

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

- Trestleboard -

April 2020

Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey

M.W. Gregory J. Scott



**CONSTITUTED
MARCH 11, 1903**

MEETS SECOND MONDAY
(EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST)

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Congrats to our Newest FC Masons

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Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

As a sailor I have always been drawn to the images of the Anchor and the Ark, "...emblems of a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life."

Very appropriate symbols for our current time of national trial. They are very overt emblems of the divine guidance that "safely wafts us over this tempestuous sea of troubles and that anchor which shall safely moor us in a peaceful harbor..." (An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Albert G. Mackey 1906).

While the two symbols are usually tied (sorry, unavoidable pun) to each other, Mackey points out that they actually come from two very separate periods of history. Noah's Ark of course dates back to the Old Testament but the anchor as symbol of hope was not used

till the time of St. Paul. Never the less, the two symbols are much more powerful together than separate. As the sea of this life carries us through fair seas and foul, to destinations we know not yet, there is always the hope of an anchor to keep us off rocky lee shores and safe in calm safe harbors.

As I write this we know not where the current health challenge will send the Ark of our country or even as individuals. No one can yet know the virulence or the therapy of the poorly understood virus. Let us hope that many claims are being overblown for various reasons as in the past and time will give us 20/20 vision to understand this pandemic and best manage its containment with evidence based science.

Most of all, I am confident that we have an anchor to weather this storm. That anchor is made up of immeasurable scientific talent, community leaders, business organizers, first responders and working people dedicated to keeping us safe and off the rocky lee shores through dedication, love, faith and charity. The pure principles of our fraternity.

This storm will pass and I believe we will find ourselves in a new harbor, hopefully safer than before.

Fraternally,

F. Lawrence Vernamonti

Calendar of Events



Dates to Remember

All Activities Suspended by order of the
Grand Master in compliance with the order of the
Governor of New Jersey.

Please take time to reach out to a Brother and check
on them and their family during this trying time...

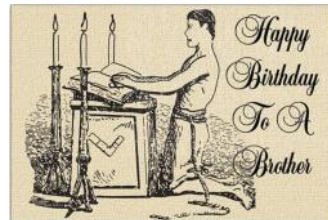
A promotional banner for Medford Lodge #178. On the left, there is a partial view of the American flag. The text 'MEDFORD LODGE #178' is prominently displayed in white, followed by 'FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS' in a slightly smaller font. Below this, the website 'MedfordLodge178.com' is listed. On the right side, there is a large, stylized version of the lodge's square and compass logo with a 'G' in the center. Below the logo, the motto 'TO BE ONE, ASK ONE' is written. At the bottom of the banner, it states 'MEETS SECOND MONDAY (EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST) CONSTITUTED MARCH 11, 1903'.

Medford Lodge No. 178



Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years
Joseph F Alter	9	Carl G Nielsen	24
Bradley H Denn	21	Lewis C Pinkerton	53
Paul K Dunlap	21	Dean K Rainier	33
Michael John Ferry Jr	2	Frank G Schafer	24
Wayne R Hunter Sr.	24	John F Smith	30
Gerald P Johnson	33	Lawrence Stevenson	24
Wayne H Krentz	24	David B Stoneback	35
Andrew James Littrell	6	Ryan R. Wilno	2
George William Massey III	2	Warren A Zelko	24
Daniel C Newman	34		



Making Good Men Better

To Be Balloted On:	Bro. Michael P. Edmondson for Dual Membership
In Waiting to Receive the Fellowcraft Degree:	Brother Matthew Edward Schneider
In Waiting to Receive their Master Mason Degree	Bro. Michael A Brattelli
	Bro. Michael Alexander Chadwick
In Waiting to Receive their Master Mason Exam	Brother Daniel Richard Espenshied
	Brother Peter Roger DeStefano



Notes from the Worshipful Master:



Greetings to all our brothers.

Hoping that his Trestleboard finds all bothers and their familiars well.

It was great to see so many brothers in the lodge enjoying Brother

John Cirricione's outstanding presentation on "Masons and the New

Jersey Gun Laws." We have many great presentations coming but as

of now Grand Lodge has cancelled all blue lodge communications so

we don't know yet when we can start back up again. As soon as we can we will reschedule and hit the ground running.

As DLI has also been cancelled now is a great time to study ritual. Teleconferencing is one way, following CDC guidelines for social distancing and procedures is another way. Should anyone develop a fever please do not delay in calling your family doctor. Keep your resistance up and there is a good chance we will all come through fine. By the way I see that there is a shortage of isopropyl alcohol, Clorox wipes etc. One of the most potent antimicrobials for both bacterial and viral pathogens available is Spray 9, commonly available in hardware and auto stores. The kill sheet is pages long.

