

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

## Trestleboard

February 2025 / AL 6024



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



**CONSTITUTED**  
**MARCH 11, 1903**

MEETS SECOND MONDAY  
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2025 Officers

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# Sweetheart Dinner

February 10th, 2025 at 6:30pm  
(Regular meeting night)

Wine tasting and charcuterie  
boards for the ladies,  
presented by Nick Bravo



We'll enjoy  
music,  
wine, and a  
good time!

# Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

In masonry we hear during the EA lecture that there are three ornaments of the lodge: the Mosaic Pavement, Indented Tessel, and the Blazing Star. A few years back when RW Arthur Pelzer spoke at a DLI about The Blazing Star, I walked away from this encounter with more questions. What does the Blazing star symbolize? What is its importance? Where is the Blazing star located in each lodge? We are told in the EA lecture that the Blazing star represents Divine Providence, that it is located at the center of the Lodge, and nothing more is ever spoken.

While researching the meaning and origins of the Blazing Star, I found countless sources from over the years, all of which have varying interpretations of what this symbol represents and where it originated. Some believe it represents the star which guided the wise men to Bethlehem. Others believe it represents the shining rays of light when the Almighty delivered the two tablets of stone containing the 10 commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. Ancient astronomers suggested the blazing star was a grouping of rare astronomical phenomena. Some believe it refers to the sun, which brightens the earth daily with its rays, dispensing its blessings to mankind,



and giving light and life to all things.

This leads me to question of where the Blazing Star is visibly represented in each lodge today. Most researchers can agree, it's supposed to be placed in the center of the lodge. *The Short Talk Bulletin* article entitled "Blazing Star" mentions that after the introduction of Anderson's Constitution in 1723, which introduced many new symbols into ritual, the Blazing Star was drawn on lodge floors as the prominent feature of the lodge. Later it was painted on large pieces of canvas that could be rolled and stored away. Finally, with the addition of tracing boards it was placed thereon for instructing new candidates. Thus, through the passage of time, carelessness, and the omission of certain lecture pieces, it has almost led to the omission of its significance.

With so many varying answers, opposing viewpoints, and religious undertones, I feel the Blazing Star is left to everyone's own interpretation. I would like to offer it to my brethren as a way point or a guide that serves as a moral compass which directs you in all your actions throughout life. It reminds us that if we make decisions and direct our actions along this rule and guide, then we may finally complete our spiritual journey.

Fraternally,  
*WM Rudy Hatala*

Sources:

[The Blazing Star: Masonic Symbol – The Square Magazine](#)

[The Short Talk Bulletin Volume XLIII March 1965 No.3 "Blazing Star"](#)

[What Does the Blazing Star of Freemasonry Represent? – Freemasons Community](#)

# Calendar of Events

## Dates to Remember - February 2025



Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday	4th	6:30 PM	<b>19th District—District Lodge of Instruction</b> Dinner 6:30pm DLI 7:00pm Officers: Mandatory All Others Welcome Dress: Business	<b>Medford Lodge</b> 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Sunday	8th	6:00 PM	<b>Junior Grand Warden Reception</b> See flyer	<b>Fellowship Center</b> 1114 Oxmead Road Burlington, NJ 08016
Monday	10th	6:00 PM	<b>Regular Communication</b> Dinner/Fraternal Networking 6:30 pm / Open 7:30 pm Dress Officers: Formal / Masons: Business Dinner Catered by Femmina - Bro. Franco Coppola	<b>Medford Lodge</b> 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Saturday	15th	12:00 PM	<b>Medford OES Dog Races</b> All Master Masons Welcome	<b>Medford Lodge</b> 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055

### February Presentation:

Right Excellent Jeffrey Alexander  
PDDGHP of 3rd Capital District and  
Companion of Boudinot Chapter #3 Mt. Holly

2025 Dues are now due and payable

[Link to Pay Total \\$161](#)

