

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

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December 2024 / AL 6024



Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey M.W. J. Eugene Margroff



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MARCH 11, 1903**

MEETS SECOND MONDAY
(EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST)

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November Meeting

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Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

Saint John the Evangelist is celebrated each December by Freemasons. Together with Saint John the Baptist (The Holy St. John's) they represent a balance between zeal, passion and learning. He was one of the original twelve apostles and is thought to be the only one to have not been killed for his faith.

The Feast of Saint John the Evangelist occurs on December 27th which is aligned with the Winter solstice. Freemasons celebrate this feast day, dating back to the 18th century when the Feast Day was used for the installation of Grand Masters. Many Grand Lodge jurisdictions require their subordinate lodges to install their officers on or prior to St. John the

Evangelist's Day.

The Evangelist was known for his values of Brotherly Love, Charity, Truth, Faith, and Enduring Integrity. These values are considered as the main reasons for the esteem paid to him by the Craft. Tradition informs us that Masonic Lodges were originally dedicated to King Solomon. In the sixteenth century Saint John the Baptist was considered to be the patron of Freemasonry. Subsequently this honor was divided between the two Saints John. In the United States, Lodges are universally erected to God, and dedicated to the Holy Saints John. The alignment of the Saints John to the solstices is representative of moving from darkness to the light.

As we move into the Winter solstice we too should take time to reflect on the year and begin moving toward more light.

Source: <https://blog.philosophicalsociety.org/2019/07/06/masonic-yule/>

Fraternally,
WM Hugh Christine

Calendar of Events

Dates to Remember - December 2024



Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday	8th	6:30 PM	Closing Lodge of Sorrows Procedures for the installation reviewed Dress: Business Casual	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Monday	9th	6:00 PM	Annual Communication– Lodge Opening Officers: 6:00 PM 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	21st	12:00 PM	Holiday Charity and Lodge Party Opening Lodge of Sorrows A time to celebrate our charity recipients and to enjoy our successful 2024. We will also open a Lodge of Sorrows. Dress: Business Casual	Medford Lodge 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055



Nominations for 2025 Officers:

Worshipful Master: Rudolph Hatala
Senior Warden: Michael Chadwick
Junior Warden: George Massey
Treasurer: Daniel O'Brien
Secretary: Howard Black III, PM

Proxy to Grand Lodge: Robert Foster

Lodge trustee for the next three (3) years: WB F. Lawrence Vernamonti (3)

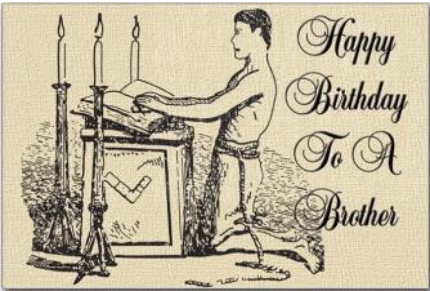
Temple trustee for the next three (3) years: WB George Wigginton (3)



Medford Lodge No. 178

December Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years
Roger A. Buck	8	Gregory M. Guerina	17
Lindsey Cooper	27	Shawn A. Hannah	17
James J. Crosby	8	Peter A. Smith	17
Michael S DiCroce	8	Ryan R Stradling	8



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 John Soto Brother Jon Conrow
<u>In Waiting to Receive the MM Degree:</u>	
Master Mason Exam	Brother Thakor Bulsara



Notes From The Worshipful Master

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Brethren,

Where does the time go? As the seasons change and the year ends, our thoughts begin to focus on the Holidays and a new year of opportunities. As I reflect on the past year I consider the two simple goals I stated in January: 1) Continue our strong legacy of charity, 2) Assist each other to be prepared for the future.

Through Wheelchair Pushes, Toys-for-Tots, Blood Drives, donations to many worthy organizations, supporting a widow in need and our Annual Charity Luncheon we continued to lead the way and contribute to our community. Your efforts have truly made a difference in many peoples lives.

Throughout this year each member has stepped up to make our Lodge a success. Our Past Masters jumped in to fill seats when our Brothers could not. Special thanks to WB's Abellanosa and Ellor for all your assistance. A true test of preparedness is when an emergency occurs. When Brother Duffy passed, our Lodge Brothers, the District and the Grand Lodge came forward to offer any help that was needed. When a personal emergency effected my family, our Officers demonstrated how well they are prepared by seamlessly moving into Advanced Stations for the night and exemplifying a degree. They excelled in every way.