Now is also a get time to get involved in committee work. There is great need in community service, charity, scholarship, lodge activities and other committees you can help with.

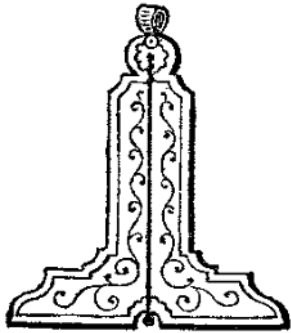
As always communication is important. If not already please make sure you are getting both our app notifications and emails. Also please check in with our older (not me!) members periodically to see if they need anything.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Lodge. Keep clam, stay healthy and carry on. As our brother Rudyard Kipling warned, we must not lose our head while all others around us are losing their.

Fraternally

Larry

Notes From The Senior Warden



Notes from the Senior Warden.

Greetings Brethren,

The Senior Warden's duties include the paying of wages and maintaining harmony. It seems that these duties may historically derive from events following the Black Death of the 1300's. At that time, skilled labor became scarce and this situation "increased the bargaining power of the survivors." The King of England placed a cap on wages and masons then decided to form trade unions. Masons agreed not to accept low wages but rather wages "well above the legal maximum."

Inspiration and quotes from: *The Freemasons: A History of the World's Most Powerful Secret Society* (2011).

Fraternally yours,

John Quintana SW

Candidates Nights & Grand Lodge:

All Dates for April have been cancelled and postponed

See Attached Letter from the Grand Master

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

Officers & Committees



2020 Medford Lodge Officers

<p>Worshipful Master F Lawrence Vernamonti</p> <p>Senior Warden John A Quintana</p> <p>Junior Warden Rigil Abellanos</p> <p>Treasurer WB Daniel O'Brien Email: Treasurer.Medford178@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary WB David Carvin, Sr. (609) 261-2411 25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055 Email: David.CarvinSr@gmail.com</p>	<p>Senior / Junior Deacon Hugh Christine Rudy Hatala</p> <p>Senior / Junior Master of Ceremonies Joseph "Kip" Duffy Harry Mayer</p> <p>Senior / Junior Steward Jay Keesler Stephen Towell</p> <p>Chaplain Thomas Beamer</p> <p>Marshal John Farrace</p> <p>Tyler J. Gary Hicks, PM</p> <p>Historian WB J Edward Hunt, PM</p> <p>Proxy to Grand Lodge Hugh Christine</p>
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Committees

<p>Lodge Trustees Harry Srolovitz (1) Joseph F. Alter (2) RW Jeremiah Phillips (3)</p> <p>Temple Trustees WB George Wigginton, PM (1) WB John Ellor, PM (2) WB Frederick C. Young Jr., PM (3)</p> <p>Sickness & Distress RW Howard I Black, 2nd WM Larry Vernamonti Rudy Hatala</p>	<p>Audit Committee WB Daniel Nemcek DB Russ Carvin Jr William "Bill" Crozier</p> <p>Ritual Committee WB David Carvin, PM RW Russ Bauer, GC RW Jeremiah Phillips</p> <p>Relief Committee WM Larry Vernamonti</p>	<p>By-Laws WB David Carvin, PM WB Russ Bauer, GC</p> <p>Hospitality Committee John Quintana RW Jeremiah Phillips Franco Coppola Stewards</p> <p>Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship Kip Duffy</p>
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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 3rd Tuesday
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 (+)	Borys I. Umyn	2000
Calvin Walters	1974	George J. Wigginton Jr	2001
Frederick H. Beals III	1976 (DMT)	Stephen C. Sweeney	2002
Robert S. Middleton, PGC	1977, 79	Peter M. DeStefano	2004
Frederick D. Domako	1977 (D)	William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 (A)
Richard A. Godin	1980	Jerry S. Albrecht	2005
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	A. John Ellor	2006 (D)
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008
John F. Hall, PGC, PDGI	1982 (D)	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (D)
Wayne Hartman	1983 (D)	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985	Roy A. Winter, DRI	2010, 14 (D)
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 (D)
Howard I. Black 3 rd , PGMar	1987	Mark K. Crosby	2011
David B. Stoneback	1989	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
Owen D. Brennan, PGSB	1990 (+)	Russell A. Bauer, PGC	2015
Howard I. Black 2 nd , PJGS	1991	Robert Shestack	2016 (D)
Mark Birnbaum	1993 (D, S)	Jeremiah H. Phillips, PJGD	2016
Ronald Gervasoni	1994 (S)	Jonathan Murray	2017
William B. Watson	1995	John Bradshaw, PSGD	2017, 2019 (D)
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	Daniel O'Brien	2018
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 (D)	Frederick C. Young Jr.	2019
Allan D. Kline	1997		
John T. Kubit	1998		
Richard D. Dolbec	1999 (EXP)		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — 2020

