

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

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April 2025 / AL 6024



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



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

MEETS SECOND MONDAY  
(EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST)

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## REVERSING YOUR BIOLOGICAL AGE:

*Living Life Without Pain & Limitations*

**PRESENTED BY: DR. KEN CHENG**

**WHEN:**

APRIL 14TH  
6:30 PM

**WHERE:**

MEDFORD MASONIC  
LODGE  
25 BANK ST.  
MEDFORD NJ



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# SPRING SHOOTOUT

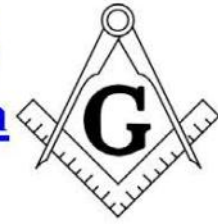
## MEDFORD LODGE #178

Saturday, April 26th, 2025 @ 10am

at

### South Jersey Shooting Club

840 Piney Hollow Rd, Winslow Township, NJ 08043



## OPEN TO ALL FRIENDS & FAMILY

Cost is \$65/per person (\$20 if just coming for lunch)

*Payment Due in Advance*

Every Shooter Gets:

⇒ **3 Shooting Stations included:**

**9mm Handgun** - 50 rounds at steel from 15 yards

**AR-15** - 20 Rounds at targets 60 yards

**AK 47** - 20 Rounds at targets 60 yards

⇒ Lunch included (Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Salad and sides)

⇒ Medford Lodge Gift (TBD)



**Additional Ammo will be Available for Purchase during the event**

### For more information contact:

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Or DB George Massey - [gmassey654@gmail.com](mailto:gmassey654@gmail.com) 609-781-2106

*Payment Due on or before April 23rd, 2025 to Rudy Hatala*

*Please submit cash directly or make check payable to: "Medford Lodge #178"*

Rudolph Hatala  
130 Knox Blvd  
Marlton NJ, 08053

You can also purchase tickets here:



# Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

In the little free time I have, I often find myself at night reflecting on life and my daily events before falling asleep. I always seem to circle back to some variation of the same question, which I have yet to find the answer to after many years of thinking. “What is the purpose of life?” No matter how many ways you phrase this complex question they all have the same thought-provoking undertones. Some literal people tell me procreation and progression of our species. Some parents say we live for our families, while others say “We make it what we want it to be.” All seem to be correct. Yet, I’m still not satisfied with the multitude of answers and not knowing the true reason.

I read the following passage in Introduction to Freemasonry Master Mason by Carl Claudy: “The Hiram Legend is the glory of freemasonry; the search for that which was lost is the glory of life. Never may we find it here. You shall gaze through microscope and telescope and catch no sight of its shadow. You shall travel in many lands and far and see it not. You shall listen to all the words of all the tongues which all men have ever spoken and will speak- the Lost Word is not heard. ... Never here is it to be found, but the search for it is the reason for life.

The sublime degree teaches that in another life it may be found. That is why it is the sublime degree.”

This passage brought an “ah-ha” moment or realization that the answer may exist to my question but at this moment it is not opened unto my view and may never be. What is needed is faith and perseverance to continue. In Faith, that the supreme architect of the universe will endue us with all the answers we seek and perseverance in continuing through endless obstacles in life and at times, failure. I am hoping in telling you this brethren, you too will persevere through your ailments, hardships, and troubles and keep your faith in God, your family, and your brethren.

