

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

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



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MARCH 11, 1903

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Memorial Day Parade in Medford

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Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,
The Truth

To me, one of the most puzzling phenomena of the 21 Century has been an apparent confusion over "Truth."

I was taught that truth exists and can be known. Then I learned that there was a Truth with a capital T that is also known as Knowledge with a capital K, which can be approximated through experience and advancements in science and knowledge (little k).

However, with the popularization of the internet and social media, multiple "truths" have arisen, which are often contradictory, misleading, and confusing.

As a Freemason, I decided to find some clarity and light concerning truth through Masonic writings.

My first source is the book, *Esoterika* by Albert Pike, as translated and annotated by Arturo de Hoyos, and what follows is from his writings. This is my first attempt at clarity and light from the first author that I consulted on this topic.

Conveniently, for my purposes, Pike has a section in his book under Fragments called "The Truth."

Not surprisingly, we assume that Truth "means conformity to fact, a reality, that which one says that it is not false."

On a deeper level, "Truth is the Supreme Virtue, the Sovereign Good, which is not obscured by matter, nor circumscribed by the body; the naked Good, evident, unalterable."

The "Truth that is great and mighty above all things, is Divine Wisdom immanent in the Deity, whereby He was deemed to have created the Universe." In essence, the "Intelligence of the Divine Being, the consciousness of the Supreme God, is the only Truth." This then can be a useful gauge for measuring the truthfulness of things.

However, there is a warning, this is a world "full of illusion, of changeful appearances, and of error, where things are known only in the dimension of time."

I hope these few words are helpful and spark interest in The Truth. There is plenty of Light out there in Masonry if one takes the time to seek it.

Fraternally,
WM John Quintana

Calendar of Events



Dates to Remember — June 2022

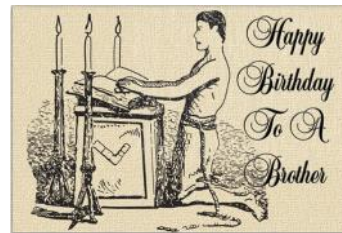
Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday	Aug 29th	6:00 PM	Medford Lodge Officer Practice 6:00pm— 8:00pm	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Tuesday	6th	6:30 PM	19th District—District Lodge of Instruction Dinner 6:30pm DLI 7:15pm All Welcome Dress: Business	Maple Shade-Moorestown 15 N Fellowship Rd Maple Shade, NJ 08052
Monday	12th	6:30 PM	Regular Communication— Dinner/Fraternal Networking 6:30 pm / Open 7:30 pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business Dinner Catered by Femmina - Bro. Franco Coppola	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	19th	6:00 PM	Emergent Communication: EA Degree Dinner/Fraternal Networking 6:00 pm / Open 7:00 pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Thursday	22nd	6:00 PM	19th District Gold Token Night Dinner/Fraternal Networking 6:00 pm / Open 7:00 pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business	Burlington Lodge 2308 Mt. Holly Road Burlington, NJ 08016
Tuesday	27th	6:00 PM	Table Lodge Practice for Central and Medford Lodge All welcome to join and help. Requesting Helpers and Officers come for rehearsal	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055

Medford Lodge No. 178



September Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years	Brother	Years
Sidney W Absher JR	32	George D Barnabic	32	David M. Carvin, Jr.	4
Ernest R Darpino	56	Ahsan A. Jafry	11	Devin A. Keesler	4
John J. Keesler	4	John G. Kronenberger	32	Jonathan Craig Murray, PM	11
Alex M. Richardson	4	Thomas M Sinclair Jr.	42	Daniel M Stockum	32
William B. Watson, PM	33				



Making Good Men Better

<u>PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:</u>	Mr. Keith Egan
<u>In Waiting to Receive the EA Degree:</u>	Mr. Vincent J. Pichini III Mr. Andrew W. Hobson
<u>In Waiting to Receive the FC Degree:</u>	
<u>In Waiting to Receive the MM Degree:</u>	

Notes From The Worshipful Master



Notes from the Worshipful Master:



My Dear Brothers,

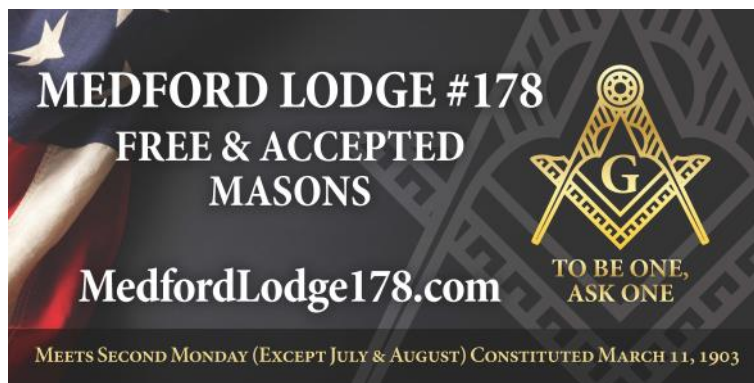
Welcome back! The next few months will be eventful and rewarding! For the September 12, Regular Communication our guest speaker will be RW Mark Megee. His presentation is entitled: "The Plumbline, not just for Fellowcrafts."

