

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

## - Trestleboard -

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



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Brother Mike Chadwick enlightening the Brethren regarding the Masonic "Gems" hidden by Brother Mozart in some of his greatest works.



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# Message from the East



Greetings Brethren

May marks the anniversary of the birth of our 33<sup>rd</sup> President, Harry S Truman on May 8<sup>th</sup> 1884. He was also a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason and a Grand Master of Missouri during his 64 active years in the craft. Like both his grandfathers before him, he took his brotherhood very seriously and was known as “a very good lodge man”.

Starting life as a farmer’s son and a farmer himself he became a Mason at the young age of 21 in 1909. He enlisted as a private in 1905 and rose through the ranks serving his unit well while at the same time demonstrating wise investment of their accounts and was discharged as a Major, his battery firing the last shot of WW I. After the war he opened a men’s clothing store, “the shirt shop” as he called it. Unfortunately it folded and with no money and no home his future looked bleak. Yet in only 23 years this penniless ex-haberdasher would shine and be acknowledged as the leader of the

free world out maneuvering both Stalin and Churchill at the Potsdam conference.

Throughout his life he was recognized for his Mason like “generous principles” and for his integrity and selfless concern for others. His honesty as a Missouri “judge”, which is more equivalent to what we know as a county freeholder, was as uncommon then as now and made him a popular choice for governor or senator. He chose senator which led to his selection as VP candidate since Roosevelt needed someone on his ticket from the Midwest. Ivy League Roosevelt held his brother Mason in contempt as being an uneducated hayseed farmer and the two rarely met. Truman was seldom seen in the White House and he knew nothing of the Manhattan project until two weeks after he assumed the Presidency unlike Joseph Stalin who was getting constant progress notes from spies.

He enjoyed a warm relationship with Brother David Eisenhower but he had troubles with Brother Douglas MacArthur who had difficulty accepting directions from his commander in chief (yes history does repeat). Despite it being an extremely unpopular move, President Truman had the courage to do the right thing and fired Brother MacArthur having once said “I am here to make decisions, and whether they are right or wrong I am going to make them.” Such examples of his integrity ultimately earned him an 87% approval rating exceeding that of FDR. He continued to keep a hand written framed note on his desk from Brother Mark Twain, “Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”

Certainly the hardest decision he was faced with was the decision on using the atomic bomb against Japan. It was his decision alone to make and as “the buck stops here” he never considered passing it off to a “bipartisan committee” to study. Given the choices of a blockade and starving the people, invading and losing one million men and even more Japanese, or use the bomb and lose 20 to 50 thousand civilians he felt the burden most acutely. Many including Einstein and also Oppenheimer who oversaw its development were against its use.

The famous picture of Hiroshima taken afterwards appears starkly hellish and one at first

wonders how anyone could approve its use. But the picture is deceptive and the facts tell a different story. At the start of the Manhattan project, a commission studied the effects of using the bomb. As we did not know if the A-bomb would really work and we had only two which were both of different designs that we could not mass produce, it was realized the bombs only military use was purely psychological must be used as a surprise as quickly as possible. The thought was to shock the war lords into the idea that thousands dropping from the sky would be unsurviable. In fact after the first the Japanese war lords still wanted to continue to the last person standing. Only after the second did the Emperor decide enough was enough. He did not know we had no more to drop. The next night would have marked the return to incinerary bombs with the loss of 50 to 100 thousand lives every night as before, much more than from the atomic bombs. As for the picture, look closely and you will notice trees, street signs, electric poles and stone buildings still standing. Later study by the military showed much of the destruction came not directly from the bomb but when the shock turned countless stoves on their sides the paper and wood houses around the factories set the city on fire. Although he confessed to his wife it was the hardest decision he ever had to make as president, it saved millions of lives on both sides and thankfully therefore many of us are here today and able to read of it. And now you know the rest of the storey.

It is noteworthy that while MW Brother Truman lived a productive life for 89 years, he almost was lost at 64 in 1950. Two assassins tried to shot him outside of Blair House but he was saved by his friend, advisor and secret service agent Brother Leslie Coffelt who gave his life to save his President, Brother Harry.

For further reading see "Truman" by D. McCullough

Fraternally,  
Larry Vernamonti WM


# Calendar of Events



## Dates to Remember — May 2021

| Day     | Date | Time   | Event  | Location   |
|---------|------|--------|--|--|
| Tuesday | 4th  | 7:15pm | DLI, Masters & Deacons only  | Mt. Holly Lodge #14<br>15 Garden St<br>Mt. Holly NJ      |
| Monday  | 10th | 7:30pm | Regular Communication<br>Dinner - 6:30, Lodge opens - 7:30<br>Dress - Officers formal, Brothers business | Medford Lodge #178<br>25 Bank St.<br>Medford NJ 08055    |
| Sunday  | 16th | 3pm    | Masonic Service for DB Robert Hanold<br>Please arrive by 2:30 to prepare                                 | Bradley & Stow<br>127 Medford Mt. Holly Rd<br>Medford NJ |

### 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](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-WliihfcM>

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

## A Note from the Worshipful Master

Greetings to all our brothers.