Fraternally,  
*WM Rudy Hatala*

# Calendar of Events

## Dates to Remember - April 2025



Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday	1st	6:15 PM	<b>19th District—District Lodge of Instruction</b> Dinner 6:15pm DLI 7:00pm Officers: Mandatory All Others Welcome Dress: Business	<b>Mount Moriah Lodge</b> 121 Farnsworth Avenue Bordentown, NJ 08505
Monday	14th	6:00 PM	<b>Regular Communication—See Flyer on Page 21</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
Sunday	20th	9:30 AM	<b>Masonic Village Wheelchair Push</b> Come help Masonic Village Residents get down to church Dress: Masonic Polo	<b>Masonic Village at Burlington</b> 902 Jacksonville Road Burlington, NJ 08016
Monday	21st	6:30 PM	<b>Ritual Practice</b> All Lodge Officers Encouraged to be there All Master Masons Welcome	<b>Medford Lodge</b> 25 Bank Street Medford, NJ 08055
Saturday	26th	9:00 AM	<b>Medford Lodge Masonic Shoot</b> See attached flyer \$65/pp pay in advance Rain or Shine Shooting event followed by Lunch	<b>South Jersey Shooting Club</b> 840 Piney Hollow Road Winslow Township, NJ 08043
Saturday	30th	5:00 PM	<b>19th, 15th, 17th &amp; 20th District Reception</b> All Master Masons & Friends Welcome See flyer— <b>Reservations Needed</b>	<b>Jumping Brook Country Club</b> Neptune, NJ 07753

**2025 Dues are now due and payable**

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

**Includes Grand Lodge Assessment of \$76.00**

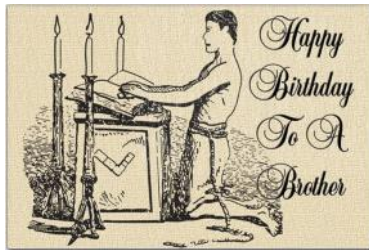


# Medford Lodge No. 178



## April Masonic Birthdays

Brother	Years	Brother	Years
Joseph F Alter	14	Daniel C Newman	39
Bradley H Denn	26	Carl G Nielsen	29
Michael J. Ferry, Jr.	7	Dean K Rainier	38
Wayne R Hunter, Sr.	29	Frank G Schafer	29
Gerald P Johnson	38	John F Smith	35
George W. Massey, III	7	Lawrence Stevenson	29
		Warren A Zelko	29



## 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:*

Continuing our monthly programs, this month we have presentation by Dr. Ken Cheng DPT. and Owner/Operator of South Jersey Physical Therapy. Dr. Cheng has helped many patients with pain, imbalance, coordination issues, decreased range of motion and weakness. Dr. Chang's presentation is entitled "Reversing your biological age: Living life without pain and limitations"

This month we have our Annual Masonic Shoot. It takes place April 26<sup>th</sup> at South Jersey Shooting Club. For those who have not attended this event, it is one of our biggest and most adrenaline-filled events Medford offers to its brethren. Along with the fun comes a way for our

lodge to raise funds for our annual Holiday Wish and Holiday Luncheon. Tickets can be purchased on the Medford App or from myself directly. I hope to see everyone there.

April 20th is our mandatory wheelchair push. I would first like to thank Brother Chadwick for always volunteering his time and showing his support for our masonic families in Burlington. Brethren, it would be amazing if we could get some brethren out to assist our SW in these duties.



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## Notes from the Senior Warden.



### Brethren

“...very much divisible, with liberty, and justice for only those that agree with me.”

“Every human being, as long as they look like you and love like you and worship like you, has a claim upon your kind offices.”

“Do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the same specific household of faith that you belong to, but not the rest of them.”

“Selective benevolence you are zealously to inculcate for men with whom you always see eye to eye...”

Mindless rote repetition of any text eventually renders that text meaningless. If the above alterations to those sentences we so often say aloud do not evoke a negative visceral reaction in you, they should.

I’ve received many positive responses to my delivery of ritual. I am sincerely grateful for that encouragement. I suppose the only thing I do differently than many others is to truly contemplate the meaning and intention of the words I am speaking. That also makes memorization easier, if that happens to be helpful to anyone.



“THEY CAME FIRST for the Communists,  
and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Communist.

THEN THEY CAME for the Jews,  
and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Jew.

THEN THEY CAME for the trade unionists,  
and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a trade unionist.

THEN THEY CAME for the Catholics,  
and I didn’t speak up because I was a Protestant.

THEN THEY CAME for me,  
and by that time no one was left to speak up.”