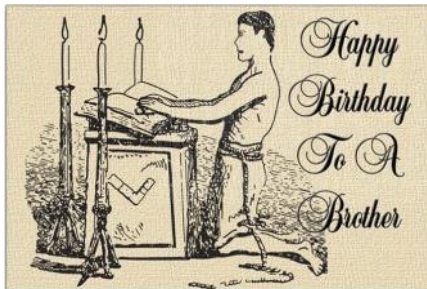
[Includes Grand Lodge Assessment of \\$76.00](#)

# Medford Lodge No. 178



## February Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years
William Dewey Campbell	17	William John Sawyer	14
Anthony S. Cannistraci	9	T. Frederick Small	41
Richard N Chandler	28	Richard L Weldon	9
Peter M DeStefano	28	Theodore B Wells III	37
Joshua D. Diamond	9	Theodore B Wells Jr., DB	43
Conrad W Dombkiewicz	24	Steven D. Zumwalde	9
Albert E Freeman II	50		
Herman Kruckner, III	68		
Edward A Penberthy	57		



## Making Good Men Better

<b><u>PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:</u></b>	
<b><u>In Waiting to Receive the EA Degree:</u></b>	
<b><u>In Waiting to Receive the FC Degree:</u></b>	
<b><u>In Waiting to Receive the MM Degree:</u></b>	
<b>Master Mason Exam</b>	



# Notes From The Worshipful Master

## Notes from the Worshipful Master:


Brethren, Medford Lodge had a great first communication and the officers performed at an extremely high level. I am proud of Medford's officer line. We took the bull by the horns and started this masonic year off with a bang. Let's keep it up.

Anna Duffy, Kip's widow, has sent Medford Lodge a thank you card expressing her sincerest thanks and appreciation, for all the help and support in the moving and packing process.



To all of the Masons in Medford Lodge,  
 Thank you so much for the outpouring of love, support and prayer that your Mason family has given to my family during this difficult time. Your advice and kind words made me feel that I was not alone at a time when I felt most alone and unsure of where to turn. I am so grateful for so many of you for pointing me in all of the right directions. There is definitely a divine presence working through your Brotherhood. You could feel it from the point of your awe inspiring ceremony at Kip's funeral and through each time you came together to assist with, what seemed to me, unachievable tasks.

I cannot thank your lodge enough for the Brotherhood, purpose and sense of belonging you gave to Kip. He loved being a Mason, he loved the rituals and spoke of it often. He always spoke to Masons he noticed everywhere we traveled. If ever there is anything I can do in return, whether it be Occupational Therapy advice, or if you are passing through NC and your family needs a place to stay or a helping hand please don't hesitate to ask. You all have helped us through the worst time in our lives & helped me be able to put one foot in front of the other in so many ways.



With warmest thanks  
 for all your help.  
 Thank you from the  
 bottom of all of our hearts.  
 Anna, Ella + Erin Duffy



## Notes From The Worshipful Master

### *Notes from the Worshipful Master:*

I would like to thank a few brothers for assisting in our January events. Thank you, Brother Egan, for setting up our January family bowling event at Medford Lanes. Our families had a great time sharing some much-needed fellowship and competitive bowling. Thank you, Brother Massey and Brother Chadwick, for assisting in our Red Cross Blood drive. These events cannot take place without brethren volunteering their time.

Our DLI on February 4<sup>th</sup> will be held at Medford lodge. I would love to pack our sidelines with non-officers! Dinner starts at 6PM.