[William "Bill" K. Stauts 12/31/2019](#)



Past Masters



In Memory of our Deceased Past Masters

Frank A. Braddock	1903	Norman R. DeLong	1954
Samuel A. Garwood	1904	Henry Emenecker Sr, PGC	1955, 64
William D. Cowperthwait	1904, 40	A. Robert Merrion	1956
J. Maurice Garwood	1905-06	Jerald Carey	1957, 63
Harry Brick	1907, 37-38	Harold E. Easlick PGC	1958, 62
Alfred E. Darnell	1909-10	Kenneth G. Rixon (D)	1958, 80
Carlton J. Garwood	1911	Dean W. Cramer (+)	1958
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	George W. Beisley	1967-68
Fred W. Branin	1919	William L. Springman	1969
Charles H. Griscom	1920	Arnold Earle (+)	1969
Henry S. Lippincott	1921	Benjamin J. Amadio	1970
Eckard J. Ballinger	1922	Benjamin J. Amadio	1970
Clinton H. Cowperthwait, PSGS	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 (D)	1977
Karl G.J. Bingemann	1932	C. William Cornelssen	1978
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	Orrin Dillabough	1982 (D)
Edwin M. Johnson	1941-44	Joseph W. Siatkowski	1983
George W. Otto (+)	1941	V. James Minerva	1984
George Korradi (+)	1942	Edwin E. Wood III, PSGM	1988
Harry T. McNeill	1945-46	Frederick H. Tillwick	1992
Edwin Holzschuher	1948	Ronald L. Hodge	1993
Joseph E. Bealer Jr	1949	William E. Stockum	2003
E. Lester Small	1950-51	Robert E. Seufert	2003-04 (A)
Harold S. Farrow	1952	Thomas Wright II, PJGD	2007
Charles N. Parker	1953		

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.

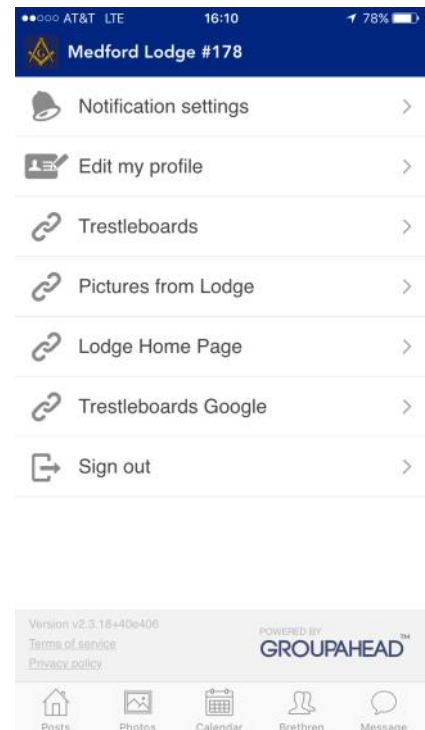
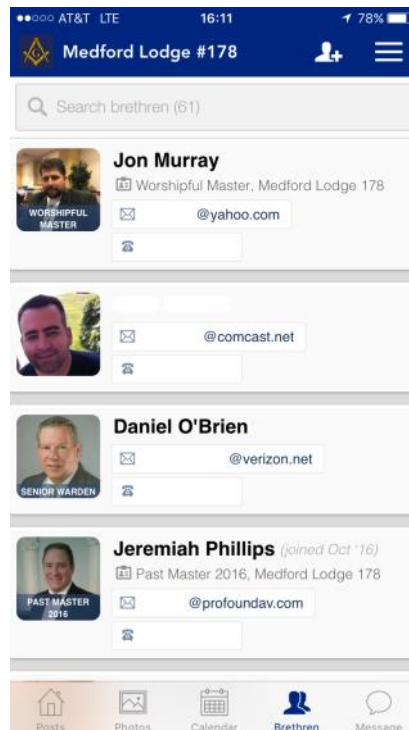
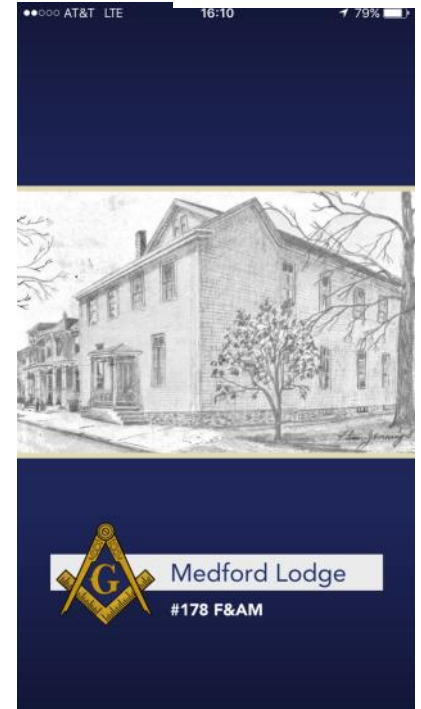
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Technology