I urge all of my brothers to truly consider the words

we speak. They communicate more to the world than simply a combination of vowel and consonant sounds. Masonic light is shared not only by our actions, but by our **rhetoric**. Our language betrays our innermost thoughts and feelings to others, intentionally or otherwise. Our rhetoric should be that of love, tolerance, and kindness. Our actions should reflect those beliefs for **all mankind**, especially the brethren.

We are to guard each other against allurements to vicious practices. I cannot think of a more vicious practice than to stand idly by as our fellow human beings are being oppressed by forces of evil.

The Four Cardinal Virtues of Masonry are **not** Hatred, Misogyny, Avarice, and Xenophobia. They are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. Any Mason who is complicit in allowing the former should look inward to make sure that their Masonic pilot light is still burning.

Every human being does, indeed, have a claim upon our kind offices. Our duty as Freemasons includes speaking up for those without a voice, defending the oppressed, shielding the helpless, and lifting up our fellow man regardless of how they might be different from us. When the forces of evil attack, our inaction on behalf of the victims should convict each and every one of us. What happens to **one** can happen to **anyone**.

History is made each and every day. How will history judge our action, or, our inaction?

*Michael Chadwick*

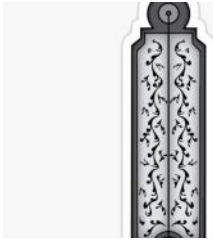
Michael Chadwick, Senior Warden

Sources: *Plaque from the Holocaust Museum*



## *Notes from the Junior Warden.*

Brethren,



Greetings from the South! This next account of Masonic values in action demonstrates one of the last things told to new Masons at the end of the first half of the Entered Apprentice Degree and revolves around the words "destitute condition and contribute to his relief". The encounter provided below impressed

future U.S. President William McKinley so much, he became a Mason before leaving the Army.

*"At the third battel of Winchester, Virginia, twenty-one-year-old McKinley was a staff officer in the Union Army of the Shenandoah. Following the fight, he accompanied a federal surgeon on a visit to Confederate prisoners. In a conversation after the war, McKinley described his first impression of Freemasonry. While visiting Confederate POWs with a federal doctor, McKinley observed the physician handing out money to the rebel prisoners until he had none left. On the way back to camp McKinley inquired of the doctor if he knew the men or if he had seen them before. On hearing the doctor answer, he did not know the men, McKinley persisted, pressing the physician for his motives. "They are Masons," the doctor replied, "and we Masons have ways of founding that out." McKinley surprised at this generosity to strangers, asked whether the doctor ever expected repayment. "Well, said the doctor, "if they are ever able to pay it back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble, and I am only doing my duty. "If that is Masonry," McKinley observed, "I will take some of it myself."*

*Eight months later, after the surrender of Lee's army at Appomattox, While McKinley remained stationed at Winchester, Virginia, he petitioned Hiram Lodge No. 21 --- which was comprised of Southerners --- and was initiated. He took his first degree on 1 May 1865, his second the next day, and his third degree on 3 May 1865."*<sup>1</sup>

Our actions can be inspirational to non-Masons and end up with an unexpected outcome.

*George Massey*

George Massey, Junior Warden

Sources:

<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 64.



# Officers & Committees



## 2025 Medford Lodge Officers

### Worshipful Master

Rudolph "Rudy" Hatala

### Senior Warden

Michael Chadwick

### Junior Warden

George Massey

### Treasurer

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RW Howard Black III, PGMar

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### Senior / Junior Deacon

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

**Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff**  
**Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey**

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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>PDR</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 APRIL 2025



### **BROTHER SKYLER WHITNEY**

#### **Where were you born?**

Albuquerque, NM

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

Cybersecurity Engineer

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

Leonardo da Vinci. His unending curiosity and genius would be absolutely fascinating.

#### **What is your favorite quote?**

“Strength lies not in conforming to the crowd, but in standing tall amidst the chaos.”

