

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

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May 2023 / AL 6023



Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey M.W. David L. Tucker



**CONSTITUTED
MARCH 11, 1903**

MEETS SECOND MONDAY
(EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST)

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**April Fellowcraft Degree
Congrats to our newest FC Brothers**

Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

During the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Rough and Perfect ashlar are two symbols that are briefly touched on. They represent the journey of personal growth and development that a Mason must undertake.

As Masons, the rough ashlar represents the natural state of man, full of imperfections and flaws. The rough ashlar is a rough, unfinished stone that has not yet been shaped or polished, symbolizing the raw and unrefined state of the Mason at the beginning of his Masonic journey.

The perfect ashlar, on the other hand, represents the ideal state of man, polished and refined through hard work, education, and self-improvement. The perfect ashlar is a smooth and perfectly square stone, representing the Mason who has achieved a state of moral and intellectual perfection.

In Freemasonry, the rough and perfect ashlar represents the journey of the Mason from a state of ignorance and imperfection to a state of knowledge and moral excellence. The rough ashlar represents the Mason's starting point, a rough and unrefined state that is full of flaws and imperfections. The perfect ashlar represents the goal of the Masonic journey, a state of moral and intellectual perfection that is achieved through hard work, education, and self-improvement.

The rough and perfect ashlar are powerful symbols in Freemasonry that represent the Mason's journey of personal growth and development. They serve as a reminder of the Mason's duty to strive for self-improvement and to work towards achieving a state of moral and intellectual perfection.

Fraternally,
W.M. Rigil Abellanosa

Calendar of Events

Dates to Remember - May 2023



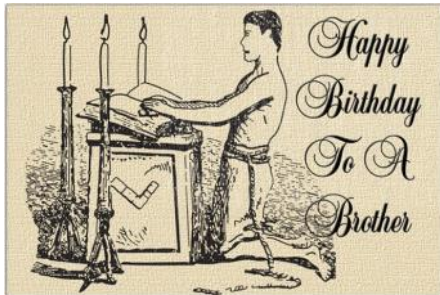
Day	Date	Time	Event	
Tuesday	2nd	6:30 PM	19th District—District Lodge of Instruction Dinner 6:30pm DLI 7:00pm Officers: Mandatory All Others Welcome Dress: Business	Mt. Holly 15 Garden Street Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
Monday	7th	6:00 PM	Officer Rehearsal FC Rehearsal All Officers Encouraged to Attend. All Master Masons Welcome	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	8th	6:30 PM	Medford Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm / Lodge opens 7:30pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business Dinner Catered by Femmina - Bro. Franco Coppola	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	29th	9:00 AM	Medford Memorial Day Parade 9:00am Setup at Lodge 11:00am Parade 12:00pm Lunch and Fellowship at Lodge All Welcome—Family and Friends	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055

Medford Lodge No. 178



Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years
Russell Arno Bauer, PGC	48	John E Markelwith	37
Daniel A Buck	7	Edwin Arthur Michaloski, PM	16
Harold J Cava	340	Robert S Middleton, PGC	51
Brian David Curren	7	Dennis C Moffett	34
David Diamond	7	John J Mulligan	30
Thomas W Durham	34	Michael Gregory Neabor	7
Devon Christopher Fenske	7	Robert T. Root	32
E. John Foulk	45	Thomas M Roth	30
Alfred D Gilmour, PM	47	Robert Watson II	30
J. Gary Hicks, PM	40	Clarence B Wingert Jr.	67
Joseph A. Knecht, Jr PM	13		



Making Good Men Better

<u>PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:</u>	Mr. Thomas Slaterbeck, 114 Mohawk Tr., Medford Lakes
<u>In Waiting to Receive the EA Degree:</u>	
<u>In Waiting to Receive the FC Degree:</u>	
<u>In Waiting to Receive the MM Degree:</u>	Brother Joseph Vazquez Brother Skyler J. Whitney Brother Keith Egan Brother Robert Foster Brother Phillip A. DiCarlo
Master Mason Exam	Brother Vincent J. Pichini III

Notes From The Worshipful Master



Notes from the Worshipful Master:



Awaiting April Message

Fraternally Yours,

Rigil Kent Wallanosa





Notes From The Worshipful Master

Notes from the Senior Warden.

