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**Congrats to our Officers who did a great job at
the One Day Class.**



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Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

The symbolic supports of Freemasonry, Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, continue to offer valuable insights and guidance in the modern world. They call upon us to be lifelong learners, to cultivate inner strength, and to seek the true beauty that resides in ethical living and service to humanity.

Wisdom represents the intellectual and moral knowledge that one must acquire throughout life's journey. In the modern era, the pursuit of wisdom remains as relevant as ever. In a world inundated with information and rapid technological advancements, the ability to discern right from wrong, to think critically, and to make informed decisions is paramount. Wisdom, in this context, encourages us to seek enlightenment, foster a spirit of curiosity, and engage in continuous learning. By doing so, we equip ourselves to navigate the complexities of the modern world with clarity and insight.

Strength extends beyond physical prowess. It signifies inner strength, moral courage, and the fortitude to stand firm in the face of adversity. In today's fast-paced and often tumultuous society, the concept of strength becomes increasingly pertinent. Challenges, both personal and collective, demand resilience and the ability to overcome obstacles. Strength, as taught by Freemasonry, inspires individuals to embrace their inner power, uphold their convictions, and contribute to the betterment of their communities. In this sense, it is a reminder that true strength lies not in domination but in the capacity to endure and uplift others.

Beauty is more than mere aesthetics; it encompasses harmony, balance, and the pursuit of an aesthetic soul. The concept of Beauty resonates deeply in modern life, where the pursuit of a meaningful and fulfilling existence has never been more relevant. In an age marked by the relentless pursuit of material gain, Freemasonry's emphasis on Beauty encourages individuals to find purpose and meaning beyond the surface. It calls for a life marked by ethical conduct, a commitment to justice, and a dedication to the well-being of society as a whole. In modern times, Beauty serves as a reminder that true fulfillment is found in contributing to the greater good and creating a world of harmony and balance.

In a world that often seems fragmented and fast-paced, these principles offer a timeless foundation for our personal growth, community engagement, and the pursuit of a life rich in meaning and purpose. Freemasonry's enduring wisdom in this regard serves as a testament to the enduring relevance of its core values in our contemporary lives.

Fraternally,
WM Rigil Abellanosa

Calendar of Events

Dates to Remember - November 2023



Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday	1st	6:30 PM	19th District Lodge of Instruction 7:00pm Incoming Masters & Qualification Teams Only Dress: Business	Mt. Holly Lodge 15 Garden Street Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
Tuesday – Thursday	7-9	See Schedule	Grand Lodge Annual Communication See Grand Lodge Website for All Information	Caesars Atlantic City, NJ
Monday	13th	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	19th	6:30 PM	Medford Lodge Officer Practice Practice Fellow Craft Degree	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	27th	6:00 PM	Emergent Communication: Fellow Craft Degree Dinner/Fraternal Networking 6:00 pm / Open 7:00 pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055

Order of Business at 11/13/2023 Meeting:

Balloting: **Suspensions for Non Payment of Dues**

Nominations for 2024 Officers:

Worshipful Master: Hugh Christine
Senior Warden: Rudolph Hatala
Junior Warden: Joseph “Kip” Duffy
Treasurer: Daniel O’Brien
Secretary: Howard Black
Proxy to Grand Lodge: Michael Chadwick
Lodge trustee for the next three (3) years: WB Rigil Abellanosa (3)
Temple trustee for the next three (3) years: WB Jeremiah Phillips (2)
Temple trustee for the next three (3) years: WB David Carvin (3)

Medford Lodge No. 178



November Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years	Brother	Years
John E. Bartie	56	Earl L. Evens	62	Jeremiah Hayes Phillips, PJGD	13
Steven Vincent Busalacchi	13	Joseph Galiazzi	33	Vincent J. Pichini	1
Richard L. Carter	47	Gary C. Gubbei	6	Michael Patrick Puma	17
Michael Chadwick	2	Gary Eugene Haman	13	Frederick L Schmidt, PM	46
Shawn P. Collins	16	Andrew W Hobson	1	Christopher J. Schultz	9
Dennis J Coloski, PM	32	John T Kubit, PM	32	Harry Mark Srolovitz	17
Franco Coppola	14	Bharat Mehta	2	Stephen Edward Towell	4
DeStefano, Peter Rodger	4	Matthew Oakes Morgan	17	Hunter Van Sciver	2
Matthew S DePaula	6	C. Paul Perkins	66	Xaiver Steven Walter	14