- unknown

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

I've always been passionate about aquariums and reptiles, keeping both as pets for over 30 years. While living in New Mexico, I worked as a lead diver at the local aquarium, spending my days in a landlocked state swimming with sharks, sea turtles, stingrays, and countless other marine animals. It was a truly unforgettable, educational, and enjoyable job.

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

What I love most about being a Mason is the brotherhood and friendships, both those I've formed and those yet to come, and witnessing men genuinely dedicate themselves to building each other up with honest, good intentions.



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>





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*Payment Due on or before April 23rd, 2025 to Rudy Hatala*

*Please submit cash directly or make check payable to: "Medford Lodge #178"*

Rudolph Hatala  
130 Knox Blvd  
Marlton NJ, 08053

You can also purchase tickets here:





# 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>



# Grand Lodge Scholarships



## 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.*





# Teddy Bear Classic Golf Event



For the benefit of  
**The Pete Miller Children's  
Dyslexia Center**

**Monday, May 12, 2025**

**LBI National Golf & Resort**

(Formerly Sea Oaks Golf Course)

99 Golf View Drive, Little Egg Harbor Twp., NJ

- 11:30 AM: Registration** Tee Gifts, Putting Warm-up Area, Driving Range
- 12:00 PM -1:00 PM: Lunch** Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Soft drinks
- 1:00 PM: Shotgun Tee-off** Best Ball Scramble format. Ladies & seniors over 65 may play from the forward Tees
- After Golf Dinner -** Taste of Italy Buffet

The Price of Golf Participation this year is \$165 per golfer and will include all food and soft drinks, contests and driving range balls. The field will be limited to the first 100 players to send in payment. This will help to keep the Play Moving! **Ladies are most Welcome and encouraged to play**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHERS IN FOURSOME (Names and Email)**

- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORSHIPS:** **PLATINUM** - \$5,000 (Includes all the days amenities for (4) golfers plus proper signage for the event., **GOLD** - \$2500 (Banner signage), **BEVERAGE SPONSOR** - \$1,000 Proper signage. **TEE SPONSOR**- \$125. Proper signage. Any Donation amounts will be gratefully accepted.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE at The Inn at LBI National for \$129/night. Call 609-857-5656 Press 5. Room Code: Pete Miller Golf

Make Checks payable to: **The Children's Dyslexia Centers of New Jersey (CDCNJ)**

Contact Info: George Niessner for Sponsorships and Donations, 609-230-5702, [Geown@comcast.net](mailto:Geown@comcast.net)  
609-230-5702. Send Checks to 39 Montclair Rd, Medford, NJ 08055.



# 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





# REVERSING YOUR BIOLOGICAL AGE:

*Living Life Without Pain & Limitations*

**PRESENTED BY: DR. KEN CHENG**

**WHEN:**

APRIL 14TH  
6:30 PM



**WHERE:**

MEDFORD MASONIC  
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MEDFORD NJ

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# Bi-Laws Changes

BY-LAWS  
of  
MEDFORD LODGE, No. 178,  
F. & A. M.

Meets Second Monday of each month  
except July and August

Masonic Temple 25 Bank  
Street

Medford, Burlington County, N. J.

2025

Lodge Petitioners

FRANK A. BRADDOCK	as W.M.
FRED N BRANIN P.M.	as S.W.
HERBERT S. BOWKER, P.M.	as J.W.
EDWARD B. REEVE, P. M.	as Treas.
HARRY L. KNIGHT, P. M	as Sec'y.
SAMUEL GARWOOD	as S.D.
JOSHUA M. GARWOOD	as J. D.
LEVI PROUD, PM	as S.M.C.
JOHN A. LAMB	as J.M.C
RICHARD S. BRADDOCK, P.M.	as S.S.
FRANK REILY -	as J.S.
ROBERT HENDERSON	as Tyler.
JOSEPH W. BALLINGER	
S. THACKARA HAINES	

