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Congratulations to our new EA Masons



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Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

As we look back on the Entered Apprentice Degree, we should take a moment to reflect on the symbolism that Earth holds as a profound and essential place within the rich tapestry of Freemasonry. Earth represents far more than just the planet beneath our feet; it serves as a powerful metaphor that encapsulates some of the core principles and teachings of Freemasonry. The importance of Earth in Freemasonry lies in its capacity to impart lessons of mortality, morality, and unity.

Earth reminds us of our own mortality. Just as the Earth has witnessed countless generations come and go, Masons are reminded that life is fleeting. This recognition of the transitory nature of human existence serves as a catalyst for self-reflection and personal growth. Freemasonry encourages its members to make the most of their time on this earthly plane, striving for moral excellence and spiritual enlightenment, while leaving a positive impact on their communities.

Earth also symbolizes the importance of morality and the need to build one's life on a solid moral foundation. Just as a strong structure requires a stable base, the Masonic journey hinges upon the principles and values represented by Earth. We as Freemasons are encouraged to cultivate strong moral and ethical principles in their lives, which will not only support them in times of adversity but also guide our actions in accordance with the Masonic tenets of truth, integrity, and virtue.

Furthermore, Earth represents the unity and equality that are fundamental to Freemasonry. Like the Earth that provides a home to diverse landscapes and ecosystems, the Masonic fraternity welcomes individuals from all backgrounds and walks of life. Regardless of social, economic, or cultural differences, Freemasonry encourages Masons to treat each other as equals and work together harmoniously for the betterment of themselves and society. In this way, Earth serves as a powerful symbol of the universal brotherhood that lies at the heart of Freemasonry, emphasizing the importance of collective effort and shared values in the pursuit of personal and collective enlightenment.

Freemasonry extends far beyond its physical presence. It serves as a potent symbol that imparts lessons of mortality, morality, and unity, guiding us, as Freemasons, on a path of self-improvement and enlightenment. Through its symbolism, Earth reinforces the timeless principles of Masonry and reminds its members of the enduring importance of striving for personal and collective betterment, just as the Earth itself continues to evolve and renew.

Fraternally, WM Rigil Abellanosa

Calendar of Events



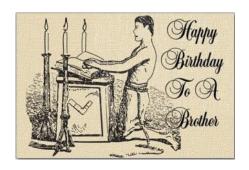


Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday	3rd	6:30 PM	19th District—Grand Lodge of Instruction Dinner 6:30pm DLI 7:00pm All Welcome Dress: Business	Mt. Holly Lodge 15 Garden Street Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
Sunday	8th	7:00 PM	Medford Lodge Officer Practice EA Practice for Statewide One Day Class	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	9th	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
Sunday	15th	6:00 PM	Medford Lodge Officer Practice EA Practice for Statewide One Day Class	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Saturday	21st	8:00 AM	Statewide One Day Class Medford Lodge performing the EA Degree	Fellowship Center 1114 Oxmead Road Burlington, NJ 08016
Monday	23rd	6:30 PM	Medford Lodge Officer Practice Fellow Craft Practice	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	30th	6:00 PM	Emergent Communication: FC Degree Dinner/Fraternal Networking 6:00 pm / Open 7:00 pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055

Medford Lodge No. 178



October Masonic Birthdays						
Brother	Years	Brother	Years	Brother	Years	
Philip S. Aronow	26	Lawrence R Erisman	21	Matthew E. Schneider	3	
Patrick L Barcello	37	William T Jones III	36	Gregory A. Shadman	5	
Michael R Beringer	23	Donald S. Morrison	16	Charles J Westen	66	
David M Carvin, PM	23	Edward G. Parks	5	Michael H Wigginton	21	
Norton Druger	3	Leonard Schachner	62			





Making Good Men Better				
PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:	Michael J. Skowronski			
In Waiting to Receive the EA Degree:				
In Waiting to Receive the FC Degree:	Brother Joseph Vazquez Brother Phillip A. DiCarlo Brother Thomas Slaterbeck Brother Richard J. Weldon Brother William P. Linhart			
In Waiting to Receive the MM Degree:				
Master Mason Exam				

Notes From The Worshipful Master





Notes from the Worshipful Master.