Hoping that this Trestleboard finds all our brothers and their families well and enjoying wonderful spring weather. Oh the joys of yard work!

Activities are slowly coming back. Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> we have DLI, no wardens, just deacons and lower chairs, three max from our lodge at Mt. Holly lodge. Our next regular communication is Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM with the Lodge meeting starting at 7:30 PM prompt. The night's presentation by brother Mike Angermeier will be "Practical Advice for Brothers on Firearms Laws and Gun Crime." As we are still limited to 25 attendees, please reserve your spot by RSVP on the lodge app.

May 14<sup>th</sup> will be our official visit from RW DDGM Brother Rick LaBaw so we will have an all officer rehearsal on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> for the OV protocol and the first half of the EA degree. Pizza at 6:30, rehearsal at 7 PM.

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 joining 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 free to contact me with any concerns. Remember: Keep clam, stay sane, stay healthy and carry on.

Fraternally,

Larry V

"Virtuous motives, trammled by inertia and timidity, are no match for armed and resolute wickedness."- Bro. Winston Churchill

# Congratulations!

Congratulations to our new 19th district Grand Lodge Officers

DDGW - RW Rick Labaw

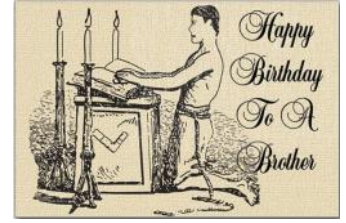
DRI - RW Steve Martin

We wish them the best in their endeavors, and look forward to working with them.

# Medford Lodge No. 178



## May Masonic Birthdays



|                    |    |                         |    |
|--------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| Russel A Bauer PGC | 46 | Joseph A Knecht Jr.     | 11 |
| Daniel A Buck      | 5  | John E Markelwith       | 35 |
| Harold J Kava      | 38 | Edwin Arthur Michaloski | 14 |
| Brian D Curren     | 5  | Robert S Middleton PGC  | 48 |
| David Diamond      | 5  | Donald C Moffet         | 32 |
| Thomas W Durham    | 32 | John J Mulligan         | 28 |
| Devon C Fenske     | 5  | Michael G Neabor        | 5  |
| E John Foulk       | 43 | John J Rinneir          | 43 |
| Alfred D Gilmour   | 45 | Robert Watson II        | 27 |
| J Gary Hicks       | 37 | Clarence B Wingert      | 64 |

### 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 |
|                                    | Brother Matthew Schneider |
|                                    | Brother Norton Druger     |

# Officers & Committees



## 2021 Medford Lodge Officers

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

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

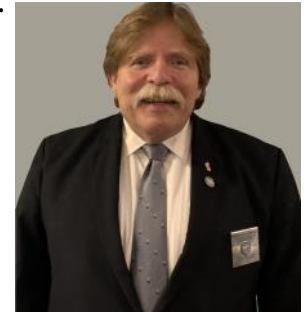
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## Lodges of the 19th District

### **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, PDRI        | 2010, 14 (A)   |
| 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       | 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