Our February regular meeting *will have a presentation "Kipling and The Man Who Would be King" by RE Excellent Jeffrey Alexander - PDDGHP of 3rd Capitular District and Companion of Boudinot Chapter #3.*

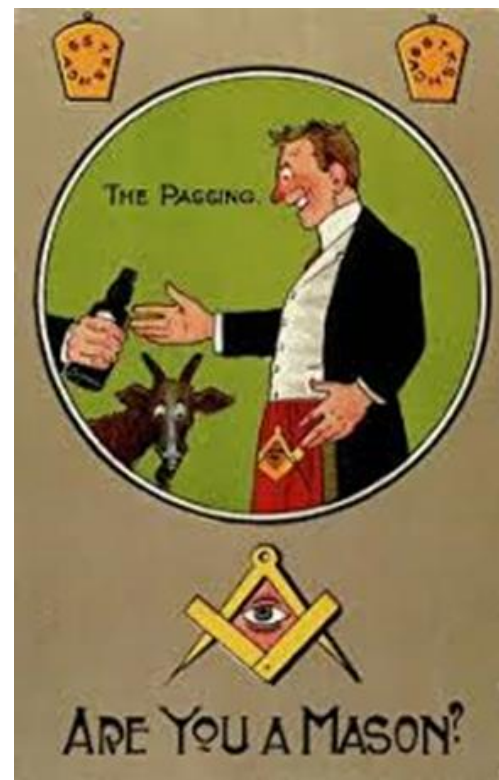
*The February meeting will also feature our sweetheart dinner for our spouses/significant others. They will experience a great time with wine tasting, charcuterie boards, and conversation. Please see the attached flyer. Please RSVP if your significant other plans to attend.*

Lastly, Brethren of Medford Lodge, our OES chapter is holding their annual Dog Races event on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and their annual Master Masons night on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. I would like to show our support for our counterparts. Please attend if you cable tow allows.

Fraternally Yours,

*WM Rudy Hatala*

WM, Rudy Hatala



# Notes From The Senior Warden

## *Notes from the Senior Warden.*



### **Brethren**

New Jersey was one of the first states with active Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge of NJ was formally established in 1787. One of the early Freemasons here was John Skene, who was a member of Scotland's Aberdeen Lodge #1. Skene

was the first Freemason whose name can be traced to the new world.

Skene moved to the province of West Jersey (pictured here) in 1682, where he purchased three hundred acres that he named Peachfield. This would later become Northampton Township in 1688, and ultimately, Westampton Township in 1850.

In 1730, the Grand Master of England appointed Daniel Coxe, Jr. of West Jersey as Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for the provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Just a year later, Benjamin Franklin would be made a Mason on February 1, 1731 at St. John's Lodge.

Prior to 1723, lodges did not keep written records until The Grand Lodge at London began doing so. Franklin and his Brethren who met in Philadelphia began keeping official records in an account book known as *Libre B* beginning in June of 1731.

The Beteilhe Manuscript, authored by Francis Beteilhe, is one of the earliest official Masonic records. It is bound along with an original of the Book of Constitutions as printed by Franklin in 1734, and is now in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

*Michael Chadwick*

Michael Chadwick, Senior Warden



Sources:

*Freemasonry in America Prior to 1750* by Most Worshipful Melvin Maynard Johnson (Massachusetts)  
 Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand\\_Lodge\\_of\\_New\\_Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Lodge_of_New_Jersey)





# Notes From The Senior Warden

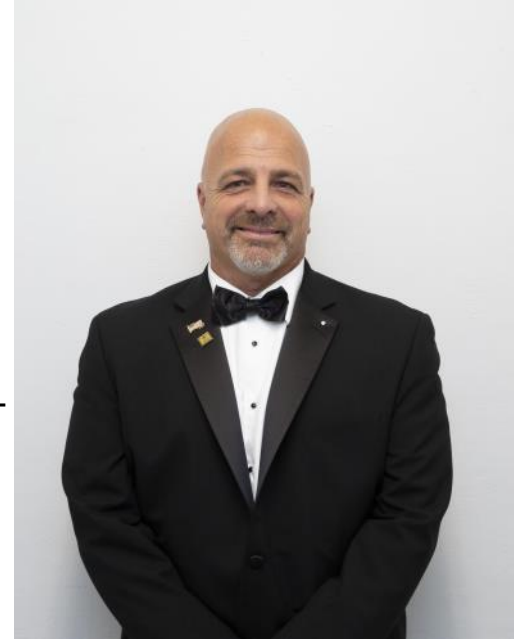
## *Notes from the Junior Warden:*

Brethren,



Greetings from the South!  
As I continue to read about acts of Brotherhood during war, a theme has been presented: These acts are not Grand Lodge directed, but are self-inspired by individual Masons upholding our principles of Masonic Brotherhood on the battlefield I find