As I move on to my next opportunity, I can never adequately show my respect and gratitude for everything that each member has done throughout 2024 to make this year a success. I know that your 2025 Officers are more than ready to lead our Lodge and continue the great legacy of Medford Lodge #178.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours,

WM Hugh Christine

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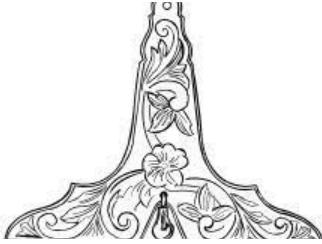




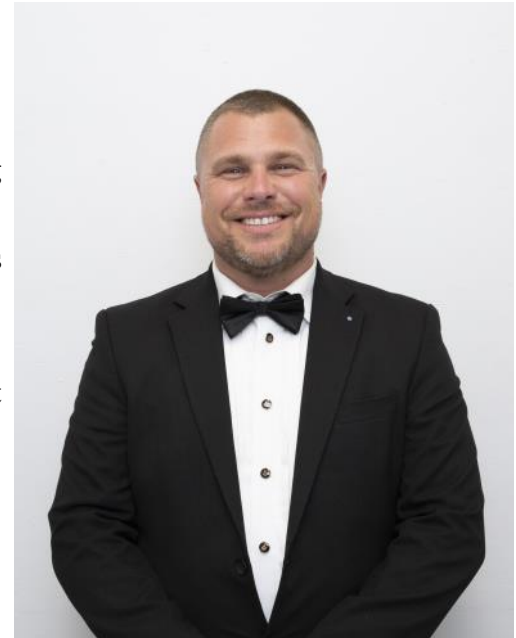
Notes From The Senior Warden

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Did you know...



This month's mason is remembered as one of America's most influential pianists, actor and band leaders of the swing era. Born in Montgomery, Alabama on March 17, 1919. When he was four years old his family moved to Chicago, Illinois where his father became a Baptist minister. His mother, who was the church organist, began teaching him how to play the organ. He began his musical career at age 12 as the church organist. After graduating from the church ensemble to the Royal Dukes, his first jazz group moved to the west coast and performed in clubs around Los Angeles. In the city of angels, he formed a group specializing in light and joyful swing music. His career skyrocketed when he doubled as a singer for the trio and began recording hits like "Sweet Loraine" and



"Unforgettable." His career spanned almost three decades where he found success and recorded over 100 songs that became hits on the pop charts. Over the course of his life, he accrued 7 Grammy nominations and won record of the year in 1962. Despite achieving mainstream success, during his career he faced intense racial discrimination. He was not a major vocal public figure in the civil rights movement, he was a member of his local NAACP branch and participated in the 1963 March on Washington. He regularly performed for civil rights organizations. He also consulted with John F. Kennedy and later, Lyndon B. Johnson on matters of Civil Rights.

Who is this Month's Mason? **Brother Nathaniel Adams Coles "Nat King Cole"**

Brother Cole joined the Masonic fraternity in 1944 when he petitioned Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, Prince Hall Affiliation, in California with a few of his bandmates. Cole later became a Scottish Rite Freemason.

Fraternally,
Rudolph Hatala Jr.
Senior Warden

[Nat King Cole - Wikipedia](#)
[Today in Masonic History - Nathaniel Adams Coles \(A.K.A Nat King Cole\) Passes Away \(masonrytoday.com\)](#)
[Freemasons of Jazz | Grand Lodge of Ohio](#)
[Ty Cobb - Wikipedia](#)

Officers & Committees



2024 Medford Lodge Officers

<p>Worshipful Master Hugh Christine</p> <p>Senior Warden Rudolph "Rudy" Hatala</p> <p>Junior Warden WB Rigil Abellanosa (interim)</p> <p>Treasurer WB Daniel O'Brien Treasurer.Medford178@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary RW Howard Black III, PGMar 25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055 Email: secretarymedford178@gmail.com</p>	<p>Senior / Junior Deacon Michael Chadwick George Massey</p> <p>Senior / Junior Master of Ceremonies Andrew Hobson Robert Foster</p> <p>Senior / Junior Steward Norton Druger Keith Egan</p> <p>Chaplain Thomas Beamer</p> <p>Marshal WB George Wigginton</p> <p>Tyler J. Gary Hicks, PM</p> <p>Historian WB J Edward Hunt, PM</p> <p>Proxy to Grand Lodge Michael Chadwick</p>
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Committees