Brethren,

The holiday season may seem far away, but it doesn't hurt to start preparing. hope that you keep those who may need your assistance as we get closer to the season. We will again sponsor families and provide them gifts for their children and present them to the families at our Holiday Party (date to be determined).

On October 21st, Medford will be participating in the Statewide One Day Class and will convey the Entered Apprentice Degree. Also, 3 members will be participating in the class. Please come out and show your support for our incoming Brethren and our Officers.



Congratulations to our newly initiated Brethren, Br William Paul Lindhard, Br Thomas Slaterbek, Br Richard James Weldon. Also congratulations to our Junior Warden on another successful Entered Apprentice Degree. Also thank you to all who participated and attended.

Please join us on October 30th for a Fellowcraft Degree, which we will conferring onto 3 candidates.

Fraternally Yours,

Rigil Kent Abellanosa

Kigi/Kut Mallaros.



Notes From The Senior Warden



Notes from the Senior Warden:

Did you know...



He was born was born November 1854, in Washington, D. C. This Marine was considered one of the best trapshooters in America. He won trophies and medals in many of the national competitions in which he competed. It was not unusual for the man to shoot more than 15,000

targets in a single season. What might be surprising is that this man, as a Marine, never carried a gun—he carried a baton. He considered one of the most prolific and famous composers in American history. He wrote 136 marches, 15 operettas, and 70 popular songs, waltzes, and humoresques. His music is particularly enjoyed on patriotic holidays and during military ceremonies.

After he attempted to run away to join a circus band, his father enlisted him in the Marines as an apprentice. During the seven years he served in the U.S. Marine band, he learned to play all the wind instruments and received formal musical training. He left the U.S.



Marine band and set out to be a violinist and conductor. He later worked as director of a company which performed the popular Gilbert and Sullivan musical HMS Pinafore where he gained fame.

At twenty-five he became the seventeenth leader of the U.S. Marine band. In twelve years as leader he performed for and befriended five Presidents: Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, and Harrison. He left the U.S. Marine band in 1892 to form his own band. The U.S. Marine band traveled very little, but, the new civilian band took his music across the country. His decision to leave the U.S. Marine band was received with public outrage, but eventually, his civilian band achieved tremendous fame and popularity, making him wealthy.

Brother John Philip Sousa was a very active Freemason. He was raised to Master Mason at Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, D. C., on September 16, 1886.

Source: Creason, Todd, Famous American Freemasons Volume 1, Moon and Sun, 2011

Hugh C.

Hugh Christine, SW

Notes From The Worshipful Master



Notes from the Junior Warden.

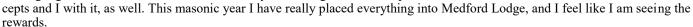


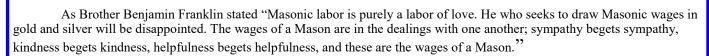
Brethren, fall is in full swing, and it is my favorite time of the year, fall crisp nights, cozy fires and harvest festivals with the family. Autumn also represents change and preparation for the winter months. Change will soon be upon us as masons with the next ensuing masonic year. However, I do not want the brethren to lose sight

of the important work we still have for the remainder of this year.

October is another packed month for the officers of Medford lodge. DLI is in Mt. Holly on October 3rd. Our regular communication is on October 9th, practices for the statewide one-day class, the one-day class itself which Medford has been selected to perform on October 21st and a tentative Fellowcraft degree on October 30th. Brethren, your attendance is earnestly solicited, and the officers and I would love to see our sidelines packed. Please consider attending any of our events if your cable tow allows. Lastly brethren, it would be great for everyone to come out and show their support for our new Entered Apprentices (William Linhart, Richard Weldon and Thomas Slaterbeck).