these acts truly inspiring and to me it means that these Brothers have taken to heart our Masonic oaths and obligations and have put them into action instead of just words. Here is another example of Masonic kindness that occurred at the Battle of Gettysburg (1-3 July 1863):



*“A private, Anson C. Miller, of Company J, 151<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania, was shot four times near the Lutheran Seminary. Left behind by his retreating comrades, he was set upon by a group of rebel troops who stole his clothing, blankets, and food until he made a Masonic appeal: “He used those words which a Master Mason hears and heeds, even amid the fury and of battle. Immediately there stepped out from among the Rebel soldiers one who remembers his duty to a needed brother. He was a Tennessean – Menturn by name. He declared that he had never robbed a wounded foe, and that he would not permit it to be done by others.”*

*“Incredibly, Anson’s property was restored, he was evacuated and despite dim prospects, he survived the battle.”<sup>1</sup>*

Do the words in the last sentence of the second paragraph sound familiar?

<sup>1</sup>Account taken The Better Angels of Our Nature: Freemasonry in the American Civil War by Michael A. Halleran (a fellow Mason), Page 59.

*George Massey*

George Massey, Junior Warden

# Officers & Committees



## 2025 Medford Lodge Officers

### Worshipful Master

Rudolph "Rudy" Hatala

### Senior Warden

Michael Chadwick

### Junior Warden

George Massey

### Treasurer

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Robert Foster

Andrew Hobson

### Senior / Junior Master of Ceremonies

Keith Egan

Richard J Weldon

### Senior / Junior Steward

Norton Druger

WB Rigil Abellanosa

### Chaplain

Thomas Beamer

### Marshal

WB George Wigginton

### Tyler

J. Gary Hicks, PM

### Historian

WB J Edward Hunt, PM

### Proxy to Grand Lodge

Robert Foster

## Committees

### Lodge Trustees

WB Larry Vernamonti, PM (3)

WB David Carvin (2)

RW Jeremiah Phillips (1)

### Temple Trustees

WB George Wigginton (3)

WB Rigil Abellanosa, PM (2)

WB John Ellor, PM (1)

### Sickness & Distress

WB Larry Vernamonti

WB Rick Young

### Audit Committee

William "Bill" Crozier

Michael DiCroce

### Ritual Committee

WB David Carvin, PM

WB Daniel O'Brien

RW Jeremiah Phillips

### Relief Committee

WB Larry Vernamonti

WM Rudy Hatala

WB George Wigginton

### By-Laws

WB David Carvin

WB Larry Vernamonti

WB Rigil Abellanosa

### Hospitality Committee

RW Jeremiah Phillips

Franco Coppola

Stewards

### Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship

TBD



# Grand Lodge & District Info

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## Lodges of the 19th District

### **Beverly Riverside #107**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
621 Chester Avenue, Riverside, NJ 08075

### **Burlington #32**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
2308 Mt Holly Rd, Burlington, NJ 08016

### **Central #44**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
23 Plum Street, Southampton, NJ 08088

### **Maple Shade Moorestown #281**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
15 North Fellowship Road, Maple Shade, NJ 08052

### **Medford Lodge #178**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055

### **Mount Holly #14**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
15 Garden Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

### **Mount Moriah #28**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
121 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505