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY  
M. W. W. Holt Apgar,  
1902

Warrant Issued  
March 1903

Instituted By  
M. W. W. Holt Apgar, G. M.,  
April 3, 1903

By Law Revision Petitioners  
March 10, 2025

F. Lawrence Vemamonti	PM
Rigel Abelanosa	PM
David Carvin	PM

As voted and approved by Medford Lodge during November 2015 Regular  
Communication

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the Lodge is opened, the Business will  
be taken up in the following order:

1. Memoriam (Moment of Silence for recently deceased brethren if appropriate)
2. MM degree Examination (if appropriate)
3. Reading from Constitution Regulations and By Laws
4. Reading of Minutes from previous Communication
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Report of Committees of Investigation
7. Ballot for Candidates
8. Reading of Petitions for Membership
9. Committee Reports
10. Reading of Communications
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Agenda for Evening (Presentation for Masonic light or edification of lodge, Gold Token night, Official visits, Initiation of candidates as appropriate)



BY-LAWS OF MEDFORD LODGE,  
No 178,

*Free and Accepted Masons of the Town of Medford, State of New Jersey, Constituted by and Under the Authority of a Warrant Issued by the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey on the eleventh day of March A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903*

ARTICLE I.  
Communications

Section 1. The regular communications shall be held on the Second Monday evening of each month, except during the month of July and August and the hour of meeting shall be 7:30P.M. ; except the Worshipful Master may open Lodge at 6:30 PM by giving due and timely notice of change of time to members, provided regular business is not conducted before the hour of 7:30 P.M. The annual meeting in December shall be held at 6:00 P.M.

ARTICLE II.  
Officers

Section 1. The elected officers shall be a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a Chaplin, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremonies, Senior and Junior Stewards, Marshall, Historian, Organist and Tyler who shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master on the night of installation

Section 3. In addition to the duties prescribed in the manual, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to render an Annual Report at the first stated communication in January, giving a full account of the receipts, and disbursements and state of the funds for the year

Section 4. In addition to the duties prescribed in the manual, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to render an Annual Report at the first stated communication in January, giving a summary of the proceedings of the Lodge for the year.

Section 5. At the annual meeting, there shall also be elected a Proxy to the Grand Lodge

Section 6. There shall be two (2) separate and distinct boards of trustees, each consisting of three(3) members, one

board to be known as Lodge Trustees and the second board to be known as Temple Trustees. The duties, responsibilities, composition and election of each board shall be as described below:

The Lodge Trustees shall consist of three members. One Elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years, thereafter, at each annual election, one Lodge Trustee shall be elected for a term of three years. Lodge Trustees shall be elected at the stated December meeting. Trustees must be a member of the Lodge for a five-year period prior start of their three-year term.

Lodge Trustees may also hold an appointed office in the lodge.

The duties of the Trustees shall be to receive, hold, care for and invest, under direction of the Lodge, all funds not required for current operations. This shall include the authority to open, maintain and manage investments, accounts etc. to meet the requests of the Lodge.

They shall promptly report to the Lodge in writing each investment made by them. They shall keep themselves informed as to the conditions relating to any of the securities or investments of Lodge funds and shall promptly report to the Lodge in writing any matter effecting such investments or securities. They shall keep all securities of the lodge on record in the name of Medford Lodge No. 178 F. & A.M., at financial institution designated by the Lodge.

They shall render a quarterly report at the stated meeting in month following the close of a calendar quarter. For any quarter that is reported while the Lodge is on hiatus for the summer, a report will be given to the Lodge at the first stated meeting of return. Each January, they will give a full year reporting of all investments and property held by them with proposals for changes there to including holdings, balance, gain or loss and change in investment strategy. In case of matters of urgency concerning lodge investment they will promptly report to the Master, Wardens and Treasurer to address at the next regular communication or call an emergent communication as appropriate.

