

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

**- Trestleboard -**

**January 2021**

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



**CONSTITUTED  
MARCH 11, 1903**

MEETS SECOND MONDAY  
(EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST)

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**2021 Officers  
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# Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

We hopefully will be able to enjoy the Master Mason degree in the near future. Therefore I thought it would be appropriate to consider this month the working tool of the Master Mason, the trowel.

Albert Mackey writes that by it we “are taught to spread the cement of affection and kindness, which unites all members of the Masonic family”.

The Entered Apprentice needs only the 24 inch gauge and gavel to shape individual stones. The Fellow Craft Mason needs the plumb, level and square to position the stones according to the plans laid down upon the Trestleboard.

But it is the responsibility of the Master Mason, after assuring that the prior required steps were performed properly, to use his working tool, the trowel, to cement the parts of the whole as a unified structure. Thus the temple is able to weather and withstand the challenges and test of time.

What is the cement of our symbolic temple made of? Surely, as Mackey alludes, it must be love, support and social interactions that cement the Brothers together into one unified and beautiful temple.

Forces outside our Lodge have recently weathered that cement. Just as all longstanding buildings may occasionally need “repointing” to maintain the cement that holds it together, I wonder if the recent external forces have not worn away layers of the cement keeping our temple strong. So my Brothers all, now is the time to dust off our trowels, and “repoint” and renew the cement which bonds our temple together. As meetings and activities have recently been forbidden, now it is even more important that we all individually work to keep the temple strong. Do not let apathy take control, but rather actively work to participate in keeping our Lodge strong. Make the effort to stay in communication with your Brothers, use the Lodge app to stay in touch, make the effort to meet with one another, lastly, step up your game and volunteer for Lodge committees and officer positions (see this months Notes). Rather than be merely another “ring and a pin, I’m in” Mason on the sidelines. Your involvement will bring untold rewards through your involvement with your Brothers. Thus our Lodge will stay strong through these challenges.

Fraternally,  
*F. Lawrence Vernamonti*

# Calendar of Events



## Dates to Remember — December 2020

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
			<b>DLI</b> Masters and Wardens only Per Grand Lodge	Mt. Moriah
Monday	14	7:30am	<b>Regular Communication, election &amp; Installation of Officers. Limited to 10 Brothers per GM edict. Contact WM with questions.</b>	Medford Lodge 25 Bank St., Medford NJ 08055
Monday	9th	6:30 PM	<b>Regular Communication</b> Open 7:30 pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business	<b>Medford Lodge</b> 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055

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

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**TO BE ONE,  
ASK ONE**

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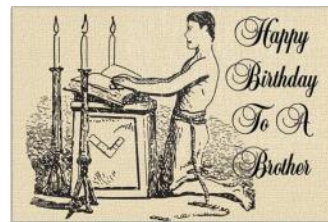


# Medford Lodge No. 178



## January Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years	Brother	Years
Wallace Cabler	38	Nicholas Matteo	28	Todd Cottle	6
Trond Olsen	28	Alan Craine	30	Charles Parker	25
Jack Crosby	31	Frederick Tantleff	21	A John Ellor	25
Paul Thompson III	31	Thomas Fitzpatrick	56	Jeffery Fitzpatrick	6
Daniel Weaver	25	Richard Godin	48	K Charles Westen	25
Andrew Kean	17	George Wigginton	28	Thomas Kosdemba	32
Larry Wilson	55	Robert Marter	28	Richard Woodhull	32
Rocco Marvaldi	22				



In Waiting to Receive their Master Mason Degree	Brother Michael A Brattelli
	Brother Michael Alexander Chadwick
In Waiting to Receive their Master Mason Exam	Brother Daniel Richard Espenshied

# Notes from the WM



Hoping that this Trestleboard finds all our Brothers and their families well. I pray all our Brethren and their families had a wonderful season and a bright New Year.

I expect everyone knows by now we are forbidden by Grand Lodge edict from having more than ten in the Lodge, and may not hold or rehearse degree work with more than ten. As

soon as we hear this has been changed I will post it on the app and send all an email.

Remember our new Lodge app is online thanks to RW Jeremiah Phillips and is the best way to get the latest Lodge news. Please take a moment to sign on for the free app at the play store or the apple store. It's a great way keep updated and stay connected until the restrictions are lifted. Having your contact info on the app makes it easier for your Brothers to stay connected with you.