Did you know...



Born in Florida, Missouri he became an apprentice to a printer at 12 years of age and after traveling to Philadelphia to work in the printing trade, returned to his home and became a Mississippi boat pilot. Many river pilots at the time were masons which influenced the young man

to join. Missouri did not join the Confederacy, but he and friends formed a Confederate militia that was involved in a skirmish resulting in the death of a man. The death effected him as he did not want to be responsible for the deaths of others, so he deserted and joined his brother heading west. In the Nevada Territory he became the private secretary to his brother, who was secretary of the Nevada Territory. Here he developed his skills as a writer and novelist.



He soon became a busy man; writing, tours, and the beginnings of fame kept him away from home for long periods of time. On one of his first trips exploring Europe and the Near East, he was greatly impressed by Lebanon and its connection to Freemasonry. He ended up retrieving a piece of cedar and had it made into a gavel for the Worshipful Master of his mother Lodge.

He was a writer and humorist. Today he is readily associated with *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, among his many works. Freemasonry impacted his life, which can be seen throughout his various writings. In *The Innocents Abroad*, he includes many Masonic phrases such as “great Architect of the Universe,”. There are many passages among his vast array of work that have parallels to Masonic ideology. Some believe that the links to Masonry in his writing were added as a wink to fellow Brothers that might be reading his books.

Brother Samuel Clemens “Mark Twain” was raised to Master Mason on July 10, 1861.

Sources: “Mark Twain and Freemasonry”, by Alexander E. Jones. Source: *American Literature*, Vol. 26, No. 3 (Nov., 1954), pp. 363-373. Published by: Duke University Press.

10,000 Famous Freemasons by William R. Denslow Vol: I A-D

Hugh C.

Hugh Christine, SW



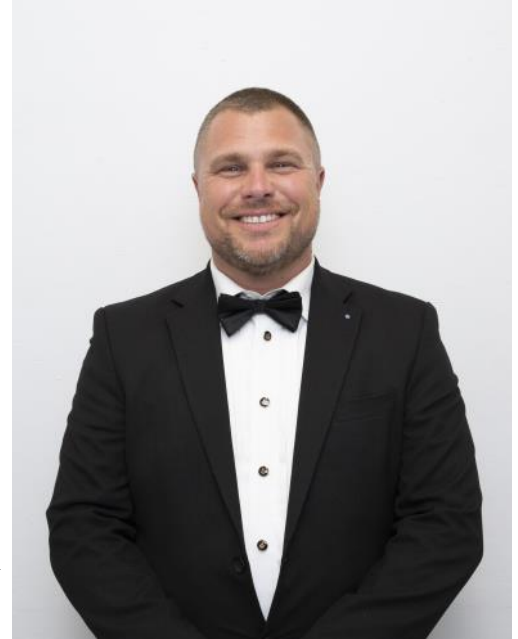
Notes From The Worshipful Master

Notes from the Junior Warden:



Brethren as spring is upon us, many of the brethren are hard at work tackling their never-ending “Honey to do list’s”, power washing the house, cutting the grass, cleaning the garage, tidying up and fixing issues within and around their homes. A lot of time and effort goes into spring cleaning, and I am no different. In this process of preparation for the rest of the year. It is always a good reminder to tidy up our minds and our bodies as well, to stay healthy so we can continue to do work as men and mason’s.

Medford’s official visit is coming up next month in June and like all things that go unused our minds collect dust. Let this not be the case for Medford Lodge. Let’s figuratively dust off our minds and prepare for our official visit where we will be exemplifying the EA degree. Remember, brethren everyone has busy lives and hectic schedules. Finally, brethren in your daily travels take a moment to reach out to a fellow brother whom you have not seen or heard from in some time. “Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life. For better or worse. God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way.” Jane Wagner



Rudy H.