Medford Lodge App

The current app will no longer be supported by the developer in the coming months so we are working on a new app. We will be sending out new instructions on how to get to the new app soon.



Medford Lodge Shoot



4TH ANNUAL SPRING SHOOTOUT

MEDFORD LODGE #178

Saturday, May 30th, 2020 @ 10am

at

South Jersey Shooting Club

840 Piney Hollow Rd, Winslow Township, NJ 08043



OPEN TO ALL FRIENDS & FAMILY

Lunch and Shooting \$60/per person

Lunch Only \$20/per person

Payment Due in Advance

Every Shooter Gets 3 Shooting Stations included:

9mm Handgun - 50 rounds at steel from 15 yards

AR Rifle (556) - 20 Rounds at target 60 yards

AK Rifle (7.62x39) - 20 Rounds at target 60 yards

Lunch included (Hamburgers, hotdogs, salad and sides)

Additional Ammo will be Available for Purchase during the event!



Special Appearance
Desert Eagle Pistol (50 cal)
Additional Cost \$10

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Payment Due on or before May 15th, 2020 to Rudy Hatala

Please submit cash via Lodge app, directly pay cash

or make check payable to: "Medford Lodge #178"

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Grand Master—Postponing G.L.



The Grand Lodge



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My Brothers All,

Unfortunately, I was hopeful that my next communication to you would have been more uplifting and positive, but due to ongoing increased developments with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the escalation of government directives and executive orders, imposed quarantines, limitation of assembly, and the overall concern for all our health and welfare, the following actions will be taken as follows:

The directive issued on March 13th, 2020, that all Grand Lodge, Blue Lodge and Appendant Bodies meetings, activities and events, be hereby canceled until March 31st, 2020, will hereby be extended until April 30th, 2020. Exceptions will be Masonic funerals and Blood Drives conducted under the supervision, direction and adherence of practices of the American Red Cross. Worshipful Masters and Officers may continue to pay bills, handle normal correspondences and building maintenance, as needed.

Our Annual Communication at Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino, scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd, has been canceled. Official Receptions for the month of April have been postponed. The three Candidates nights scheduled for April will be held if possible, prior to the rescheduled Annual Communication. Dates are to be determined. In agreement with the Elected Line, the intent is to schedule and hold our Annual Communication, Election of Grand Lodge Officers, and Installation, as soon as possible when the current crisis subsides and allows.

Voting for Grand Lodge contested Offices, and the Grand Lodge Budget will be available to all Grand Lodge voting members, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters and Wardens, online. Voting will coincide with the Annual Communication, when determined. Registration for online voting will be extended. A directive will be forthcoming from the Grand Lodge Office about online voting in anticipation of your questions and concerns. Videos will be made and posted of the Candidates' statements to the Grand Lodge website. The New Jersey Freemason magazine, containing the bios and statements of the Candidates, has gone to press and will be in the mail ASAP.

I have requested the Information Services and Technology Committee to provide information pertaining to various interacting media venues available to assist the Worshipful Masters and Lodges to communicate with each other. The Grand Educator will be providing more educational information and services to the Grand Lodge website for your further enlightenment. Let us continue to do what we do best, help and support each other. Your Grand Lodge Office will remain open and has been working very hard for you; and is there for any and all of your needs.

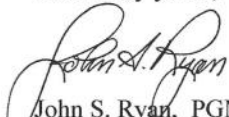
Grand Master—Postponing G.L.



I am very proud of us all and find it very difficult, as I am sure you do, that in a time like this we all normally rally together physically and get things done. We cannot do that this time, and the uncertainty is very frustrating. We have a rough and rugged road to travel before us, and we must put our faith in God. Please follow all the advice and directives that we are getting and keep yourself and all our families out of harms reach. God bless us all.

Strength in Unity,

Fraternally yours,


John S. Ryan, PGM
Grand Secretary


Gregory J. Scott
Grand Master

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
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