Making Good Men Better

<u>PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:</u>	
<u>In Waiting to Receive the EA Degree:</u>	
<u>In Waiting to Receive the FC Degree:</u>	Brother Thomas Slaterbeck Brother Richard J. Weldon Brother William P. Linhart
<u>In Waiting to Receive the MM Degree:</u>	
Master Mason Exam	Brother Philip di Carlo Brother Joseph Vazquez Brother Thakor Bulsara

Notes From The Worshipful Master



Notes from the Worshipful Master:



Brethren,

On October 21st, Medford along with the members of the 19th District Degree Team, exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree for the NJ State One Day Class.

Thank you to all who came out to support us and the incoming Brethren, and our Mentors, Br. Egan, Br. Foster, and Br. Whitney for being there for our candidates.

Congratulations to our raised Brethren, Br Thakor Bulsara, Phillip A DiCarlo , Br Joseph Velazquez. It is wonderful to see you progress, and we hope we can impart all the light we can unto you.

We have rescheduled our Fellow Craft Degree to November 27th.

Fraternally Yours,

Rigil Kent Abellanosa



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Notes from the Senior Warden.

Did you know...



He was born near Kingston, Texas in 1925. The boy was small for his age, one of twelve children in a very poor family. He helped feed the family by hunting. He was a very good shot with a very unlikely weapon—a slingshot. A man from town and saw the boy heading towards the woods with his slingshot and asked if he would like to borrow his .22 rifle. The boy borrowed the rifle along and eight shells. When he returned the rifle, he had only four rabbits. Before the man could tease him about his aim, the boy handed him back four unused shells.

In 1936, his father deserted the family. When he was sixteen, his mother died. Because he was unable to care for his younger siblings, he was forced to put the three youngest into an orphanage. He would reclaim them later.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he tried to enlist, but he was rejected for being too young. He waited until his eighteenth birthday and tried to join the Marines, but was rejected again, this time because of his small size. Finally, the Army accepted him.

When approaching a German machine gun nest a soldier began waving a white flag, but not trusting the Germans' he urged his friend to stay down, but his friend started toward the position and was killed. This Brother charged the machine gun position and single-handedly wiped out the German machine gun crew. He then used the gun to destroy several other enemy positions. For this act, he received the Distinguished Service Cross. Soon after he would take part in actions that would earn him the Medal of Honor. He was credited with destroying six tanks, killing over 240 German soldiers and wounding and capturing many others, nearly single-handedly. He received thirty-three United States military medals, plus five medals from France and one from Belgium. He became the most highly decorated soldier of World War II.

He was invited to Hollywood where he made forty-four feature films. Even though he saw a great deal of success, an illness plagued him. He became addicted to sleeping pills. One of his great legacies was that he finally broke the taboo about publicly discussing war-related mental conditions. He spoke candidly about his own problems and urged the government to extend health care benefits to address PTSD.

Brother Audie Murphy was raised to Master Mason in North Hollywood Lodge No. 542 in North Hollywood, California in 1955.

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

Hugh C.

Hugh Christine, SW





Notes from the Junior Warden:



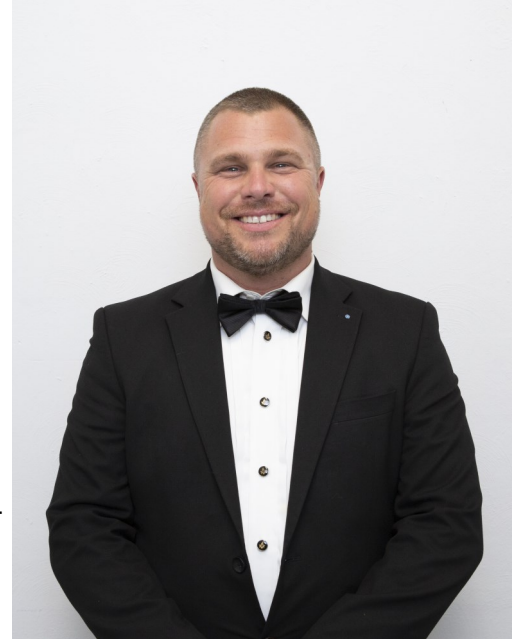
Brethren, hopefully everyone had a frightful and sugar filled Halloween. The time for giving thanks is now upon us. Thanksgiving is not only a time to give thanks but to reflect upon the important aspects in our lives. As Masons we are taught that; it is the internal not the external qualifications that distinguish us as Mason. Never take for granted that we, are members of the greatest fraternity in the history of man. Give thanks for this privilege and thanks to your brethren who have come before you. Let us never forget the sacrifices others have made to elevate us to where we are today.