JW Rudy Hatala

Officers & Committees



2023 Medford Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master
WM Rigil Abellanosa

Senior Warden
Hugh Christine

Junior Warden
Rudolph "Rudy" Hatala

Treasurer
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Senior / Junior Deacon
Joseph "Kip" Duffy
Michael Chadwick

Senior / Junior Master of Ceremonies
George Massey
Todd Cottle

Senior / Junior Steward
Bharat Mehta
Andrew Hobson

Chaplain
Thomas Beamer

Marshal
John Farrace

Tyler
J. Gary Hicks, PM

Historian
WB J Edward Hunt, PM

Proxy to Grand Lodge
Joseph "Kip" Duffy

Committees

Lodge Trustees
RW Jeremiah Phillips (1)
Harry Srolovitz (2)
Joseph F. Alter (3)

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

Sickness & Distress
WB Larry Vernamonti
Rudy Hatala
RW Jeremiah Phillips

Audit Committee
DB Russ Carvin Jr.
William "Bill" Crozier

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

Relief Committee
WB Larry Vernamonti

By-Laws
WB David Carvin, PM
WB George Wigginton

Hospitality Committee
WB John Quintana
RW Jeremiah Phillips
Franco Coppola, Stewards

Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship
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 (+)	William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 (A)
Calvin Walters	1974	A. John Ellor	2006 (D)
Robert S. Middleton, PGC	1977, 79	Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008
Richard A. Godin	1980	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (DMT)
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Roy A. Winter, PDR	2010, 14 (D)
John F. Hall, PGC, PDGI	1982 (D)	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 (D)
Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985	Mark K. Crosby	2011
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
Howard I. Black 3 rd , PGMar	1987	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
David B. Stoneback	1989	Russell A. Bauer, PGC	2015
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Robert Shestack	2016 (D)
Owen D. Brennan, PGSB	1990 (+)	Jeremiah H. Phillips, PJGD	2016
William B. Watson	1995	Jonathan Murray	2017
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	Ralph H. Baron	2017 (D)
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 (D)	Daniel O'Brien	2018
Allan D. Kline	1997 (DMT)	Frederick C. Young Jr.	2019
John T. Kubit	1998	F. Lawrence Vernamonti	2020, 2021
Richard D. Dolbec	1999 (EXP)	John A. Quintana	2022
Borys I. Umyn	2000		
George J. Wigginton Jr	2001		
Stephen C. Sweeney	2002		
Raymond W. Taylor, Sr, PGC	2003		
Peter M. DeStefano	2004		
J. Gary Hicks	2004 (A)		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — 2023

Lewis Pinkerton



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. Rexon (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



"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.

New Jersey Rainbow



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

Lodge Dues: You can now pay your dues on PayPal
2023 Dues are \$158 full membership/ \$85 Dual / \$73 Senior Members
[DUES LINK](#)

[This is a link to all the 19th District Upcoming Events](http://www.19thdistrictnj.org/19th-district-events/)
<http://www.19thdistrictnj.org/19th-district-events/>

Mason of the Month

Medford Lodge #178

Mason of the Month

(May 2023)



Brother Jonathan L. Phillips

Where were you born?

I was born in Huntsville, Alabama, and grew up all over the place... literally!

What was your current / last occupation?

I am currently a pilot with Frontier Airlines based out of Philadelphia. Prior to this, I was a Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commandant at the US Air Force Academy where I retired after 23 years in multiple roles within the Air Force. Additionally, I own an aircraft maintenance operation, Phillips Aviation.

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

I am a big fan of history, all genres and time periods, but right now I'd love to talk with Capt James Cook... Pre-expedition, maybe as a 20-something year old sailor.

What is your favorite quote?

*"Audacity, audacity, always audacity."
— Napoleon Bonapart via Gen Patton*

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

I am a proficient cross-stitcher and I enjoy sewing.

I HATE peas... If I see them on my plate, we will fight.



I can play a lot of instruments, some better than others. And even some that you would tolerate listening to.

I was once a rated chess player.

If I weren't a pilot, I would be a professional bass fisherman.

What keeps you engaged and active with the lodge?

I enjoy the camaraderie of the lodge and the opportunity to serve the community. I look forward to becoming more involved with the lodge and getting to know everyone, better.