Robert C Narozanick Sr February 19th 2021

James E Roughgarden May 31st, 2020

Ron Gervasoni PM February 22nd 2021

Tom Kosdemba February 12th, 2021

John Moran April 23rd 2021



# Past Masters



## In Memory of our Deceased Past Masters

|                                      |             |                                    |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Frank A. Braddock                    | 1903        | Henry Emenecker Sr, <b>PGC</b>     | 1955, 64          |
| Samuel A. Garwood                    | 1904        | A. Robert Merrion                  | 1956              |
| William D. Cowperthwait              | 1904, 40    | Jerald Carey                       | 1957, 63          |
| J. Maurice Garwood                   | 1905-06     | Harold E. Easlick <b>PGC</b>       | 1958, 62          |
| Harry Brick                          | 1907, 37-38 | Kenneth G. Rixon ( <b>D</b> )      | 1958, 80          |
| Alfred E. Darnell                    | 1909-10     | Dean W. Cramer (+)                 | 1958              |
| Carlton J. Garwood                   | 1911        | Gordon L. Beeler                   | 1959              |
| Charles J. Hollingshead              | 1912        | Herbert M. Hays                    | 1960              |
| Wilbert F. Branin                    | 1913        | George D. Richer Jr                | 1961              |
| C. Edgar Haines                      | 1914        | Fred A. Sharkey III                | 1965              |
| Albert F. Kirby                      | 1915        | David C. Morton                    | 1966              |
| Isaac E. Ballinger                   | 1916        | Richard S. Dellmyer (+)            | 1966              |
| E. P. Warner                         | 1917        | George W. Beisley                  | 1967-68           |
| S. Thackara Haines                   | 1918        | William L. Springman               | 1969              |
| Fred W. Branin                       | 1919        | Arnold Earle (+)                   | 1969              |
| Charles H. Griscom                   | 1920        | Benjamin J. Amadio                 | 1970              |
| Henry S. Lippincott                  | 1921        | Thomas J. Fitzgerald (+)           | 1970              |
| Eckard J. Ballinger                  | 1922        | Oscar Cahall                       | 1971              |
| Clinton H. Cowperthwait, <b>PSGS</b> | 1924, 47    | Carl P. Rehor                      | 1972              |
| Charles F. Clymer                    | 1925        | William H. Moffett (+)             | 1972              |
| George M. Hiles                      | 1926        | John D. Cooper                     | 1973              |
| Francis Mickle                       | 1927        | Richard B. Snavely (+)             | 1974              |
| William C. Griscom                   | 1928, 39    | Ernest L. Seth                     | 1975              |
| Lawrence G. Mingin                   | 1929        | Frederick D. Domako ( <b>D</b> )   | 1977              |
| Garfield Alloway                     | 1930        | C. William Cornelssen              | 1978              |
| Harvey Hiles                         | 1931        | Wilheml Launhardt (+)              | 1980              |
| Karl G.J. Bingemann                  | 1932        | Paul D. Garlanger <b>PDDGM</b> (+) | 1981              |
| Charles H. Leeds                     | 1933        | Russell C.S. Williams              | 1982              |
| Ralph E. Curry                       | 1934        | Orrin Dillabough                   | 1982 ( <b>D</b> ) |
| Fred R. Boyd                         | 1935        | Joseph W. Siatkowski               | 1983              |
| Robert N. Henderson                  | 1936        | V. James Minerva                   | 1984              |
| Edwin M. Johnson                     | 1941-44     | Edwin E. Wood III, <b>PSGM</b>     | 1988              |
| George W. Otto (+)                   | 1941        | Frederick H. Tillwick              | 1992              |
| George Korradi (+)                   | 1942        | Ronald L. Hodge                    | 1993              |
| Harry T. McNeill                     | 1945-46     | Ronald Gervasoni (S)               | 1994              |
| Edwin Holzschuher                    | 1948        | William E. Stockum                 | 2003              |
| Joseph E. Bealer Jr                  | 1949        | Robert E. Seufert (+)              | 2003              |
| E. Lester Small                      | 1950-51     | Jerry S Albrecht                   | <b>2005</b>       |
| Harold S. Farrow                     | 1952        | Thomas Wright II, <b>PJGD</b>      | 2007              |
| Charles N. Parker                    | 1953        |                                    |                   |
| Norman R DeLong                      | 1954        |                                    |                   |

# 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.

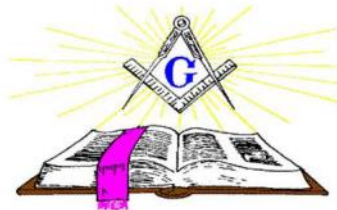


For more information on these organizations for your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or neighbor, please call or email me.

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[www.newjerseygrandlodge.org](http://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org)*



Once again our Lodge Historian, WB Ed Hunt is providing us with a bit of historic light. This month we have a brief history of the different organizations that have occupied our Lodge building at different periods in time. As always, thank you, Worshipful Brother Hunt.

"THE LODGE AS I KNOW IT" ...#2  
LET'S CONTINUE WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT OCCUPIED THE BUILDING



1846 - 1863

### SONS OF TEMPERANCE

First there was the Sons of Temperance - Goal; abstinence of alcoholic drink. The building was called Temperance Hall, until the Odd Fellows purchased it from Samuel Haines in June 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 paying \$775.00 that included fitting it up for lodge #100 of the I.O.O.F. Their goal was to improve the character of man, visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.



1863 - 1924

Third was the Grange - Goal, to join together to put America back on its feet following the Civil War, that tore apart the agricultural and industrial industries of our nation. By 1886 they developed 27,000 chapters with 2 1/2 million members.



1924 - 1970

Fourth was the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons. Goal, to make good men better, to help and assist their fellow man, which all of these organizations had in common.

1970 -



Historian

Wor. J Edward Hunt, PM (609) 654-0066



## CHARITY SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, June 5, 2021  
(4:00 – 7:00 PM)



EAT IN / TAKE OUT \$12.00 PER PERSON  
SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS, SALAD, ROLL and WATER

**(ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MAKE A WISH NJ)**

Maple Shade-Moorestown Masonic Lodge #281  
15 North Fellowship Road  
Maple Shade, NJ

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
RSVP by May 29, 2021  
Please contact Dad Glenn Latshaw  
[Bigdadyglenn@aol.com](mailto:Bigdadyglenn@aol.com) or 856-278-4030