<p>Lodge Trustees WB David Carvin (3) RW Jeremiah Phillips (2) Harry Srolovitz (1)</p> <p>Temple Trustees WB Larry Vernamonti, PM (1) WB John Ellor, PM (2) WB Rigil Abellanosa, PM (3)</p> <p>Sickness & Distress WB Larry Vernamonti WB Rick Young</p>	<p>Audit Committee DB Russ Carvin Jr. William "Bill" Crozier Michael DiCroce</p> <p>Ritual Committee WB David Carvin, PM WB Daniel O'Brien RW Jeremiah Phillips</p> <p>Relief Committee WB Larry Vernamonti Rudy Hatala WB George Wigginton</p>	<p>By-Laws WB David Carvin WB Larry Vernamonti WB Rigil Abellanosa</p> <p>Hospitality Committee Kip Duffy RW Jeremiah Phillips Franco Coppola Stewards</p> <p>Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship Kip Duffy</p>
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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 (+)	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (DMT)
Calvin Walters	1974	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Robert S. Middleton, PGC	1977, 79	Roy A. Winter, PDRI	2010, 14 (+)
Richard A. Godin	1980	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 (D)
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	Mark K. Crosby	2011 (DMT)
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
John F. Hall, PGC, PDGI	1982 (D)	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Russell A. Bauer, PGC	2015
Howard I. Black 3 rd , PGMar	1987	Robert Shestack	2016 (D)
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Jeremiah H. Phillips, PJGD	2016
Owen D. Brennan, PGSB	1990 (+)	Jonathan Murray	2017 (DMT)
William B. Watson	1995	Ralph H. Baron	2017 (D)
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	Daniel O'Brien	2018
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 (DMT)	Frederick C. Young Jr.	2019
Allan D. Kline	1997 (+)	F. Lawrence Vernamonti	2020, 2021
John T. Kubit	1998	John A. Quintana	2022
Richard D. Dolbec	1999 (EXP)	Rigil Abellanosa	2023
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)		
A. John Ellor	2006 (D)		
Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — 2024

Joseph "Kip" Duffy



Past Masters



In Memory of our Deceased Past Masters

Frank A. Braddock	1903	Norman R. DeLong	1954	Borys I. Umyn	2000
Samuel A. Garwood	1904	Henry Emenecker Sr, PGC	1955, 64	William E. Stockum	2003
William D. Cowperthwait	1904, 40	A. Robert Merrion	1956	Robert E. Seufert	2003-04 (A)
J. Maurice Garwood	1905-06	Jerald Carey	1957, 63	Jerry Albrecht	2005
Harry Brick	1907, 37-38	Harold E. Easlick PGC	1958, 62	Thomas Wright II, PJGD	2007
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	Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985		
Harry T. McNeill	1945-46	Edwin E. Wood III, PSGM	1988		
Edwin Holzschuher	1948	David B. Stoneback	1989		
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				

Medford Lodge Updates



Medford Lodge Committees

There are several committees established by our By-Laws that are designed to assist with a variety of items that occur throughout the year.

Relief Committee and a Charity Committee. Together these committees coordinate charity requests and present them to the Lodge. Requests for charity should be presented to this committee for consideration. Should a need arise please contact WB Vernamonti.

Sickness and Distress Committee. This committee will inform our Lodge of any Brother, as well as family members that are ill and as needed arrange for a visit. This committee includes: WB Vernamonti, Brother Rudy Hatala (SW) and myself. Please let us know if a member or family member is sick.

By-Laws Committee. The By-Law committee will review the Medford Lodge By-Laws each year and make recommendations for changes when needed. If you have any suggestions please provide them to: WB Vernamonti, WB D. Carvin or WB Abellanosa.

A new committee this year is the Communication Committee which will review and improve our various communication tools such as: Trestleboard, Facebook page, Lodge website and our Medford Lodge app. Committee members are RW Phillips, WB Abellanosa and Brother Chadwick.

For more information on these and other committees please review the Medford Lodge #178 By-Laws.



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

This is a link to all the 19th District Upcoming Events

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



Medford Lodge #178 is continuing to collect toys for the Toys-For-Tots program throughout this year. It is important that we care for children in our community all year long and not just during the holiday season. Our goal is to fill our container multiple times which will help bring joy to children all year long.

The next time you are in a store, buy a toy and bring it, unwrapped, to the Lodge. Let's be the difference for a deserving child. Information on the program is available at <https://www.toysfortots.org>.

Mason of the Month

MEDFORD LODGE #178

Mason of the Month
(December 2024)



Brother Phillip DiCarlo

Where were you born?

Born and raised in Marlton NJ.

What was your current / last occupation?

I currently work as a software engineer developing defense weapons for the US Navy. I've been with gov't contractors since I had graduated university. I also own a SaaS and IT business specializing in custom software for businesses.

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

My grandfather. He passed away when I was only 14. He served during WWII and through him I became very interested in history of that time period. Sadly however, I do not know much about his time during the war.

What is your favorite quote?

"Vai ver se eu tô na esquina" - A Brazilian saying that literally translates to "Go see if I'm around the corner". Essentially telling someone to bug off.

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

On the side in my free time I develop Unity scripts to help automate mundane tasks. I also develop (with my team) Unity worlds for the video game "VRChat".

Mason of the Month

I enjoy grabbing friends and going on road rallies and short cruises across the east coast. The windier the road the better.