On October 10, we will have the Medford and Central Table Lodge. It has been years since our last joint Table Lodge and the anticipation and excitement is already building. Please, do not miss this event!

In addition, in the coming months, Medford Lodge anticipates holding EA, FC, and MM Degrees. We also plan to have Advanced Stations and towards the end of the year, a new WM!

Continue working towards your perfect Ashlar!

John Q.



Officers & Committees



2022 Medford Lodge

Worshipful Master

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Senior Warden

Rigil Abellanos

Junior Warden

Hugh Christine

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Rudy Hatala
Joseph "Kip" Duffy

Senior / Junior Master of Ceremonies

Michael Chadwick
Joshua Diamond

Senior / Junior Steward

Anthony Canistraci
Bharat Mehta

Chaplain

Thomas Beamer

Marshal

George Massey

Tyler

J. Gary Hicks, PM

Historian

WB J Edward Hunt, PM

Proxy to Grand Lodge

Rudy Hatala

Committees

Lodge Trustees

Joseph F. Alter (1)
RW Jeremiah Phillips (2)
Harry Srolowitz (3)

Temple Trustees

WB John Ellor, PM (1)
WB Frederick C. Young Jr., PM (2)
WM Larry Vernamonti (3)

Sickness & Distress

RW Howard I Black, 2nd
WM Larry Vernamonti
Rudy Hatala

Audit Committee

WB Daniel Nemcek
DB Russ Carvin Jr
William "Bill" Crozier

Ritual Committee

WB David Carvin, PM
WB Daniel E O'Brien
RW Jeremiah Phillips

Relief Committee

WM F L Vernamonti

By-Laws

WB David Carvin, PM
WB George Wigginton

Hospitality Committee

Hugh Christine
RW Jeremiah Phillips
Franco Coppola Stewards

Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship

Joseph "Kip" Duffy



Grand Lodge & District Info

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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 (+)	Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008
Calvin Walters	1974	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (DMT)
Robert S. Middleton, PGC	1977, 79	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Richard A. Godin	1980	Roy A. Winter, DRI	2010, 14 (D)
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 (D)
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Mark K. Crosby	2011
John F. Hall, PGC, PDGI	1982 (D)	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Russell A. Bauer, PGC	2015
Howard I. Black 3 rd , PGMar	1987	Robert Shestack	2016 (D)
David B. Stoneback	1989	Jeremiah H. Phillips, PJGD	2016
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Jonathan Murray	2017
Owen D. Brennan, PGSB	1990 (+)	Ralph H. Baron	2017 (D)
William B. Watson	1995	Daniel O'Brien	2018
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	Frederick C. Young Jr.	2019
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 (D)	F. Lawrence Vernamonti	2020, 2021
Allan D. Kline	1997 (DMT)	John A. Quintana	2022
John T. Kubit	1998		
Richard D. Dolbec	1999 (EXP)		
Borys I. Umyn	2000		
George J. Wigginton Jr	2001		
Stephen C. Sweeney	2002		
Peter M. DeStefano	2004		
William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 (A)		
A. John Ellor	2006 (D)		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — 2022

[Gerald A "Jerry" Mountford](#)
[December 6th, 2021](#)

[MW Brother Francis R. Mitchell, Past Grand Master](#)
[May 21st, 2022](#)

[RW Howard I. Black 2nd, PJGS](#)
[May 25th, 2022](#)



Past Masters



In Memory of our Deceased Past Masters

Frank A. Braddock	1903	Norman R. DeLong	1954	Jerry Albrecht	2005
Samuel A. Garwood	1904	Henry Emenecker Sr, PGC	1955, 64	Thomas Wright II, PJGD	2007
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	Francis R. Mitchell, PGM	1966		
Fred W. Branin	1919	George W. Beisley	1967-68		
Charles H. Griscom	1920	William L. Springman	1969		
Henry S. Lippincott	1921	Arnold Earle (+)	1969		
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	Howard I. Black 2 nd , PJGS	1991		
Edwin Holzschuher	1948	Frederick H. Tillwick	1992		
Joseph E. Bealer Jr	1949	Ronald L. Hodge	1993		
E. Lester Small	1950-51	William E. Stockum	2003		
Harold S. Farrow	1952	Robert E. Seufert	2003-04 (A)		
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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CHARITY RAISE:

WE ARE LOOKING AT RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR CHARITY ACCOUNT.