# Past Masters



## In Honor of our Living Past Masters

Richard S. Dellmyer	1966 (+)	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Calvin Walters	1974	Roy A. Winter, <b>PDRI</b>	2010, 14 (+)
Robert S. Middleton, <b>PGC</b>	1977, 79	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 ( <b>D</b> )
Richard A. Godin	1980	Mark K. Crosby	2011 ( <b>DMT</b> )
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 ( <b>D</b> )	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
John F. Hall, <b>PGC, PDGI</b>	1982 ( <b>D</b> )	Russell A. Bauer, <b>PGC</b>	2015
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Robert Shestack	2016 ( <b>D</b> )
Howard I. Black 3 <sup>rd</sup> , <b>PGMar</b>	1987	Jeremiah H. Phillips, <b>PJGD</b>	2016
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Jonathan Murray	2017 ( <b>DMT</b> )
Owen D. Brennan, <b>PGSB</b>	1990 (+)	Ralph H. Baron	2017 ( <b>D</b> )
William B. Watson	1995	Daniel O'Brien	2018
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	Frederick C. Young Jr.	2019
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 ( <b>DMT</b> )	F. Lawrence Vernamonti	2020, 2021
Allan D. Kline	1997 (+)	John A. Quintana	2022
John T. Kubit	1998	Rigil Abellanosa	2023
George J. Wigginton Jr	2001	Hugh Christine	2024
Stephen C. Sweeney	2002		
Raymond W. Taylor, Sr, <b>PGC</b>	2003		
Peter M. DeStefano	2004		
J. Gary Hicks	2004 (+)		
William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 ( <b>A</b> )		
A. John Ellor	2006 ( <b>D</b> )		
Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008		
Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 ( <b>DMT</b> )		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

## In Memoriam — 2025

John "Jack" McDade—December 7, 2024



# 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, <b>PGC</b>	1955, 64	William E. Stockum	2003
William D. Cowperthwait	1904, 40	A. Robert Merrion	1956	Robert E. Seufert	2003-04 ( <b>A</b> )
J. Maurice Garwood	1905-06	Jerald Carey	1957, 63	Jerry Albrecht	2005
Harry Brick	1907, 37-38	Harold E. Easlick <b>PGC</b>	1958, 62	Thomas Wright II, <b>PJGD</b>	2007
Alfred E. Darnell	1909-10	Kenneth G. Rexon ( <b>D</b> )	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, <b>PGM</b>	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, <b>PSGS</b>	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 ( <b>D</b> )	1977		
Karl G.J. Bingemann	1932	C. William Cornelssen	1978		
Charles H. Leeds	1933	Wilheml Launhardt (+)	1980		
Ralph E. Curry	1934	Paul D. Garlanger <b>PDDGM</b> (+)	1981		
Fred R. Boyd	1935	Russell C.S. Williams	1982		
Robert N. Henderson	1936	Orrin Dillabough	1982 ( <b>D</b> )		
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, <b>PSGM</b>	1988		
Edwin Holzschuher	1948	David B. Stoneback	1989		
Joseph E. Bealer Jr	1949	Howard I. Black 2 <sup>nd</sup> , <b>PJGS</b>	1991		
E. Lester Small	1950-51	Frederick H. Tillwick	1992		
Harold S. Farrow	1952	Ronald L. Hodge	1993		
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](mailto: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

February 2025



**WB Gary Hicks**

**Where were you born?**

Sumter, South Carolina.

**What is your current or last occupation?**

Engineering Manager for Lockheed.

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

Donald Trump

**What is your favorite quote?**

"If you do not know where you are going any road will get you there."

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

Family is the most important thing in my life.

**What do you enjoy most about being a Mason?**

Making other deserving men into masons.



