

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

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Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey

M.W. Gregory J. Scott



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**Medford Lodge #178
2020 OPEN Installation
Sunday December 15th, 1pm**

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Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,



The month of December contains a celebration of two historical figures who some consider to be the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. We hear of them in one of our first pieces of ritual, the Lodge being dedicated to the “Holy Saints John at Jerusalem.” They also figure into the answer to the question, “whence came you?”. There is some Masonic tradition that links them to the “two perpendicular, parallel lines” of one of our symbols. Beyond that though, there is not much mention of them in the Blue Lodge, and certainly no details as to why they seem to hold a place of honor.

Saint John the Baptist is generally described as a dedicated, upright man, who adhered to a strict moral code. This dedication to honor eventually led to his death, much like the legend we celebrate in our third degree. It may be that this similarity led to his being chosen as one of the Patron Saints of Masonry.

The first public Grand Lodge in England was founded on the feast day of Saint John the Baptist, June 24th, 1717. A question that arises in my mind is; did they choose the day for the foundation of the Lodge because of their regard for the Saint, or did they choose the Saint because the foundation occurred on his feast day? Regardless of how it happened, the Grand Lodge of England held feasts and festivals on June 24th for quite some time.

At some point in time, Saint John the Evangelist began to be Masonically acknowledged as well. I haven't found any information as to exactly when or why. The feast day of Saint John the Evangelist is December 27th. Initially, both days were celebrated, both in England and the early American Lodges. Over time the celebrations all seemed to move to the end of the year, not necessarily December 27th, but usually earlier in December. I have found no reason for the change. It may be that Saint John the Evangelist was deemed more representative of Masonry. Or it may have been simply pragmatic, a matter of moving the holidays and celebrations to the end of the year.

The subject is certainly deserving of more time and space than I can allocate here. I hope that maybe this short discourse will spark one or more of my Brothers to investigate further.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Rick Young

Calendar of Events



Dates to Remember — December 2019

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday	1st	8:30 AM	Wheel Chair Push - Masonic Home Dress - Business Casual (Please wear shirt with lodge logo or name badge)	Masonic Home 902 Jacksonville Road Burlington, NJ 08016
Sunday	1st	2:00 PM	Crescent Shrine Christmas Party All Shriners Welcome	Crescent Shrine 700 Highland Dr. Westampton, NJ 08060
Sunday	8th	7:00 PM	Officers Rehearsal: Annual Meeting Officers Required to Attend Dress - Business Casual/ All Master Masons Welcome	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	9th	5:00 PM	Annual Communication Dinner/Fraternal Networking - 5:00 pm Lodge Opens - 6:00 pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business Dinner Catered by Femmina - Bro. Franco Coppola	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Thursday	12th	7:30 PM	Close Lodge of Sorrows All 2019 Officers Required to Attend Dress - Business Casual/ All Master Masons Welcome	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Sunday	15th	1:00 PM	Open Installation of Officers Friends and Family Welcome Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	16th	7:00 PM	Open Lodge of Sorrows All Officers Required to Attend Dress - Business Casual/ All Master Masons Welcome	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Friday	Jan. 10th	7:00 PM	OES Dawg Races See Attached Flyer	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055

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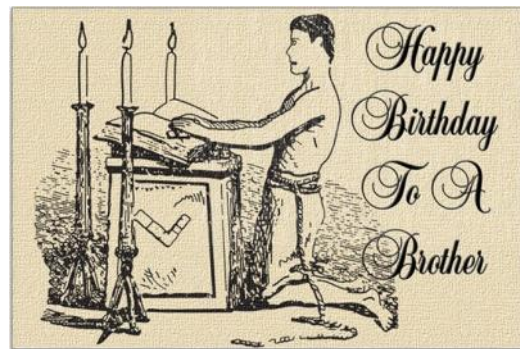


DUES

Dues for 2020 are now due and payable to Medford Lodge #178. Please remit to the Secretary.
 Lodge Dues for 2020 (\$126.00) and include Grand Lodge Assessment.
 You can pay on the lodge app. (does include processing fee)

December Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Raised	Years	Brother	Raised	Years
William H Stoop	12/01/1958	61	Peter A Smith	12/03/1997	12
Lindsey Cooper	12/01/1957	22	Roger A Buck	12/05/2016	3
Gregory M Guerina	12/03/2007	12	James J Crosby	12/05/2016	3
Shawn A Hannah	12/03/1997	12	Michael S DiCroce	12/05/2016	3
Andrew C Reuter	12/01/1997	12	Ryan R Stradling	12/05/2016	3



Making Good Men Better

In Waiting to Receive the Fellowcraft Degree:	Brother Matthew Edward Schneider
In Waiting to Receive their Master Mason Degree:	Brother Daniel Richard Espenshied
In Waiting to Receive their Master Mason Exam:	Brother Stephen Edward Towell
	Brother Peter Roger DeStefano



Notes From The Worshipful Master

Notes from the Worshipful Master:



My Dear Brothers,

Our Masonic year is nearly closed. This should be the last time you have to sort through my ramblings. I was told a year ago that I would be amazed at how quickly the year would seem to pass. That was certainly an accurate assessment.

I'm sure that every Master before me has had the same thoughts, that the year has ended before I got to do everything I had in mind. But, all in all, I'm satisfied with what I did accomplish. I certainly hope that the Lodge is satisfied with my efforts as well.

As I prepare to relinquish the Oriental Chair to its' new occupant, I would like to say thank you to my Brothers of Medford Lodge. Thank you for the trust you placed in me last December, and especially thank you for the trust and support you have provided me with throughout the year. I have heard of, and seen, the problems faced by Masters of other Lodges over time. These were things I didn't have to deal with. Not through my own efforts, as much as due to the commitment and dedication of my Brothers in Medford Lodge. I hope that all of my Brothers look back on the last year as positively as I do.

Once again, thanks to all, especially my fellow Officers, for making my task easier over the last year. As always, I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally

Rick

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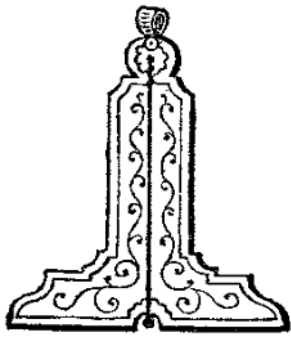
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**TO BE ONE,
ASK ONE**

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Notes From The Senior Warden



Notes from the Senior Warden.

Greetings Brethren,
 Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and all are looking forward to beautiful and blessed Christmas and Hanukkah Season. As 2019 closes we gather our plans for 2020. I know many brothers would like to become more involved in the lodge but don't have the time or interest in ritual to commit to an officer position. Fear not, committee work offers the chance to become more involved the Lodge but still have scheduling flexibility.

Current committees are; Sickness and Distress, Education and Scholarship, Refreshment, Activity, Charity, and Ritual. In addition there is always the possibility of starting new committees that you may feel are needed. Please talk to WM Rick Young or myself if you would like to join or start a committee and take your Lodge involvement "up a notch". May the God of love and peace grant every brother and his family a joyous Holiday season.

Fraternally yours,
 Larry Vernamonti SW

Lodge	Open or Closed Installation	Incoming Worshipful Master	Installation Date	Installation Time	Installing Master	Meal Time
Mt. Holly #14	Open	Josh Abbott	Saturday Dec. 7	3:30PM	RW Matthew Kauffman	No meal
Mt. Moriah #28	Open	Anand Trivedi	Saturday Dec. 14	10:00 AM	RW Henry P. Fratz, PDDGM	Immediately following Installation
Burlington #32	Open	Ed Verish	Saturday Dec. 14	7:00 PM	RW Robert K. Boulton, DDGM	6:00 PM
Central #44	Closed	Bob Sunbury	Wednesday Dec. 18	7:30 PM	RW Robert K. Boulton, DDGM	6:00 PM
Beverly Riverside #107	Open	Mike Carnivale	Friday Dec. 20	7:30 PM	WB Ricky Stoneking	6:00 PM
Medford #178	Open	Larry Vernamonti	Sunday Dec. 15	1:00 PM	RW Kevin D. Bunting, PDDGM	Immediately following Installation
Maple Shade Moorestown #281	Open	John Martin	Sunday Dec. 8	2:00 PM	RW Henry P. Fratz, PDDGM	Immediately following Installation

[This is a link to all the 19th District Upcoming Events](http://www.19thdistrictnj.org/19th-district-events/)
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Notes from the 2019 Officers

At the November Regular Communication we Nominated the following officers for ensuing Masonic year:

Worshipful Master: F. Lawrence Vernamonti

Senior Warden: John A Quintana

Junior Warden: Rigil K Abellanosa

Secretary: WB David M Carvin, Sr.