Our JW Hugh Christine and RW Jeremiah Phillips have **GRACIOUSLY** agreed to help with this fund by matching the first \$1000 each. That is 2X each dollar raised. Please send in checks to the secretary and make sure to let him know it is a donation for this cause.

September 2022—Mason of the Month

Medford Lodge #I78 Mason of the Month (September 2022)



Brother Christopher J. Schultz

Where were you born?

I was born in Stratford, NJ (Camden County) and grew up in Southampton, NJ (Burlington County).

What was your current / last occupation?

I am currently an Assistant Dean (full-time) at Thomas Edison State University and a co-adjunct/instructor with Arizona State University School of Public Affairs, Montgomery County Community College, and Rutgers Newark Certified Public Manager's Program. Prior to my higher education experience, I was a municipal manager serving five communities in New Jersey (Hainesport, Holmdel, Moorestown, Medford, and Pine Hill). I also dabble in consulting to local governments on occasion.

If you could meet any person (dead or alive), who would it be?

I am a big fan of history, especially our country's establishment and the civil war period, so there are many. However, if I had to choose one, I would like to meet Bro. Benjamin Franklin. He is an intellectual jack of all trades.



What is your favorite quote?

"There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

— Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle

Are there any random facts you can share about yourself with the brethren?

I am a volunteer firefighter.

I am a Doctor of Public Administration with research in recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

My wife and I enjoy camping and day-tripping here and there. It is not out of the ordinary for us to get up early and just go.

I have several bicycles and enjoy mountain bike and cyclocross racing. I also promote a mountain bike race at the YMCA of the Pines in Medford every March since 2015 called Mayhem Mountain Bike Race.

What keeps you engaged and active with the lodge?

My favorite quote above is what drives my engagement. I enjoy service having been involved in public and community service most of my adult life. This includes when I initially joined Medford Lodge in 2006, and, although I left, it is in part what has driven me to return through reclamation. The camaraderie will keep me active along with feeling valued through service to and for the Lodge.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 3RD ANNUAL



NJ OES GRAND CHAPTER & Grand Lodge of NJ Master Mason Night

Where the Grand Chapter of New Jersey will honor MWR Robert V Monacelli, RW David Tucker,
and all Master Masons of NJ

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Social Hour 5pm—Dinner 6pm—Program 7:30 pm

Masonic Fellowship Hall-1114 Oxmead Rd., Burlington, NJ 08016

Sit-Down Dinner: Choice of Lemon Chicken or Sliced Top Sirloin, Roasted Potato and Fresh Vegetables, Salad,
Bread/Rolls, Dessert, Soda/Water/Coffee. Cash Bar

Guest Speaker:

GREGORY W. YOUNG, P.M.

Author: "The Freemasons Who Won America's War for Independence"

Open to all Master Masons, Eastern Star Members, as well as family and friends of Freemasonry

RSVP by: Friday, September 3rd

Attire: Business Casual

Make Checks payable to:

Grand Chapter Voluntary Donations

Subscription: \$40.00 per person

Send Checks to:

Sharon Rosequist, RWGC
52 Maple Avenue, Netcong, NJ 07857
973-527-4927; srosequistoes@gmail.com

Name _____ # of people attending _____

Title _____ Lodge/Chapter & District _____ Meal Choice: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Any special dietary restrictions must be submitted with this reservation

Please list additional Guest(s) and info on the back of this form - Tables of Eight to Ten can be reserved by sending reservations in together

Joint Table Lodge—October 5th



6TH ANNUAL JOINT TABLE LODGE CENTRAL LODGE #44 & MEDFORD LODGE #178

Monday, October 10th, 2022

Social Hour from 6pm-7pm
Table Lodge: 7pm Sharp

Food provided by:
Bro. Frank Coppola of LaFemmina



Traditional seven courses and seven toasts

Seating is very limited and reserved to the first 60 reservations.
Closed Table Lodge



RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!
TICKETS HERE!!!
RSVP by 10/5/2022



Guest Speaker: RW David Tucker

Cost is \$50 in Advance

Use this [link](#) or mail in your payments to:
Medford Lodge #178 Attn: Table Lodge Reservations
25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055

Checks made payable to "Medford Lodge #178"

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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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