Brethren I can only speak for myself but over the last ten months I have really felt a change within myself. I feel like the comradery within the lodge is coming together. I feel like the brethren are really embracing the Masonic precents and I with it as well. This masonic year I have really placed everything into







Rudy Hatala, Junior Warden



Officers & Committees



2023 Medford Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master

WM Rigil Abellanosa

Senior Warden

Hugh Christine

Junior Warden

Rudolph "Rudy" Hatala

Treasurer

WB Daniel O'Brien

Email: Treasurer.Medford178@gmail.com

Secretary

RW Howard Black III, PGMar

Email: secretarymedford178@gmail.com

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

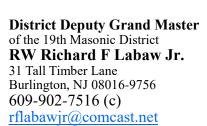
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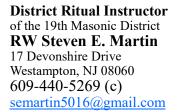
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Lodges of the 19th District

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 (+)	A. John Ellor	2006 (D)
Calvin Walters	1974	Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008
Robert S. Middleton, PGC	1977, 79	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (DМТ)
Richard A. Godin	1980	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	Roy A. Winter, PDRI	2010, 14 (D)
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 (D)
John F. Hall, PGC, PDGI	1982 (D)	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 (DMT)
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 (+)		
William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 (A)		

(+) = Affiliated (DMT) = Demitted (D) = Dual (S) = Suspended (EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — 2023

Lewis Pinkerton

WB Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour





Past Masters



In Memory of our Deceased Past Masters

Frank A. Braddock	1903	Norman R. DeLong	1954	Robert E. Seufert	2003-04 (A)
Samuel A. Garwood	1904	Henry Emenecker Sr, PGC	1955, 64	Jerry Albrecht	2005
William D. Cowperthwait	1904, 40	A. Robert Merrion	1956	Thomas Wright II, PJGD	2007
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	1909		
Clinton H. Cowperthwait, PSGS	1924, 47				
Charles F. Clymer	1925	Thomas J. Fitzgerald (+)	1970		
George M. Hiles	1926	Oscar Cahall	1971		
Francis Mickle	1927	Carl P. Rehor	1972		
William C. Griscom	1928, 39	William H. Moffett (+)	1972		
Lawrence G. Mingin	1929	John D. Cooper	1973		
Garfield Alloway	1930	Richard B. Snavely (+)	1974		
Harvey Hiles	1931	Ernest L. Seth	1975		
Karl G.J. Bingemann	1932	Frederick D. Domako (D)	1977		
Charles H. Leeds	1933	C. William Cornelssen	1978		
Ralph E. Curry	1934	Wilheml Launhardt (+)	1980		
Fred R. Boyd	1935	Paul D. Garlanger PDDGM (+)	1981		
Robert N. Henderson	1936	Russell C.S. Williams	1982		
Edwin M. Johnson	1941-44	Orrin Dillabough	1982 (D)		
George W. Otto (+)	1941	Joseph W. Siatkowski	1983		
George Korradi (+)	1942	V. James Minerva	1984		
Harry T. McNeill	1945-46	Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985		
Edwin Holzschuher	1948	Edwin E. Wood III, PSGM	1988		
Joseph E. Bealer Jr	1949	Howard I. Black 2 nd , PJGS	1991		
E. Lester Small	1950-51	Frederick H. Tillwick	1992		
Harold S. Farrow	1952	Ronald L. Hodge	1993		
Charles N. Parker	1953	William E. Stockum	2003		
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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

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/

Mason of the Month

MEDFORD LODGE #178

Mason of the Month

(October 2023)





Brother Stephen Towell

Where were you born?

I was born in Willingboro, NJ. Grew up in Edgewater Park and after college moved to Pennsauken, NJ.

What was your current / last occupation?

Currently, I am a Sheriff's Officer in Burlington County, I joined the department In December of 2000. I also work Part time for a security company called APEX at Lincoln Financial Field.

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

I would love to meet with Walt Disney. I would love to get his reaction to how his legacy has carried on.

What is your favorite quote?

My favorite Quote is from the movie Galaxy Quest "Never give up! Never surrender!" I say this often to my daughters. We love the movie and the quote holds up with the lessons that I have always taught my girls.

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

I like to target shoot and playing video games with my 2 daughters, Sarah 18 and Sabrina 14, we also love to ride roller coasters. I am a Star Wars and love Sci-Fi movies.

What keeps you engaged and active with the lodge?

I absolutely love the brotherhood and history of the lodge. Although it has been a struggle between my girls' softball schedules and work to make meetings recently, I really enjoy attending the meetings. The structure of the meetings, specifically the ritual is fascinating, I find it both humbling and at the same time empowering, to hear and say the same words that were spoken by some of the greatest men in history.

