

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

## - Trestleboard -

### December 2020

**Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey**  
**M.W. Robert V. Monacelli**



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**Congratulations to**  
**RW Brother**  
**Jeremiah Phillips**  
**on his election to**  
**Masonic Charity**  
**Foundation**  
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# Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

From the magnificent Temple built by King Solomon to the awe inspiring great cathedrals of Europe rising from the dark ages, operative masons accomplished the seemingly impossible with the most basic of tools. One wonders how they built such grand and complex edifices with not much more than a square, compass, plumb line, rope and pulleys. They did it both by using their intellect and their interdependent teamwork. It must have been an incredible sight to witness many hundreds of workers swarming like bees over their tasks. Each small piece was made and positioned by dozens of workers. In the end, the whole was much more than merely the sum of its parts. Their daily interactions with each other, not technology, were responsible for the completion of the magnificent Temple and light filled cathedrals.

Unfortunately, we as craftsmen have been forced recently to travel “the rough and rugged road alone, beset with dangers.” I fear this has resulted in a halt to building of our symbolic temple. With less meetings and actives we have lost opportunities to follow the plan laid down upon the Trestleboard by others long before us to continue the growth of our temple. Without real interdependent labors by us as craftsmen, our temple is subject to neglect and decay.

While we are forced to “travel alone” we each must do what we can to maintain the work on the temple that prior generations have accomplished. Some of the tools we can use keep our skills in practice are; rehearsing our ritual in small groups, reading Masonic literature, volunteering for committee work and most of all keeping in communication with each other through phone text, email and visits. As we all learned during the Fellow Craft degree, in creation it was designed “...that we should be social creatures, and receive the greatest and most important part of our knowledge from intercourse with each other.” I would encourage all of us to make some extra efforts to stay in communication with each other till we may again fully resume work laid down upon our lodge Trestleboard for the completion of our temple.

Fraternally,  
*F. Lawrence Vernamonti WM*

# Calendar of Events



## Dates to Remember — December 2020

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday	14	7:30om	Regular Communication, election & Installation of Officers. Limited to 10 Brothers per GM edict. Contact WM with questions.	Medford Lodge 25 Bank St., Medford NJ 08055

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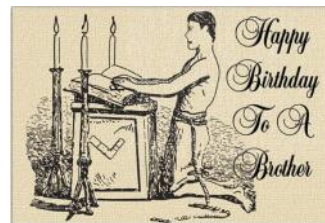
If you haven't registered and checked your information next, please do so at your earliest opportunity.

# Medford Lodge No. 178



## /December Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years	Brother	Years
William H. Stoop	62	Petrer A Smith	13	Lindsey Cooper	23
Roger A Buck	4	Gregory M Guerina	13	James J Crosby	4
Shawn A Hannah	13	Michael S. Di Croce	4	Andrew Reuter	13
Ryan R Stradling	4			z	
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## Making Good Men Better

<b>To Be Balloted On:</b>	Brother Salvatore N Russomanno, Brother Robert T Rout, Mr. Paul D Pierce
<b>In Waiting to Receive their Master Mason Degree</b>	Brother Michael A Brattelli
	Brother Michael Alexander Chadwick
<b>In Waiting to Receive their Master Mason Exam</b>	Brother Daniel Richard Espensheid

# Notes from the WM



Greetings Brethren,

Hoping that this Trestleboard finds all bothers and their families well. As I write this Thanksgiving is just over and Christmas already is fast approaching.

Although I have sent texts and emails to clarify the recent Grand Lodge edicts I thought they should again be repeated here so that all brethren are informed.

First all degrees are halted so there will be no usual Monday night rehearsals in the lodge. Also only a total of ten brothers may meet in the lodge for any purpose. This means that not even the full officer line is permitted in the lodge room. Therefore only the WM,SW,JW,SD,JD, secretary, treasurer and Tyler are required to attend our regular and emergent commutations. Assuming no Grand Lodge attendees that leaves only two vacancies for our brethren to have a chance to participate in a meeting in their own lodge. Brothers also may not attend other lodges.

Therefore please inform me if you would like to attend a meeting. Also if there are any motions that you would like advance, please let me know. If anyone has any other suggestions on how to cope with these restrictions, I would welcome heir input.

Remember our new lodge app is online thanks to RW Jeremiah Phillips. Please take a moment to sign on for the free app at the play store. It's a great way to keep updated and stay connected until the restrictions are lifted.