Lodge funds shall be invested only as approved by the Lodge in investments that are lawful and are not associated with current or past members. Investments in debentures shall be invested be a balanced combination of Savings Funds, Certificates of Deposits, bonds issued by the US Federal Government or its Agencies, Municipal bonds, triple A rated commercial





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paper or triple A rated dividend paying stock or mutual funds that invest in the same or Real Property.

Vacancies in the office of Lodge Trustees created by death, resignation or removal from the jurisdiction of an incumbent, shall be filled ad interim by an appointment by the Worshipful Master until the next annual communication, when an election shall be held for the unexpired term so vacated.

## TEMPLE TRUSTEES

The Temple Trustees shall consist of three members. One elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter, at each annual election, one Temple Trustee shall be elected for a term of three years. Temple Trustees shall be elected at the stated December Meeting.

A Temple Trustee may also hold elective or appointed office in the Lodge.

The Temple Trustees shall be empowered, through a Declaration of Trust, to purchase, hold, sell, mortgage, convey, exchange, insure, operate and maintain all real property committed to their care, with the consent of the Lodge.

They shall have general charge and supervision of the Lodge Room, furniture and personal property of the Lodge and shall see that the same is kept properly insured at all times.

Vacancies in the office of Temple Trustees created by death, resignation or removal from the jurisdiction of an incumbent, shall be filled ad interim by an appointment by the Worshipful Master until the next annual communication, when an election shall be held for the unexpired term so vacated.

They shall render to the Lodge at the first regular communication in January a full account of the operation of the Temple property and an itemized statement of all real property held by them.

The Worshipful Master shall appoint an Architectural Committee of as many members as he shall choose for a three-year term should any renovations or rehabilitation of the lodge building be contemplated. Temple Trustees are designated members of the Architectural Committee.

## ARTICLE III. Election of Officers

Section 1. At the Annual

Communication, **in November**  
**(changed from in December")**

immediately after the opening of the Lodge, the Secretary shall place the ballot box upon his table, wherein any member may place nominations for any or all of the elective officers, which nominations shall be read for the information of the Lodge, before proceeding with the election.

Section 2. No brother shall be eligible to any office unless he be present to signify his acceptance thereof, or has authorized someone present to accept for him by written letter.

## ARTICLE IV

### Committees

Section 1. The Worshipful Master shall appoint the following committees:

**OMIT:**

**Section 2. A Standing Committee of three, through whom the supplies shall be ordered, and by whom all bills of indebtedness shall be studied.**

**Section 3. A Relief Committee of three, to officiate as almoners.**

Section 4. An Auditing Committee of three, not holding other office, whose duty it shall be to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees, and report in writing upon the correctness of the same at the next regular communication after the reports of said officers and Trustees have been received and at such other times as the Worshipful Master may direct.

Section 5. A Charity Committee of two or more **OMIT: who shall organize and run fundraisers for the lodge Charity Fund.** They will **also** be the point of contact for charities and recommend to the lodge donations to charities and coordinated with the treasurer for disbursement of donations by order of the Worshipful Master with the consent of the lodge

Section 6. A Sickness and Distress committee of two who will inform the lodge of any brethren who are ill, infirmed, hospitalized, or experiencing personal hardships. Contact brethren and families for well wishes, inquiring and offering lodge assistance, and coordinate hospital, nursing home visits. **OMIT: Also to coordinate Masonic Home visits and wheel chair pushes.**

Section 7. A Ritual Committee of Past Masters who assist the Worshipful Master in rehearsals and improving the proficiency of the lodge in Masonic ritual

Section 8. As Hospitality Committee who will assist the Stewards as necessary in





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coordinating meals for regular communications and degrees and assist in District Hospitality Rooms during Grand lodge

Section 9. A By-Laws committee of two who will review and recommend to the lodge any changes deemed appropriate

Section 10. The Worshipful Master may appoint other temporary committees as necessary

