

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

- Trestleboard -

March AD 2021 / AL 6021

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



**CONSTITUTED
MARCH 11, 1903**

MEETS SECOND MONDAY
(EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST)

**25 BANK STREET
MEDFORD, NEW JERSEY
PHONE: (609) 261-2411**

MAILING ADDRESS:

**25 Bank Street
Medford, NJ 08055**

www.MedfordLodge178.com

David.CarvinSr@gmail.com

No More Paper Dues Cards
1 time exception in 2021 only for members
who are 80 years or
Older without smart phone or Computer
If you qualify under these exceptions, and
want a card, please contact the Secretary.
Anyone else with questions or concerns,
please contact Grand Lodge directly

Master's Message	Pg 2
Calendar of Events	Pg 3
Grandview	Pg 4
Birthdays	Pg 5
WM Notes	Pg 6
SW Notes	Pg 7-8
Officers	Pg 9
Grand Lodge Information	Pg 10
Living Past Masters	Pg 11
Deceased Past Masters	Pg 12
Appendant Bodies	Pg 13
Tech	Pg 14
Edicts	Pg 15-16
Mission Statement	Pg 17

Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,
“Danny Boy” may be the most widely played song after “Happy Birthday” and “Auld Lang Syne”. Could there be a Masonic connection to this classic beautiful tune? Most likely yes. The lyrics were written in 1910 by Frederick Edward Weatherly (1844-1929). Son of a poor country doctor with a large family in Portsmouth, England. He was sent to study at Hereford Cathedral, where he was an average student. He became active in its music club although he never composed or performed. In his last year the death of a popular dean inspired him to begin writing simple poems that other friends often used for lyrics of the music that they composed. He attended Oxford and after graduating worked as a tutor for a few years before being accepted to the Bar of the Inner Temple. He started a law practice with no less than Henry Dickens, later

Sir Henry Dickens, also from a large family and son of the famous author Charles Dickens for whom several Masonic Lodges in England are named. While Charles Dickens is thought not to have been a Mason, he referenced Masons in a positive light in several of his works including “Great Expectations”. Several of his sons are known to have been Masons including both his eldest son Charles and Sir Henry, the most successful of his children and law partner, friend and mentor of Weatherly.

It is reasonable to suppose therefore that Fredrick Weatherly would likely have been a Mason along with his friend and partner, Henry Dickens. Weatherly continued to practice law his whole life despite being a successful and prolific lyricist writing his simple poems, credited with 3,000 songs, and many very popular hits. His “Rose of Picardy” was one of the country’s most popular songs during WW I. In later life he also became a well known lecturer, often at Burns Society dinners and also a broadcaster.

The story of “Danny Boy” is fascinating. Although always recognized as an Irish folk song, the music was recorded on sheet music by an English music collector and the words were written by an English barrister perhaps on a train on the way to a trial or while waiting for a jury. By lucky circumstance the tune was noticed by a British lady composer, Jane Ross who collected Irish folk music. In 1851, while Weatherly was still a child, she heard a piper playing the tune on a corner outside her home in Londonderry (hence its original name “Londonderry Air”). Rushing outside she asked him to play it again as she wrote the music down and then payed him well for his trouble. She later gave the sheet music along with much of her collection of folk tunes to George Petrie who then published it in a book of folk songs, “Ancient Music of Ireland” in 1855. Weatherly’s sister in law came upon the book in 1912 and was struck by one tune, “Londonderry Air”, and sent it to him to maybe write lyrics for it. His immediate response was, no need, I already have the perfect lyrics from a poem I wrote two years ago entitled “Danny Boy”. Those words fit the music like a glove, in-

stantly becoming a number one hit and quickly spreading throughout the world. The words are both beautiful and haunting with the ability at the same time to easily bring most of us to tears before the second verse. There has been much speculation on the meaning of the lyrics. They are usually thought to be the words of a loving mother or wife to her son or husband leaving for a new life far away in America. But 1910 was also in the era of World War I and could easily be the parting words of a father to his only son going off to war. For a less romantic theory, consider that the words were written while he was still in his criminal law practice, long before Weatherly ever heard the music and at the time “pipes” was slang for prison bars! Let’s hope Weatherly’s inspiration was not a lamenting mother, for whose convicted son “the pipes are calling”. We will likely never know. Regardless of Weatherly’s inspiration, the song has touched hearts around the world for a hundred years and will continue to do so for a hundred more. It has been recorded by such diverse artists as Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Judy Garland, Kate Smith, Glenn Miller, the Flamingos, Bing Crosby, Tony Bennett, Tom Jones, Conway Twitty, Patti Page, Jacki Wilson, Harry Belafonte, Dennis Day, Judy Collins, Andy Williams, Johnny Cash, Johnny Mathis, Joan Baez, Carly Simon, Charlotte Church and many more. Not bad for a tune that might have been lost to history but for a Mason who just liked to write simple poems.

And now you know the rest of the story.

Happy Saint Patrick’s Day!

For further reading see “Danny Boy” by Malachy McCourt and “Piano and Gown” by Frederick Edward Weatherly

Fraternally,
Larry Vernamonti WM

“If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent, we may led like sheep to the slaughter.”