In the meantime I wish all of our brethren and their families a Happy Hanukah, a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

I look forward to someday seeing you in the Lodge. Remember: Keep clam, stay sane, stay healthy and carry on. Fraternally

*Larry*

# Officers & Committees



## 2020 Medford Lodge Officers

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

<p><b>Lodge Trustees</b> Harry Srolovitz (1) Joseph F. Alter (2) RW Jeremiah Phillips (3)</p> <p><b>Temple Trustees</b> WB George Wigginton, PM (1) WB John Ellor, PM (2) WB Frederick C. Young Jr., PM (3)</p> <p><b>Sickness &amp; Distress</b> RW Howard I Black, 2<sup>nd</sup> WM Larry Vernamonti Rudy Hatala</p>	<p><b>Audit Committee</b> WB Daniel Nemcek DB Russ Carvin Jr William "Bill" Crozier</p> <p><b>Ritual Committee</b> WB David Carvin, PM RW Russ Bauer, GC RW Jeremiah Phillips</p> <p><b>Relief Committee</b> WM Larry Vernamonti</p>	<p><b>By-Laws</b> WB David Carvin, PM WB Russ Bauer, GC</p> <p><b>Hospitality Committee</b> John Quintana RW Jeremiah Phillips Franco Coppola Stewards</p> <p><b>Educator &amp; 1st Responder Scholarship</b> Kip Duffy</p>
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# Grand Lodge & District Info



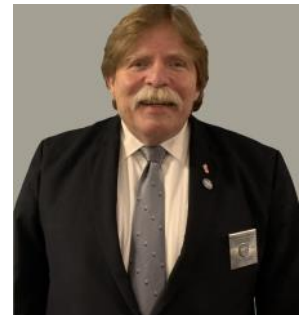
**MW Robert V Monacelli., Grand Master**

**Masonic Outreach Hotline**  
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All others call 609-387-1333

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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> 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 <sup>rd</sup> , PGMar	1987	Mark K. Crosby	2011 (DMT)
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 <sup>nd</sup> , PJGS	1991	Robert Shestack	2016 (D)
Ronald Gervasoni	1994 (S)	Jeremiah H. Phillips, PJGD	2016
William B. Watson	1995	Jonathan Murray	2017
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](#)   [William H Stoop 4/3/2020](#)  
[Jerry S Albrecht PM 2005, 7/7/2020](#)   [Leroy Meland 7/11/2020](#)  
[Charles A Trethewy 11/2/2020](#)





# Past Masters



## In Memory of our Deceased Past Masters

Frank A. Braddock	1903	Norman R. DeLong	1954
Samuel A. Garwood	1904	Henry Emenecker Sr, <b>PGC</b>	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 <b>PGC</b>	1958, 62
Alfred E. Darnell	1909-10	Kenneth G. Rixon ( <b>D</b> )	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, <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	Joseph W. Siatkowski	1983
George W. Otto (+)	1941	V. James Minerva	1984
George Korradi (+)	1942	Edwin E. Wood III, <b>PSGM</b>	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 ( <b>A</b> )
Harold S. Farrow	1952	Thomas Wright II, <b>PJGD</b>	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

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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!

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# The Grand Lodge



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## EDICT

**WHEREAS**, the current worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, which has necessitated the prior Edicts M.W. Gregory J. Scott, PGM, issued in 2020, continues; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has continued to operate under the Executive Orders of the Governing; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is simultaneously Re-Opening America under Guidelines issued by the White House and the Center for Disease Control; and

**WHEREAS**, the suspension of the operation of any section of the Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which is not a Landmark, as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of protection of our members during the ongoing pandemic, remains in effect, as previously ordered.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, **EDICTED** and **ORDERED** as follows:

1. With the limited exceptions of (a) medical restrictions impacting breathing or (b) at times one partakes in the consumption of food or beverages, masks or face coverings shall be worn at ALL times while in a Masonic building.
2. All prior Edicts issued in 2020 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, which are not modified or superseded by this Edict in effect at the moment prior to my installation as Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey are incorporated herein and shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Attendance at any indoor lodge meeting or function shall be limited to the numbers as prescribed by the current limits placed in force by the most recent Executive Order from the Governor of New Jersey. The same shall hold true for any outdoor gatherings. The serving of food at any lodge meeting or function is prohibited.
4. Visitation by a brother to a lodge other than one in which he is a member is discouraged therefore, attendance at lodge meetings or functions shall be limited to members of said lodge until further notice.
5. The conferral of any Masonic Degrees is hereby suspended until further notice.
6. All installations shall be closed and limited to only the elected officers of the lodge, the installing master, marshal and the DDGM or his designee. The DDGM or his designee shall declare all other officers duly installed.

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Pick Up on December 20, 2020  
Maple Shade - Moorestown  
Masonic Lodge Parking Lot  
15 North Fellowship Road  
Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Refer Questions To: Dad Glenn Latshaw : [bigdadyglenn@aol.com](mailto:bigdadyglenn@aol.com) or 856-278-4030

# 42nd Annual Brotherhood Night



## 42nd Annual Brotherhood Night

Hosted by The Grand Lodge of Delaware

Friday, March 19, 2021

**NUR Shrine Temple**  
198 S. DuPont Highway  
New Castle, DE 19720-4149

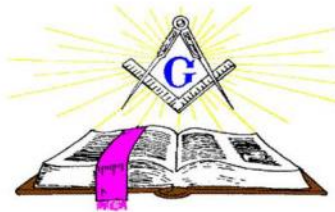
**Social Hour: 5:30 PM**  
**Dinner: 6:30 PM**

Tickets can be purchased by credit card only through  
the Grand Lodge office at 609-239-3950

**\$40.00**

## 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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