Grand Lodge Golf Outing



2023 Grand Master's Golf Outing



Monday - June 12, 2023

Registration - 11:30 A.M. Shotgun Start - 1:00 P.M. Social Hour - 6:00 P.M.

Dinner, Prizes & Awards - 7:00 P.M.

Location - Vineyards National Golf Club, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215

Outing Price Includes:

Golf and All Golf Side Activities (Putting Contest, Closest to Pin, Long Drive, etc.)

Lunch Served at the Rear Patio of the Pro Shop Grilled Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Beer, Water & Soda

Social Hour - Cash Bar

A Night in Italy Buffet in the Chateau Ballroom

Price \$165.00 Per Golfer (Dinner Only \$50.00)

Feel Like Staying Over?

Special Room Rates Have Been Arranged on Site Only \$129++ Tax & Fees at Chateau Renault Hotel

Please Detach & Complete This Form & Mail It with Your Check Payable

To: **Historic Trenton Masonic Temple**

39 Bunker Drive, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087 - Attn: RW Joe Schwartz

Any Additional Info Contact Joe @ 609-276-7290 or Email: sec2gm2017@gmail.com

Additional Donations Appreciated: \$ _____

Name _____

E-mail Address & Tel. # _____

Your Other Players _____

All Net Proceeds Go To **The Historic Trenton Masonic Temple**

19th & 15th District Reception



The 19th and 15th District Welcome you to the
Official Visit of MW David L. Tucker
to the open Reception of the 19th and 15th Masonic Districts Honoring

19th District

RW Daniel L. Guthrie, Grand Chaplain
(Burlington Lodge #32)

15th District

RW Michael Plypiak, Grand Sword Bearer
(Gothic-Fraternal Lodge #270)

RW Thomas D. Wilson, Grand Soloist
(Trenton-Cyrus Lodge #5)

RW Joseph D. Pownall IV, Grand Tyler
(Mercer Lodge #50)

RW Michael Perone, Grand Chaplain
(Gothic-Fraternal Lodge #270)

RW Vikas Y. Sharma, Grand Chaplain
(Gothic-Fraternal Lodge #270)



Date: Tuesday June 27th, 2023 Social: 5:00PM Dinner: 6:00PM Reception: 7:30PM

Location: Crescent Shrine, 700 Highland Ave, Westampton, NJ 08060

\$60.00 per person.

Make checks payable to Burlington Lodge #32 (2023 Reception in memo line)

Mail to Burlington Lodge #32 Attention John Megariotis
2308 Burlington Mt. Holly Road, Burlington, NJ 08016

Scan the QR Code below to purchase tickets through Eventbrite.





Medford Lodge #178 Memorial Day Parade and Picnic

Monday, May 29th, 2023

Please join us after the Medford Memorial
day parade
At Medford Lodge
25 Bank Street Medford NJ.

FREE TO ALL FRIENDS & FAMILY!!

Volunteers needed to walk and distribute candy.

For more information please contact and RSVP to:
Brother Rudy Hatala
rudolphhatala@gmail.com, 609-280-8887
Or WM Rigil Abellanosa- rigil.abellanosa@gmail.com

Grand Lodge Emergent Communication



The Grand Lodge *of* NEW JERSEY

Grand Lodge Of New Jersey

NOTICE

Brethren:

Take due notice, by order of Most Worshipful David L. Tucker, Grand Master an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge has been scheduled.

The purpose of the Emergent Communication is to vote on legislation and any other business that shall come before the Grand Lodge.

The Emergent Communication will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023. Registration 8:00 am, Grand Lodge opens at 9:00 am at in the Fellowship Center, Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ. The Deadline to submit legislation to be considered at this emergent communication is April 7, 2023. All proposed legislation must be delivered to the Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge Office by 3pm on this date.

S & F

MW Roger Quintana, PGM

RW Grand Secretary

This message was sent from Grand Lodge of New Jersey
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RW Howard I Black 3rd PGMar, Secretary

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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.



Find out more about us—

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey
www.newjerseygrandlodge.org



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