Treasurer: WB Daniel E O'Brien

Proxy to Grand Lodge: Hugh Christine

Lodge Trustee (3 year term): RW Jeremiah H Phillips

Temple Trustee (3 year term): WB Fredrick "Rick" Young



Thank you Worshipful Brother Fredrick "Rick" Young
for a great year at
Medford Lodge as Worshipful Master!

From Medford Lodge Officers

Officers & Committees



2019 Medford Lodge Officers

<p>Worshipful Master Frederick "Rick" C. Young Jr.</p> <p>Senior Warden Larry Vernamonti</p> <p>Junior Warden John A Quintana</p> <p>Treasurer WB Daniel O'Brien Email: Treasurer.Medford178@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary WB David Carvin, Sr. 25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055</p>	<p>Senior / Junior Deacon Rigil Abellanosa Hugh Christine</p> <p>Senior / Junior Master of Ceremonies Rudy Hatala Ryan Stradling</p> <p>Senior / Junior Steward Joseph "Kip" Duffy George Massey</p> <p>Chaplain Thomas Beamer</p> <p>Marshal John Farrace</p> <p>Tyler Michael Redner</p> <p>Historian WB J Edward Hunt, PM</p> <p>Proxy to Grand Lodge Rigil Abellanosa</p>
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Committees

Lodge Trustees

WB Ed Michaloski, PM (1)
Harry Srolovitz (2)
Joseph F. Alter (3)

Temple Trustees

RW Jeremiah Phillips (1)
WB George Wigginton, PM (2)
WB John Ellor, PM (3)

Sickness & Distress

RW Howard I Black, 2nd
Larry Vernamonti
Rudy Hatala

Audit Committee

WB Daniel Nemcek
DB Russ Carvin Jr
William "Bill" Crozier

Ritual Committee

WB David Carvin, PM
RW Russ Bauer, GC
RW Jeremiah Phillips

Relief Committee

Larry Vernamonti

By-Laws

WB David Carvin, PM
RW Russ Bauer, GC

Hospitality Committee

John Quintana
RW Jeremiah Phillips
Franco Coppola
Stewards

Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship

Kip Duffy

Grand Lodge & District Info



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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, Southampton, NJ 08088

Maple Shade Moorestown #281

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

Medford Lodge #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

Past Masters



In Honor of our Living Past Masters

Richard S. Dellmyer	1966 (+)	Richard D. Dolbec	1999 (EXP)
Calvin Walters	1974	Borys I. Umyn	2000
Frederick H. Beals III	1976 (DMT)	George J. Wigginton Jr	2001
Robert S. Middleton, PGC	1977, 79	Stephen C. Sweeney	2002
Frederick D. Domako	1977 (D)	John Bradshaw, PSGD	2004, 08 (D)
Richard A. Godin	1980	Peter M. DeStefano	2004
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 (A)
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Jerry S. Albrecht	2005
John F. Hall, PGC, PDGI	1982 (D)	A. John Ellor	2006 (D)
Orrin Dillabough	1982 (D)	Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008
Wayne Hartman	1983 (D)	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (D)
Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Roy A. Winter, DRI	2010, 14 (D)
Howard I. Black 3 rd , PGMar	1987	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 (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, PGC	2015
Mark Birnbaum	1993 (D, S)	Robert Shestack	2016 (D)
Ronald Gervasoni	1994 (S)	Jeremiah H. Phillips, PJGD	2016
William B. Watson	1995	Jonathan Murray	2017
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	John Bradshaw, PSGD	2017, 2019 (D)
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 (D)	Daniel O'Brien	2018
Allan D. Kline	1997 (DMT)		
John T. Kubit	1998		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — Dec 2018 & 2019