What keeps you engaged and active with the lodge?

I enjoy the company of the fellow brothers, as well as the amount of charity they do. Specifically, when it involves selfless acts helping others like the wheelchair push. I also enjoy hearing life stories and future ideas that I can do to better myself.

Mt. Laurel High Twelve Club



My Brother

I would like to take a minute to introduce you to one of the most EXCITING CLUBS in Masonry. The secret, HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL. What's the secret?

**NO FORMAL RITUAL
MEETINGS ARE ANYTIME
ANY DAY
ANY WHERE
GUESTS OR WIVES ARE WELCOME**

I'm sure you have great memories of: sharing fellowship with your brothers, helping the local youth groups like Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Assisting your Blue Lodge with their projects, that is what we are about. We also support the Wolcott Foundation at George Washington University.

Currently we have five clubs in New Jersey and GROWING. . Nelson Craig, Masonic Village at Burlington, Mt. Laurel, North Jersey and the newly chartered Jersey Travelers. They would love to see you at their next meeting. Bring your wife or guest if you like, all are welcome.

If there is not a club in your area and you would like to form one we are glad to help. Contact our International Secretary Thomas A. Brotherton III at secretary@high12.org.

Take time to visit our web site at High12.org, it is full of information and a great video by Ernest Borgnine (remember Mc Hales Navy?).

Thanks for your time and we look forward seeing you at our next meeting. ***High Twelve is not just another appendant body, it's a body that the Future of Masonry is DEPENDENT Upon,***

FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, FUTURE

State of New Jersey - Independent Clubs

Club Information	Meeting Place and Time	Contact Information
<p># 073 Nelson W. Craig</p> <p>Cherry Hill, NJ</p> <p>Chartered: July 15, 1946</p>	<p>Lamp Post Diner 1378 Little Gloucester Rd Gloucester Twnshp NJ 08012</p> <p>1st & 3rd Monday's @ 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>John Zioance, President 609.206.0878</p> <p>Joseph A. Dinovi, Secretary 609.670.7214 wa2gfk@hotmail.com</p>

Mt. Laurel High Twelve Club



<p># 137 North Jersey Fairfield, NJ</p> <p>Chartered: May 8, 2024</p>	<p>Franklin Steakhouse & Tavern 318 Passaic Ave Fairfield, NJ 07004</p> <p>Wednesday's @ 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>Jerry Lukowiak, President 973.464.0115 glukowiak@gmail.com</p> <p>Ira Drucks, Secretary 201.207.6300 bikerira@me.com</p> <p>Jay Schwartzapfel, Masonic Rep. Scott Foster, Wolcott Rep.</p>
<p># 640 Masonic Village at Burlington Burlington, NJ</p> <p>Chartered: May 17, 1986</p>	<p>Masonic Village at Burlington 902 Jacksonville-Burlington Rd Burlington NJ 08016-3814</p> <p>2nd Monday's @ 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>Kenneth L. Pierce, President 856.630.2026 dekp@aol.com</p> <p>Jeffery E. Hicks, Secretary 609.206.6583 HicksFGJJ@aol.com</p> <p>John Clyburn, Masonic Rep. Lawrence W. Craver, Wolcott Rep</p>
<p># 770 Mt. Laurel Mt. Laurel, NJ</p> <p>Chartered: December 27, 2012</p>	<p>Bob Evans Restaurant Fellowship Rd & Rt 73 Mt. Laurel NJ</p> <p>Last Thursday's @ 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>Nicholas Vettese, President 856.261.7423 nvettese@gmail.com</p> <p>Conrad Dombkiewicz, Secretary cwdombkiewicz@verizon.net</p>
<p># 809 Jersey Travelers Vincentown, NJ</p> <p>Chartered: July 12, 2024</p>	<p>Vincentown Hall 25 Plum St. Vincentown, NJ.</p> <p>3rd Sunday's @ 10:00am</p>	<p>Robert J. Sposato Sr., President 609.290.5800 rsposato71@gmail.com</p> <p>Jeffery E. Hicks, Secretary 609.206.6583 hicksfqjj@aol.com</p>



The Grand Lodge



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Grand Lodge Officers 2024-2025

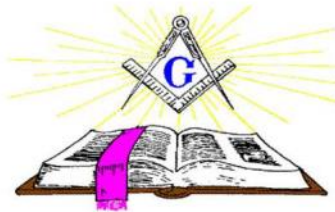
Grand Master	J.Eugene Margroff
Deputy Grand Master	Omar Morris
Senior Grand Warden	Bruce C Golway
Junior Grand Warden	Bernard J Madgey, IV
Grand Treasurer	Douglas R Policastro
Grand Secretary	Larry S. Plasket

Sincerely and fraternally,

Larry S Plasket, PGM
Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of New Jersey

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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