If you would like to become more involved in the Lodge there are openings on most of the committees listed here in this Trestleboard. Please consider foining one by reaching out to the Committee chairman, or myself. There is also always the possibility of officer positions as they become available.

I look forward to someday again seeing you in the Lodge with our Brethren. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns. Remember, keep calm, stay sane, stay healthy and carry on.

Fraternally,

*Larry*

“It is our duty to make the best of our misfortunes, and not to suffer passion to interfere with our interest and the public good.” Brother George Washington 1778

“When I am abroad, I always make it a rule never to criticize or attack the government of my own country. I make up for lost time when I come home.” Brother Winston Churchill

# Notes from the SW



Brothers,

As we embrace the New Year with its potential for growth and prosperity, please keep in mind that we are still in the midst of a pandemic that requires physical and mental endurance. Military psychology teaches us that overcoming obstacles and achieving success involves: Patience in building mental endurance, Visualization of successful outcomes, and Effective relaxation throughout the ordeal.

Brother Benjamin Franklin (1706 – 1790) was a man of science and diplomacy with abundant wisdom, creativity, patience, responsibility, and accountability. He remains an invaluable resource throughout our lives.

Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706 in Boston, Massachusetts. He was initiated in 1731 at St. John' Lodge in Philadelphia, PA. On June 24, 1732 he was appointed Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and then Grand Master in 1735.

Brother Franklin published the Constitutions of the Freemasons, which is the first Masonic book printed in America. He is said to have laid the cornerstone of Independence Hall with other brethren of St. John's Lodge.

The brief history that follows is taken from my 1895 edition of the Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin. In approximately 1754, during the French and Indian War, Brother Franklin met with General Edward Braddock (1695 – 1755) in Fredericktown, Maryland. At that time, Gen. Braddock was "waiting impatiently for the return of those he had sent through the back parts of Maryland and Virginia to collect wagons." When Brother Franklin was about to depart, approximately 25 wagons arrived and seeing such a small amount of wagons, Gen. Braddock "declared the expedition was then at an end, being impossible, and exclaimed against the ministers for ignorantly sending them into a country destitute of the means of conveying their stores, luggage, etc., not less than 150 wagons being necessary."

Brother Franklin then "happened to say, I thought it was a pity that they had not been landed in Pennsylvania, as in that country almost every farmer had his wagon." Gen. Braddock took notice and said, "Then you, sir, who are a man of interest there, can probably procure them for us, and I beg you will undertake it."

The advertisement commissioned by Brother Franklin read, "Lancaster, April 26, 1755. Whereas, one hundred and fifty wagons with four horses to each wagon, and fifteen hundred saddle or pack horses, are wanted for the service of his Majesty's forces, now about to rendezvous at Wills Creek; and his Excellency Gen. Braddock having been pleased to empower me to contract for the hire of the same; I hereby give notice, that I shall attend for that purpose, at Lancaster, from this day to next Wednesday evening; and at York from next Thursday morning till Friday evening; where I shall be ready to agree for wagons and teams, or single horses, on the following terms."

Brother Franklin was successful in this mission and writes, "The general, too, was highly satisfied with my conduct in procuring him the wagons, and readily paid my account of disbursements; thanking me repeatedly, and requesting my

further assistance in sending provisions after him.” Gen. Braddock, unfortunately was later defeated, but managed to pay for the further assistance Brother Franklin provided prior to the general’s death.

Brother Franklin describes Gen. Braddock as “a brave man, and might probably have made a figure as a good officer in some European war” but “he had too much self-confidence, too high an opinion of the validity of regular troops, and too mean a one of both Americans and Indians.” Brother Franklin believes that if Gen. Braddock “had treated them kindly; but he slighted and neglected them, and they gradually left him.”

