hanoverian government, and outlines how and why its leaders positioned the Craft as a bastion against the Jacobite followers of James Stuart - 'the king over the water'.

From New York: R.W. Piers Vaughan

– The Journey in Esoteric Societies

R.W. Vaughan is a Mason of 40 years' standing and has served in various leadership positions in the Fraternity. A few years ago he decided to use the skills acquired lecturing around the United States and across the world and began a new career in his retirement as an author. His first project was a new Royal Arch Monitor called the Capitular Development Course, now used across the States and several other countries. His next endeavor was Renaissance Man & Mason, a collection of talks given over the past 20 years. Most recently he has published a translation of Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin's book Of Errors & Truth. His lecture is entitled "The Journey in Esoteric Societies".

From New Jersey: R.W. Michael S. Neuberger

– 12 Guilty Men: A lesson in repentance

R.W. Neuberger is the current Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. R.W. Neuberger is an outstanding speaker who travels around the state presenting various thought provoking lectures on Masonic philosophies and ideas. His lecture entitled "12 guilty Men, a lesson in repentance" will focus on the guilt of the 12 walking craftsmen. What was their crime? Who are the ruffians that they seek? Can repentance wash away the stain of sin? Is there such a thing as being beyond redemption? How do the three monotheistic faiths practice repentance?

From Massachusetts: Sis. Michelle Snyder

– Symbolology: Leadership & Power

Symbologist Michelle Snyder and White Knight Studio present: Symbolology: Leadership and Power, a unique and enlightening presentation on the mysterious world of symbols. Humankind attaches associations to objects such as a crown and scepter, a gavel, or a prophet's staff. Depictions of powerful or divine persons, whether in religious iconography or cultural imagery, include attributes - objects which help to identify the person or their status. These symbols of power and leadership have developed over millennia and evolve with the cultures that use them. When we follow these symbols back in context of time and place, their origins reveal to us meanings long forgotten.

For More Information, Please Contact:

R.W. Mohamad A. Yatim, P.G.H. at mayatim@hotmail.com or at (484) 995-3337

This event is brought to you by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey
Masonic Education and Services Committee

Saturday

January 27, 2018

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the
Historic Trenton
Masonic Temple

Admission:

\$20 per Person

Master Masons Only

RSVP BY:

January 24

Seating is limited to the
first 300 to register

**CLICK HERE
TO PAY BY
CREDIT CARD**

Or by Mail:

Check Payable to
"Grand Lodge of
New Jersey"

And mail to
Mohamad Yatim
18 Clydesdale Rd
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Dress Code:

Business Casual
(Pants & Collared Shirt
– No Jeans)



FAMILY NIGHT



Wells Fargo Center - Philadelphia, PA

Saturday, January 20 @ 1pm, Doors Open at 12:30pm

**SEE THE FREEMASON HONOR GUARD CEREMONY,
STOP BY THE FREEMASON MEMBERSHIP TABLE, AND
WATCH THE FLYERS WITH FELLOW NJ, PA, AND DE
MASON FAMILIES**

TICKETS IN SECTION 222/222A: \$65 /GROUP RATE

All tickets are available at will call window

**Tickets can be ordered by credit card or check through
The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 100 Barrack Street,
Trenton, NJ 08608-2005, 609-239-3950**

(Last date to order tickets January 5, 2018)





39th Annual Brotherhood Night

Hosted by The Grand Lodge of Delaware

Friday, March 23, 2018

NUR Shrine Temple

198 S. DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720-4149

**TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY
(609) 239-3950**

Social Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM

\$40.00

**TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AFTER
FEBRUARY 23, 2018**

Medford Lodge



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25 Bank Street
Medford, NJ 08055