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](mailto: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**

<b>Club Information</b>	<b>Meeting Place and Time</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<p><b># 073 Nelson W. Craig</b></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 &amp; 3rd Monday's @ 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>John Zioance, President 609.206.0878</p> <p>Joseph A. Dinovi, Secretary 609.670.7214 <a href="mailto:wa2gfk@hotmail.com">wa2gfk@hotmail.com</a></p>



# Mt. Laurel High Twelve Club



<p><b># 137 North Jersey</b> Fairfield, NJ</p> <p>Chartered: May 8, 2024</p>	<p>Franklin Steakhouse &amp; Tavern 318 Passaic Ave Fairfield, NJ 07004</p> <p>Wednesday's @ 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>Jerry Lukowiak, President 973.464.0115 <a href="mailto:glukowiak@gmail.com">glukowiak@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Ira Drucks, Secretary 201.207.6300 <a href="mailto:bikerira@me.com">bikerira@me.com</a></p> <p>Jay Schwartzapfel, Masonic Rep. Scott Foster, Wolcott Rep.</p>
<p><b># 640 Masonic Village at Burlington</b>  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 <a href="mailto:dekp@aol.com">dekp@aol.com</a></p> <p>Jeffery E. Hicks, Secretary 609.206.6583 <a href="mailto:HicksFGJJ@aol.com">HicksFGJJ@aol.com</a></p> <p>John Clyburn, Masonic Rep. Lawrence W. Craver, Wolcott Rep</p>
<p><b># 770 Mt. Laurel</b>  Mt. Laurel, NJ</p> <p>Chartered: December 27, 2012</p>	<p>Bob Evans Restaurant Fellowship Rd &amp; Rt 73 Mt. Laurel NJ</p> <p>Last Thursday's @ 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>Nicholas Vettese, President 856.261.7423 <a href="mailto:nvettese@gmail.com">nvettese@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Conrad Dombkiewicz, Secretary <a href="mailto:cwdombkiewicz@verizon.net">cwdombkiewicz@verizon.net</a></p>
<p><b># 809 Jersey Travelers</b>  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 <a href="mailto:rsposato71@gmail.com">rsposato71@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Jeffery E. Hicks, Secretary 609.206.6583 <a href="mailto:hicksfqjj@aol.com">hicksfqjj@aol.com</a></p>

# Grand Lodge Scholarships



Brethren and families,

The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey is excited to share some important changes for our 2025 scholarship program.

- **Expanded Eligibility.** For the first time, nieces and nephews of living or deceased Master Masons in good standing will be eligible.
- **New Scholarships available.** Scholarship offerings will be expanded to include students attending a 2-year College, Trade, or Technical school.
- **Simplified Application Process.** One application form (via Google Forms) will cover all nine MCF Scholarships.

See the attached flyer for more details or contact Scholarship Coordinator Karla Lippincott at 609-239-3830 or [kpl@njmasonic.org](mailto:kpl@njmasonic.org) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely and fraternally,

The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey

<https://tinyurl.com/mcfscholarship25>





## The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey offers these scholarships to students interested in pursuing higher education.

For the single application for all scholarships, visit [tinyurl.com/mcfscholarship25](http://tinyurl.com/mcfscholarship25)

All completed applications must be postmarked by May 30, 2025.



### 2-Year College, Trade/Technical School 4-Year College/University

#### Burk-Townley Scholarship \$4,000

*(\$1,000 per year for up to 4 years)*  
For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major – 1 Available  
GPA: B or 3.0  
Must be relative of NJ Mason\*; financial need required

#### Serewitch Family DeMolay Scholarship \$20,000

*(\$5,000 per year for up to 4 years)*  
For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major – 1 Available  
GPA: C+ or 2.2 over last 2 years  
Active NJ DeMolay, financial need, swimming activity required

#### Sol & Reba Serewitch Scholarship \$5,000

*(\$5,000 for 1 year)*  
For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major – 1 Available  
GPA: C or 2.2 over last 2 years  
Must be relative of NJ Mason\*; financial need required

### 4-Year College/University

#### Asbury Jordan Lodge Scholarship \$4,000

*(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)*  
For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major – 1 Available  
GPA: B or 3.0 over last 2 years  
Relative of NJ Mason preferred\*; financial need required  
*In honor of Christian Mogensen and John D. Post*