Bro. George Washington

“It is always wise to look ahead, but difficult to look farther than you can see.”

Bro. Winston Churchill


Calendar of Events



Dates to Remember — March 2021

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
			DLI's cancelled until further notice	
Monday	8th	7:30 PM	Regular Communication Open 7:30 pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055

Grand Lodge Membership Management Database



GRAND VIEW is the new Grand Lodge Online Membership Management Database.

All Members are asked to register and update your personal information.

Contact your Lodge Secretary if you have any questions or need assistance.

- Go to the portal URL <https://nj.grandview.systems>
- Click on "**Member Portal**" in the upper right corner to get the login screen. If you have never registered you can just click on "**Member Registration**" in the login screen.
- Here is a Direct link to register and verify your contact information. https://nj.grandview.systems/membership_registration

Once on this page you will be asked to put in your lodge number, member ID, and last name as it appears on your dues card.

This will verify your membership and allow you to set up an account.

On the membership registration page there is a short video showing you how to register or you can click the link below.

<https://youtu.be/Hx-WliihfoM>

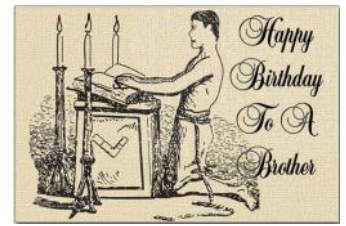
If you haven't registered and checked your information next, please do so at your earliest opportunity.

Dues for 2021, \$146.00, are now due and payable.
 Please remit to the Secretary.
 Thank you

Medford Lodge No. 178



March Masonic Birthdays



Sidney W Absher III	16	John F Hall	43	Joseph C Porter	16
William R Andrews	44	Robert J Hoffman Jr	37	Manuel Ramos Jr	13
Jay A Bellis	8	J Edward Hunt	47	John W Renoouf	16
Gerald R Benson	65	Stokes C Hunt	16	James E Roughgarden	45
David M Berkey	16	Edward V Kaelin III	16	John C Rowand	16
Howard I Black II PJGS	52	Henry E Katkow	16	C Wayne Shontz	56
David J Brown Jr	11	Gary Kinney	16	Roy A Shubert	16
Dean A Byrne	11	Paul C Koenig	8	Thomas W Smith	2
Sean M Chapmanq	21	Richard B Lechner	40	Neal S Smoyer III	2
John D Cirrinicione	10	Charles F Marklewith	35	Jerry P Sorgento	16
John T Converse	8	Harry A Mayer	2	Kenneth B Sunderland	16
Cornelius W Cornlessen	11	John P McDade	16	Raymond W Taylor Sr	50
William H Crozier	16	Shawn R Metscher	2	F Lawrence Vernamonti	8
Thomas S Fearon	11	Cameron R Morgan	13	Roy A Winter	16
Christopher A Fenske	37	Gerald A Mountford	45	Gary F Woodend	16
Edward W Foga	11	Daniel Luis Nemcek	13	Peter J Young	16
John P Froggat	2	Daniel E O'Brien	11	Nicholas C Gondolf	2
Clark D Perks	13				

Making Good Men Better

In waiting for Entered Apprentice	Paul D Pierce Sr.
In waiting for Master Mason Degree	Brother Michael Bratelli
	Brother Michael Chadwick
In waiting for Master Mason Exam	Brother Daniel Espenshied

Officers & Committees



2021 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 Joshua Diamond</p> <p>Tyler J. Gary Hicks, PM</p> <p>Historian WB J Edward Hunt, PM</p> <p>Proxy to Grand Lodge Hugh Christine</p>
---	---

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 William "Bill" Crozier</p> <p>Ritual Committee WB David Carvin, PM WB Daniel E O'Brien RW Jeremiah Phillips</p> <p>Relief Committee WM F L Vernamonti</p>	<p>By-Laws WB David Carvin, PM WB George Wigginton</p> <p>Hospitality Committee John Quintana RW Jeremiah Phillips Franco Coppola Stewards</p> <p>Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship Kip Duffy</p>
---	--	---



Grand Lodge & District Info

Most Worshipful Robert V Monacelli
Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey
The Grand
New Jersey Lodge of



2021GMNJ@gmail.com
327 Willow Grove St.
Hackettstown NJ 0840-1802
H-908-9-0840 C-973-479-9660

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

District Deputy Grand Master
of the 19th Masonic District
RW Robert K. Boulton
205 Lippincott Ave.
Riverton, NJ 08077
856-507-3102
rkboulton@gmail.com



District Ritual Instructor
of the 19th Masonic District
RW Richard F Labaw Jr.
31 Tall Timber Lane
Burlington, NJ 08016-9756
609-902-7516 (c)
rflabawjr@comcast.net



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 (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 nd , 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	F Lawrence Vernamonti	2020
John T. Kubit	1998		
Richard D. Dolbec	1999 (EXP)		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — 2021

DB Robert D Hanold Sr. January 12th, 2021

James E Roughgarden May 31st, 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, 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
Harold S. Farrow	1952		
Charles N. Parker	1953	Jerry S Albrecht	2005
		Thomas Wright II, PJGD	2007