Congratulations to Medford Lodge, and all supporting lodges in the 19th district who assisted in putting on an excellent Entered Apprentice degree at the Grand Lodge's one day class last month. Also, congratulations to Medford's newly raised Master Masons Brother Vazquez, Brother Bulsara and Brother DiCarlo. And a reminder that Medford's annual communication is little over a month away and I would encourage everyone reading this message if your cable tow allows, please come out and support your Medford officers.

The definition of Gratitude is the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. I would like to show my gratitude to my brothers by wishing you all hope, happiness, peace, love, good health and goodwill on this coming Thanksgiving Day! Your friendship is a great blessing to me. My only ask from everyone is please pay it forward.

Rudy H.

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
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Secretary
RW Howard Black III, PGMar
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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



Most Worshipful David L. Tucker
Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey
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Trenton, NJ 08608
609-239-3937



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

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of the 19th Masonic District
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Burlington, NJ 08016-9756
609-902-7516 (c)
rflabawjr@comcast.net



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of the 19th Masonic District
RW Steven E. Martin
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Westampton, NJ 08060
609-440-5269 (c)
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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 (DMT)
Richard A. Godin	1980	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	Roy A. Winter, PDR	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

David D. Stoneback

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. 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	Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985		
Harry T. McNeill	1945-46	Edwin E. Wood III, PSGM	1988		
Edwin Holzschuher	1948	Howard I. Black 2 nd , PJGS	1991		
Joseph E. Bealer Jr	1949	Frederick H. Tillwick	1992		
E. Lester Small	1950-51	Ronald L. Hodge	1993		
Harold S. Farrow	1952	William E. Stockum	2003		
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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This is a link to all the 19th District Upcoming Events

<http://www.19thdistrictnj.org/19th-district-events/>



Medford Lodge #178 will once again be participating in the Toys-For-Tots program this year. The Marine Corp Reserve has long led the way to ensure that children receive a special gift during the holiday season. During 2023 Burlington County Toys-For-Tots provided toys to 59,778 children. As we enter the end of 2023 it is important to ensure that the children in our community know they are in your thoughts.

Please bring your new, unwrapped toy, to the Lodge from now through our December 11th Annual Meeting. Let's make a difference and provide a smile to a deserving child.

Information on the program is available at <https://www.toysfortots.org>

MEDFORD LODGE # 178

Mason of the Month

(November 2023)



Brother Joshua Diamond

Where were you born?

Mount Holly, New Jersey.

What was your current / last occupation?

I am an owner and operator of a recording studio and creative workshop out in Hainesport, New Jersey. I produce, develop, and engineer projects ranging from all kinds of music recordings, podcasts, graphic design, video editing, websites, and web3 assets.

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

I would like to meet Sonny Moore and learn how to produce and mix records that are so loud but so clean sounding at the same time.

What is your favorite quote?

"A rising tide lifts all boats" – John F. Kennedy

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

In many cases, the father raises the son into the craft of masonry. I entered into the masonic craft before my father and had the rare pleasure of raising my dad to the rank of Master Mason.

What keeps you engaged and active with the lodge?

I enjoy that no matter the age of a brother, I am respected as a fellow mason and treated as an equal. I enjoy learning from my brethren as men from all walks of life walking the path of masonry. Although we are taught to keep our actions square, I find Freemasonry keeps a man well-rounded and eager to absorb the world around him. This is why I enjoy the lodge so much.



The Grand Lodge



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Past Grand Master 2018
RW Grand Secretary

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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 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

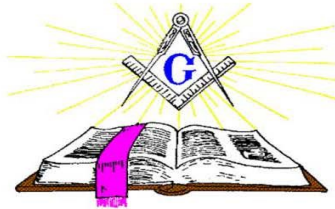
Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger B. Quintana", is written in black ink.

M.W. Roger Quintana, PGM
RW Grand Secretary

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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