[Donald Schroeder—12/4/2018](#)

[Edmund T. Parsons— 1/10/2019](#)

[WB C. William Cornelssen Sr.—12/17/2018](#)

[Leon Williams—5/15/2019](#)

[Harold "Hal" W. Giatto—12/26/2018](#)

[Orrin R. Dillabough - 08/01/2019](#)

[David P. Warner Jr. - 8/17/2019](#)



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	C. William Cornelssen	1978
Ralph E. Curry	1934	Wilheml Launhardt (+)	1980
Fred R. Boyd	1935	Paul D. Garlanger PDDGM (+)	1981
Robert N. Henderson	1936	Russell C.S. Williams	1982
Edwin M. Johnson	1941-44	Joseph W. Siatkowski	1983
George W. Otto (+)	1941	V. James Minerva	1984
George Korradi (+)	1942	Harry T. McNeill	1945-46
Edwin E. Wood III, PSGM	1988	Edwin Holzschuher	1948
Frederick H. Tillwick	1992	Joseph E. Bealer Jr	1949
Ronald L. Hodge	1993	E. Lester Small	1950-51
William E. Stockum	2003	Robert E. Seufert	2003-04 (A)
		Thomas Wright II, PJGD	2007

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(**D**) = DUAL

Demolay & Rainbow



DeMolay New Jersey

New Jersey Rainbow



“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



Master Mason Degree—November 25th, 2019

Technology



Medford Lodge App

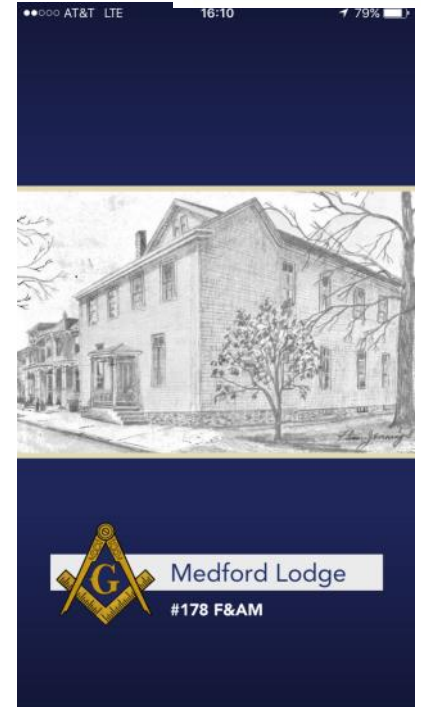
In regards to technology, it is exciting that we, like many organizations, can make use of up-to-date, convenient tools that can benefit our fraternity in an easy to use way. The new Medford Lodge #178 app will allow for just that!

To download and use the Medford Lodge #178 app, you can visit Play Store or iTunes store to download- just search Medford Lodge #178

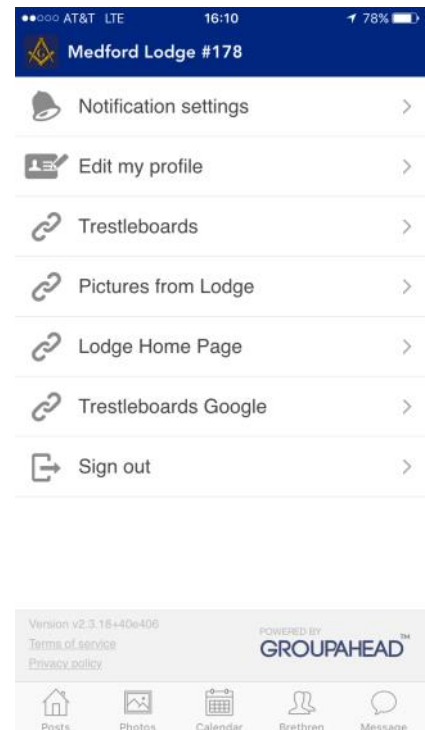
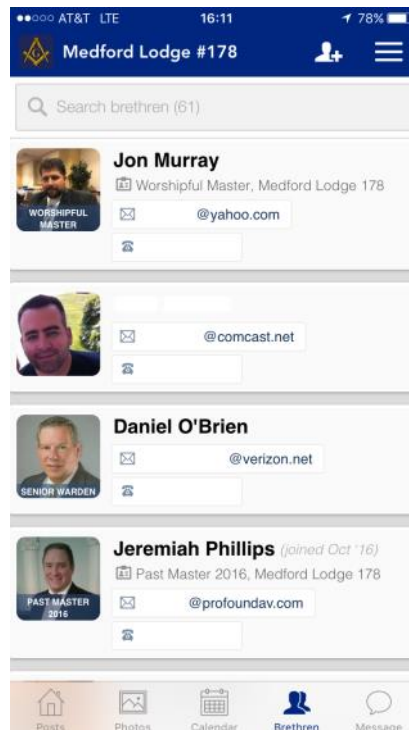
Once you download the app at your app store you will be able to:

- 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: [Non-Apple](#) - [iTunes Store](#)



OES: Dawg Races



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OR LIKE THIS



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BUT THE DOGS WILL BE RACING AGAIN AT MEDFORD CHAPTER!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020 AT 7 PM

\$10 PP INCLUDES:

HOT DOGS WITH ALL THE FIXINGS

SOFT DRINKS (BYOB OKAY!)

DESSERTS

1 SHEET OF TICKETS FOR OUR BASKET AUCTION
(ADDITIONAL TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

HOURS OF LAUGHTER, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!

RSVP TO JINNY HURLEY

EMAIL: jinyhurley@comcast.net

TEXT/CALL: 609-209-4861

GL: Winter Education Seminar



MOST WORSHIPFUL GREGORY J. S
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AND THE GRAND LODGE EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENT:

WINTER EDUCATION SEMINAR

SATURDAY ★ JANUARY 25 ★ 2020

GUEST SPEAKERS



W.B. Adam Kendall
Editor of *The Plumbline*, the quarterly bulletin of the Scottish Rite Research Society.

A Historian by profession, W.B. Kendall was recently featured on the newest documentary available on Amazon Prime entitled "Illuminated: The True Story of the Illuminati".

TOPIC: Secret Chiefs And Strange Bedfellows: Freemasonry And Its Role In Conspiracy And Pop-Culture.

Grand Lodge of California

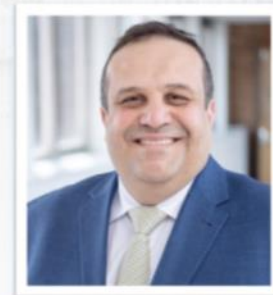
Admission is free!



R.W. Ryan Flynn
District Deputy Grand Education Officer for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

TOPIC: The Forgotten Bond: The Fine Arts And Freemasonry

Grand Lodge of New Hampshire



III. Yasser Aikhatib, 33°, MSA, HGA
Chairman, Hauts Grades Academy, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

Master Masonic Scholar and Committee member of Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge.

TOPIC: Three Distinct Dots

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Admission is free!

Fun Masonic Trivia by R.W. Barry Gould

OPEN TO ALL ENTERED APPRENTICES AND HIGHER

8:00AM Breakfast & Registration ★ 9:00AM – 12:30PM Seminar ★ Dress Code Business Casual
Location ★ Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, New Jersey

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. RSVP BY 1/17/20

Questions? Contact R.W. Mohamad Yatim, G.E. at 484-995-3337 or mavatim@hotmail.com

Register at: <https://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org/winter2020/>





The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey
Cordially invites you to our annual
Burns Dinner Dance



Saturday, February 1st, 2020

\$65pp, 4 Hour Open Bar, 6:30 - 11:30 pm

Open to Non-Masons

R.S.V.P. RW George Hodges

E-mail: secretarynjilties@gmail.com • Call: 201-925-7974

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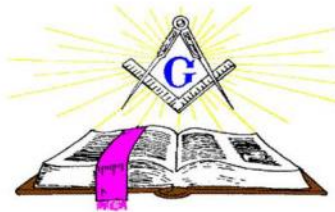
The Grand Master of Masons for The State of New Jersey
will be in attendance.

Featuring
The Kearny Caledonian Pipe Band
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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.



Find out more about us—

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey
www.newjerseygrandlodge.org



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