Brethren,

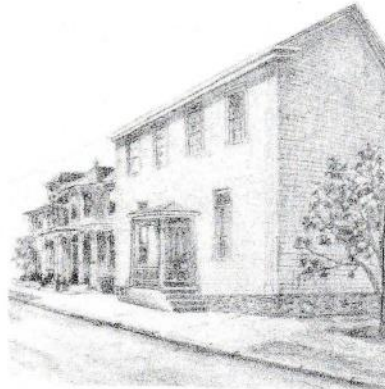
Our Lodge Historian, WB J Edward Hunt, has been putting together a written history of Medford Lodge. We are fortunate in being able to include a small portion in this month's Trestle-board. Thank you, Worshipful Sir for your time and efforts

'THE LODGE AS I KNOW IT'

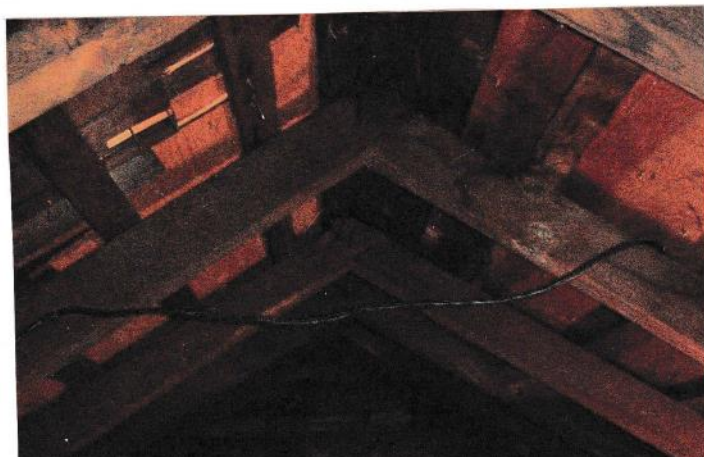
J EDW HUNT PM, HISTOIAN

MEDFORD LODGE 178 F&AM

Let's begin with the building at 25 Bank street Medford N.J. 08055



Construction of the building was done in two phases around 1846 .The front of the building on Bank street was the first phase, consisting of a two story building with a basement. On the first floor upon entering , on the left was a ladies room and meeting room, To the right a men's room, hallway to the hallway to the basement stair and stairs to the second floor. Having two rooms,a small rest room and ladder access to the attic. The foundation constructed with brick and sandstone,wood and brick columns and a large oak beam supporting the floor joist and inside bearing wall above. Walls were of wood construction,lath and plaster interior and bevel horizontal siding on the exterior.The roof trusses nailed and pegged with furring strps for the cedar shake roofing.



Brethren,

The Lodge has lost a Brother from the Greatest Generation. Brother James E Roughgarden laid down his working tools on May 31, 2020, at the age of 98. Before joining our Fraternity, he served his country, flying 75 missions in his P51 Mustang during WWII. Brother Roughgarden was one of an ever diminishing group of men to whom our Country, and indeed the entire world, owe an immeasurable debt.

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: [Android - Play Store](#)
iTunes - AVAILABLE NOW ON Play Store



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

GRAND VIEW is the new Grand Lodge Online Membership Management Database.

All Members are asked to register and update your personal information.

Contact your Lodge Secretary if you have any questions or need assistance.

Go to the portal URL <https://nj.grandview.systems>

Click on "**Member Portal**" in the upper right corner to get the login screen. If you have never registered you can just click on "**Member Registration**" in the login screen.

Here is a Direct link to register and verify your contact information. https://nj.grandview.systems/membership_registration

Once on this page you will be asked to put in your **lodge number**, **member ID**, and **last name** as it appears on your dues card.

This will verify your membership and allow you to set up an account.

On the membership registration page there is a short video showing you how to register or you can click the link below.



The Grand Lodge *of* NEW JERSEY

Brethren,

All legislation for the Masonic year 2021 must be submitted to the Grand Secretary by March 12, 2021. It will then be reviewed for acceptance by the Grand Secretary and Grand Chancellor's and distributed to the membership prior to a planned Emergent Communication on April 24, 2021.

Brethren,

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey will conduct an Emergent Communication on April 24, 2021. The Emergent Communication will be held in Fellowship Center in Burlington, NJ at 9:00 AM, and will abide with any Executive Order from the Governor of New Jersey at that time. You will be receiving complete details within the next 45 days. If you are submitting any legislation it must be in the Grand Secretaries office by March 12, 2021.

John S. Ryan

Grand Secretary

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey

100 Barrack Street

Trenton, NJ 08608-2008

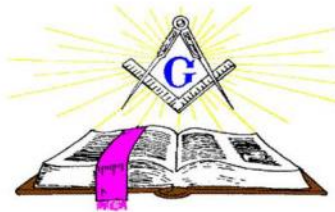
609.239.3970 (Office)

609.386.4332 (Fax)

609.358.3557 (Mobile)

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



Medford Lodge #178
25 Bank Street
Medford, NJ 08055