**ADD: Section 11. The Worshipful Master may at his discretion allocate \$250 per communication for program funding.**

## ARTICLE V

### Petitions

Section 1. Petitions for initiation or affiliation must be made in the prescribed form and bear the signature of the applicant, and be signed by two Master Masons in good standing, members of this Lodge. After a petition has been received, it shall be investigated by a committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to report in writing, in not less than four weeks subsequent to the date of the receipt of the petition, upon the worthiness of the petitioner. (General Regulation No. 4)

## ARTICLE VI

### Fees and Dues

Section 1. The initiation Fee shall be \$325.00 dollars, \$100 of which shall accompany the petition, the balance to be paid before initiation. There shall also be paid by each candidate prior to his initiation, such sum as the Grand Lodge shall determine from time to time, as an initial contribution to charity, to be applied specifically, to the maintenance of the Masonic Home Fund. The initiation fee will be considered payment of dues for the Masonic Year the candidate was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason

Section 2. The annual Lodge dues shall be **OMIT: \$65.00 ADD and CHANGE TO "determined by a vote of the lodge and held in record by the Lodge Secretary"** plus Grand Lodge assessment payable in advance; provided, however, that upon granting a demit, the Lodge shall remit such portion of the dues as shall be unearned. Annual dues may be adjusted based projection of the lodge finances. In such cases the annual dues adjustment for the following year must be voted and approved by the lodge. **ADD: Due and timely notice of the**

**change and justification must be posted in the trestle board a month prior to voting and the vote must be completed prior to the annual communication in December.**

Section 3. Any member in good standing of Medford Lodge #178 who has 40 years of service to the Fraternity and who has reached the age of 75 will be charged \$1.00 dues from Medford Lodge. He will also be billed for the Grand Lodge Assessment. Furthermore, any member in good standing of Medford Lodge who resides in The Masonic Home of New Jersey or a like nursing home or long term care facility, will be charged \$1.00 dues from Medford Lodge. They will also be billed for the Grand Lodge Assessment.

Members in good standing of any age who are disabled or suffering hardship may appeal for a waiver from annual dues. The lodge will vote on the waiver and if granted will be charged \$1.00 plus the Grand Lodge assessment will be required

## Article VII

### Stipend

The Secretary and Treasurer are authorized to receive a stipend in recognition of their need for supplies, the time necessary to perform their duties, the time spent coordinating and generating monthly and annual reports to Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary, and performing other business of the lodge. The lodge will determine the stipend amount annually

## ARTICLE VIII

### Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of General Regulation No. 15.

## ARTICLE IX

### Balloting

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Masonic Law to be found in the book of Constitutions and bylaws of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey.

## ARTICLE X

### Waivers

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Masonic Law to be found in the book of Constitutions and bylaws of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey.

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## ARTICLE XI.

### Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws must be presented in writing at a stated communication and action thereon postponed until the next stated

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communication, and then shall require the assent of a majority of the members present to make them of force. Due and timely notice of proposed amendments must be mailed CHANGE TO "distributed" to each and every member OMIT: at his last known address.

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Grand Master Golf Outing



# GAMBLER'S RIDGE GOLF CLUB, CREAM RIDGE

# 2025 GRAND MASTER'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUPPORTING THE GRAND MASTER'S CHARITIES



REGISTRATION

**MONDAY, JUNE 2ND**

**8 AM - 3 PM**



Zelle

9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

121 Burlington Path Rd, Cream Ridge

[WWW.NEWJERSEYGRANDLODGE.COM/GOLF](http://WWW.NEWJERSEYGRANDLODGE.COM/GOLF)



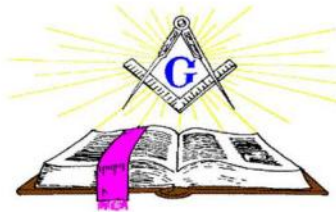
**\$160** PER GOLFER **\$40** LUNCH ONLY

Questions to:  
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[rwshfriedrich@gmail.com](mailto:rwshfriedrich@gmail.com)



## **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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