Grand Lodge—Nominations



The Grand Lodge

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MW Roger Quintana Past Grand Master 2018 RW Grand Secretary Historic Trenton Masonic Temple 100 Barrack St Trenton, NJ 08608 609-239-3970 GrandSecretaryNJ@gmail.com

Nominations for Grand Lodge Officers & Boards 2024

Grand Master

Leonard Vander Horn, Clifton Lodge # 203, 4th District 4 Brittany Road, Succasunna, NJ 07876-2036

Deputy Grand Master

J. Eugene Margroff, Wyckoff Lodge # 287, 2nd District 12-36 Eastern Drive, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410-2302

Senior Grand Warden

Omar S. Morris, Peninsula Lodge # 99, 5th District 113 Lefferts Place, Brooklyn, NY 11238-2805

Junior Grand Warden (Vote for 1)

Bruce C. Golway, Vineland Lodge # 69, 22nd District 2314 Jefferson Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08361-8451

Moises I. Gomez, Atlas Pythagoras # 10. 10th District 526 Kaplan Street, Roselle, NJ 07203-2341

Raymond Siecinski, Lafayette # 27, 10th District 64 E Somerset Street Apt. 2, Raritan, NJ 08869-2177

Grand Treasurer

Douglas R. Policastro, Ocean Lodge # 89, 17th District 18 Provence Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759-6159

Grand Secretary

Roger B. Quintana, Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric Lodge # 35, 5th District 702 Foothill Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807-1847

Grand Lodge—Nominations



Grand Lodge Trustee - 3-year Term (Vote for 2)

Kenneth F. Carpenter Jr., Collingswood-Cloud Lodge # 101, 18th District 3140 Bay Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226-2235

Ronald A. Murad, Atlas Pythagoras Lodge # 10, 10th District 197 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023-1327

Roy G. Simpadian, Fidelity Lodge # 113, 2nd District 535 Amsterdam Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450-5424

Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee - 3 Year Term (Vote for 3)

Samuel Carlisi, Amwell Lodge # 12, 15th District 1719 Central Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226-3039

William M. Krzewick, Milltown Palestine Lodge # 294, 12th District 2127 Excelsior Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-4436

Yoel Lee, Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric Lodge #35, 5th District 2211 Grand Avenue, North Bergen, NJ 07047-2016

Mark L. Mason, Mozart # 121, 18th District 106 County Club Place, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee – 3 Year Term

Keith Graser, Gothic Fraternal # 270, 15th District 86 Tudor Drive, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690-2267

Thomas M. Petro, Amwell Lodge # 12, 15th District 425 Lambertville Hopewell Road, Lambertville, NJ 08530-2907

Sincerely and fraternally,

M.W. Roger Quintana, PGM

RW Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge— Candidates Nights



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2023 CANDIDATE NIGHTS!

Friday, September 29, 2023 - Central (Philo Lodge)

120 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ 08882

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - South (Indian Springs Country Club)

115 S. Elmwood Road, Marlton, NJ 08053

Monday, October 16, 2023 - Grand Lodge Zoom (Trenton Temple)

7 - PM Trenton Temple Library

This event will run with only the candidates that are running opposed. Questions can be delivered throught the ZOOM Chat Program. Complete details forthcoming.

Monday, October 30, 2023 - North (Hanover Manor)

16 Eagle Rock Road, East Hanover, NJ

M.W. Roger Quintana, PGM

RW Grand Secretary

Gog Ret

The Feast of St. John Dinner





Hosted by the DGM Leonard Vander Horn



Join us as we honor our Military Veterans and Brothers!



Saturday December 2nd @ 5:00 PM

Tickets

\$45

SAVE THE DATE!

Registration will begin in September

Free gift to all Masonic Vets who show up in uniform!

Food by 207 Main Catering & Musical Entertainment at venue Guest Speaker: MW WIlliam Sardone PGM for the State of





VETERANS + FAMILY + COMMUNITY

Held at the Fellowship Center - 1114 Oxmead Rd, Burlington Township, NJ 08016

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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