John Quintana 12/24/20





# Officers & Committees



## 2021 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> Joshua Diamond</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 William "Bill" Crozier</p> <p><b>Ritual Committee</b> WB David Carvin, PM WB Daniel E O'Brien RW Jeremiah Phillips</p> <p><b>Relief Committee</b> WM F L Vernamonti</p>	<p><b>By-Laws</b> WB David Carvin, PM WB George Wigginton</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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# 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 <b>(DMT)</b>	Stephen C. Sweeney	2002
Robert S. Middleton, <b>PGC</b>	1977, 79	Peter M. DeStefano	2004
Frederick D. Domako	1977 <b>(D)</b>	William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 <b>(A)</b>
Richard A. Godin	1980	A. John Ellor	2006 <b>(D)</b>
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 <b>(D)</b>	Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 <b>(D)</b>
John F. Hall, <b>PGC, PDGI</b>	1982 <b>(D)</b>	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Wayne Hartman	1983 <b>(D)</b>	Roy A. Winter, <b>PDRI</b>	2010, 14 <b>(A)</b>
Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 <b>(D)</b>
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Mark K. Crosby	2011 <b>(DMT)</b>
Howard I. Black 3 <sup>rd</sup> , <b>PGMar</b>	1987	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
David B. Stoneback	1989	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Russell A. Bauer, <b>PGC</b>	2015
Owen D. Brennan, <b>PGSB</b>	1990 (+)	Robert Shestack	2016 <b>(D)</b>
Howard I. Black 2 <sup>nd</sup> , <b>PJGS</b>	1991	Jeremiah H. Phillips, <b>PJGD</b>	2016
Ronald Gervasoni	1994 <b>(S)</b>	Jonathan Murray	2017
William B. Watson	1995	Daniel O'Brien	2018
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	Frederick C. Young Jr.	2019
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 <b>(D)</b>		
Allan D. Kline	1997		
John T. Kubit	1998		
Richard D. Dolbec	1999 <b>(EXP)</b>		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

## In Memoriam — 2021



# 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. Rexon ( <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	Wilhelm 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	Jerry S Albrecht	2005

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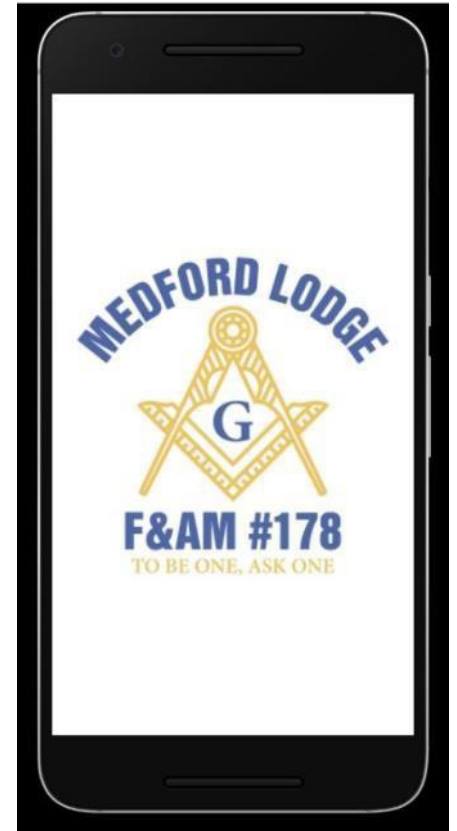
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Once you download the app at your app store you will be able to:

- 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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# Grand Lodge & District Info

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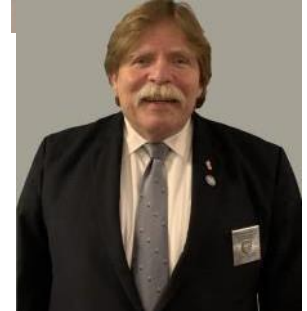
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## Lodges of the 19th District

### **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

# The Grand Lodge



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### EDICT

**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 to our members during the ongoing pandemic, remains in effect, as previously ordered.

**WHEREAS**, Title Four: Article IX: Section 1: Parts 10, 14, and 18 recite Failure to Appear for Initiation, Failure of Candidate to Appear for Advancement, and Master Mason Examination;

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, **EDICTED and ORDERED** that the operation of the above sections of the Constitution and By Laws be and hereby is suspended until further notice.

**SO, ORDERED.**

Dated: December 15, 2020

ROBERT V. MONACELLI, Grand Master  
Of Masons for the State of New Jersey

Attest:

JOHN S. RYAN, Grand Secretary

# The Grand Lodge



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## GENERAL DISPENSATION

By my order and until further notice the District Deputy Grand Master of each Masonic District will have complete authority to verbally grant dispensation to all lodges in their district, when it is necessary to change the date and or time of a scheduled and stated meeting.

Dated: December 23, 2020

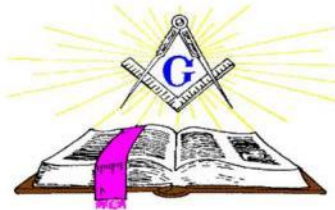
ROBERT V. MONACELLI, Grand Master  
of Masons for the State of New Jersey

Attest:

JOHN S. RYAN, Grand Secretary

## 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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**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

With thanks to our Brothers from St. Andrews Lodge, UK