#### Chairman of the Board Scholarship \$10,000

*(\$2,500 per year for 4 years)*  
For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major – 3 Available  
GPA: B or 3.0  
Must be relative of NJ Mason\*

#### John H. Critchley, Sr. & Emma F. Critchley Scholarship \$4,000

*(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)*  
For Graduating High School Seniors in Engineering or Related Sciences – 1 Available  
GPA: B or 3.0  
Unmarried sons or grandsons of NJ Mason\*

#### Culver DeMolay Scholarship \$4,000

*(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)*  
For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major – 3 Available  
GPA: B or 3.0 over last 2 years  
Active DeMolay preferred

#### Patterson Engineering Scholarship \$16,000

*(\$4,000 per year for 4 years)*  
For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Engineering – 3 Available  
GPA: C+ or 2.5 over last 2 years

#### Taylor Scholarship \$4,000

*(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)*  
For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major – 2 Available  
GPA: B or 3.0  
Must be relative of NJ Mason\*  
*Must perform up to 30 hours of community service at Masonic Village*

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey offers these scholarships.  
For an application, visit [www.newjerseygrandlodge.org](http://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org)

#### Scholarship \$4,000

*(\$2,000 per year for 2 years)*  
For High School Graduates – 2 Available  
GPA: C+ or 2.5 over last 2 years  
Must be relative of NJ Mason

#### Scholarship \$4,000

*(\$2,000 per year for 2 years)*  
For College Graduates – 2 Available  
GPA: B+ or 3.25 over last 2 years  
Must be relative of NJ Mason



*\*The applicant must be the child, step-child, niece, nephew, grandchild or step-grandchild of a living or deceased Master Mason in good standing in a Masonic Lodge of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.*

# Junior Grand Warden's Reception



## Junior Grand Warden's Reception



Laurel Lodge #237  
Cordially invites you  
To attend the Official Visit of

**Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff,**  
**Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey**  
**Chairman, Masonic Charity Foundation**

for the Open Reception in Honor of

R.W. Bernard J. Madgey, V,  
Junior Grand Warden

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Fellowship Center  
1114 Oxmead Road  
Burlington, NJ 08016

**BYOB** Social Hour 4:00 PM, Dinner 5:00 PM, Reception 6:30 PM

Mail To: RW Butch Elliott, 38 Main St. - Flanders, NJ 07836

Questions? Contact RW Butch Elliott at (201) 390-3415

**Deadline: February 1, 2025**

Checks Payable to: "Laurel Lodge #237" *No tickets will be issued*

I would like \_\_\_ Reservations @ \$60 each Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please write the names of any additional attendees included in this reservation on the back of this form.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2025 Reception

The 15th, 17th, 19th and 20th Districts  
cordially invite you to the Official Visit  
of Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff,  
Grand Master of Masons of the  
State of New Jersey and open  
reception in honor of this year's  
Grand Staff

## at Jumping Brook Country Club

Neptune City, NJ 07753

Click Link for tickets: <https://17th-district.square.site/>



### Wednesday, April 30, 2025



SCAN QR CODE  
for tickets

# \$75

Dinner Buffet, Cash Bar

Open to All  
Friends and Family  
of Freemasonry

5 pm Social Hour  
6 pm Dinner  
7 pm Reception

Grand Chaplain  
RW Ronald F. Herzog

Grand Chaplain  
John N. Megariotis

Aide to the Grand Master  
RW Arthur J. Campell, PGC

Grand Chaplain  
RW Ciro de los Reyes

Senior Grand Steward  
RW Christian D. Stebbins

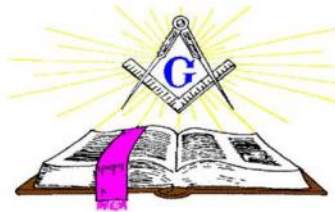
Junior Grand Deacon  
RW John D Shiess

Grand Chaplain  
RW Kenneth A. Long

Grand Chaplain  
RW Fouad E. Kashouty

## **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](http://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org)***



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