


### Active Past Masters


WB Dean M Shoemaker	1969
RW John Mavrakis, PSGS	1971/98
WB Jerome G Kadash	1971
RW David B Littman PGC	1975
RW George Petrantonakis PGC	1982/92/99
RW Roy Kowalski, PJGD	2000
WB Maxim G Marcille, Jr	2001/04
RW Bernhard W Hoff PGH	2004/08/17
WB John Millas	2005
WB Leroy Schneider	2006
RW Gary W Filson, PGC 33°	2007/16
WB Larry C Hriczak	2008/19
WB Eric D Wolff	2009
WB David Philips	2012
WB George S Valenta III	2013/14
WB Scott Linde	2015
RW Raymond Helge, PDDGM	2013/22
WB Alex Kolbasowski	2012/14
WB Alfred J Rodriguez	2016/20/21
WB Michael J Manzella	2017
WB Russ Shirley	2018
RW John M. Sardis, DRI	2017/20
WB Arthur H. Campbell III	2023

### Grand Lodge Mission

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**  
*FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.*



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#### Blood Bank

*RW. Roy Kowalski, PJGD*  
*WB. Art Campbell*

#### By-Laws

*RW. David B. Littman, PGC;*  
*RW. Raymond P. Helge, PDDGM*

#### Membership

*Br. Arthur H. Campbell III*  
*WB Eric Wolff*

#### Fundraising

*WB Alfred J. Rodriguez*  
*WB Eric Wolff*

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TBD

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BR Frank Moschella, Sr	2024
BR Arthur M Schneier, DB	2025
Bro. John Dougherty	2026
WB Eric Wolff	2027
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## **Union Lodge #19** **Free & Accepted Masons**

*Constituted April 9, 1850*

January & February 2024



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## Master's Message

My Brothers,

I'm honored to be your Worshipful Master for this coming year. As many may know this is my 2nd time as the Master of Union Lodge. My first time was in 2000 when Union Lodge turned 150 years old. We had a very memorable celebration at the Historic Forsgate Country Club. This time around it will be a little different. My mission is to have Fun while raising funds, and increase membership for Union Lodge. We already have started our course of action.

Here are some of the things we have planned.

- 3 Blood Drives with the Red Cross. These will help us save lives and to create awareness of our existence within the community.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Monday Dinners in Jan, Apr, July, Sept & Dec. These will strengthen our relationships among the brothers, and our wives.
- A Table Lodge for fun and hopefully profit.
- Participation in community activities.
- Masonic Education & discussion at meetings.
- Fundraisers, including the following:
  - Selling a Union Lodge custom designed pin for \$5.00 each.
  - Selling custom magnet that brothers will be able to purchase and proudly display.
  - Finally, a reprise of last November's highly successful Hatchet tossing at Stumpies Princeton. Scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm -9:30 pm.

Our renewed focus on membership has already resulted in five new member prospects in the pipeline. We hope to stimulate even more prospects with an "8 more in '24" incentive of a \$100 dues rebate for brothers who bring petitions resulting in MM raisings.

In closing, please ask yourselves, "Do I want to be a part of the change, and be the future of Union Lodge?"

If so, I will see you on Mondays!

Sincerely & Fraternally

Roy Kowalski,

WM 2024 Union Lodge #19

## Designs Upon the Trestleboard

### Lodge Dates

#### **January:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	New Year's Day no meeting		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal: Opening, Closing, Balloting	7:30pm	
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Blood Drive Lodge Building @ 60 Cedar Ave.	9:00am 2:00pm	
15 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Regular Communication MLK Day Presentation	Dinner meeting 7:30pm	6:30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	NO rehearsal – pls attend Burns Nite at P'ton #38		
29 <sup>th</sup> Mon	5 <sup>th</sup> Monday dinner Location TBD	6:30pm	

#### **February:**

5 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Regular Communication	Dinner meeting 7:30pm	6:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Ritual Rehearsal EA Deg.	7:30pm	
19 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Regular Communication President's Day Presentation	Dinner meeting 7:30pm	6:30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Ritual Rehearsal EA Deg.	7:30pm	

#### **March**

4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Regular Communication EA Degree (tentative)	Dinner meeting 7:30pm	6:30pm
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### Other Official District Dates

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Assoc.:**

January 6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Beefsteak Fundraiser & trick-tray raffle	Social Dinner	6:00pm 7:00pm
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)	12 <sup>th</sup> Dist Assoc. Meeting DLI at Millstone/Palestine #294		6:00pm 7:00pm
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)	DLI at RVL #46		7:00pm

## Petitions Pending:

Mr. Gregory Paul Dohn, 1300 Sioux Rd. North  
Brunswick, NJ 08902, 57 Years old.  
Investigation pending.

## Awaiting Degrees:

None

## Historical Light

According to masonic tradition as explained in our lectures, one of the movable jewels of the lodge is the Trestleboard or Tracing-Board containing the designs of the master workman. Curiously, in American Lodges rooms, the Trestleboard is never physically represented. Instead, it is the name given to the bi-monthly schedule of events circulated to members in lieu of meeting summons. But this was not always the case, and currently is not the case in foreign, particularly English, Irish, and Scottish Lodges. In those lodges, this jewel is physically represented by a board decorated with pictures of Masonicly significant symbols as the "designs of the Master Workman." Moreover, there are typically three different boards, each containing the symbols particular to each of the three craft degrees, The board appropriate to the degree the lodge is open on is displayed.

The display of physical Trestleboards or Tracing-Boards was common in American lodges before the Morgan Affair in the 1830's. Many examples survive in Masonic libraries. Americans often used "all in one" boards containing the symbols of all three degrees on a single board. Americans were also partial to floor carpets or floor cloths with the designs either woven or painted and laid flat on the floor. They were used as visual aids and prompts for lectures.

The tracing board displayed on the cover of this "Trestleboard" is an English EA board from the first decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Notice the tracing board is pictured on the Tracing-Board as published in this Trestleboard. How recursively meta can you get!

Ben Hoff, past grand historian

## Grand Lodge Dates

Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Grand Unity Day:** GL's of  
NJ, NY,PA, DE  
At GLoNY, 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Manhattan

Saturday, February 3 - Grand Lodge Education Committee,  
**Winter Seminar.** Breakfast & Reception 8:15 AM, Seminar  
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Dress Code Business Casual.  
Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Rd. Burlington, NJ. Open  
to all Freemasons, Admission FREE. RSVP by 01/27/24

Saturday, March 2 - NJ Grand Lodge Mentoring Committee,  
**Training the Mentor Workshop.** 8:00 AM Check-in; 9:00  
AM Workshop begins; 3:30 Closing. Light Breakfast &  
Lunch will be provided. Pheonix Lodge #168, 24 N.  
Franklin Tpke. Ramsey, NJ 07446. Dress: Casual; FREE

Saturday, March 23 - **Grand Master's Reception**

Contact Secretary for more information about Grand Lodge  
Events.

### Also at Union Lodge Building:

Scott Chapter RAM / Council RSM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri.  
Sat. Feb 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9am - Lodge of Research

### Lodges of 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District:

Union Lodge #19  
60 Cedar Ave, North Brunswick NJ  
1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, except July & August

Princeton Lodge # 38  
345 River Road, Princeton NJ  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, except July & August

Raritan Valley Lodge #46  
14 No. Doughty Ave. Somerville, NJ  
1st Wednesday, except July & August

St. Stephens Lodge #63  
124 No. Broadway St., South Amboy, NJ  
3rd Friday, year round

Philo Lodge #243  
120 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ  
2nd & 4th Tuesday, except July & August

MilltownPalestine Lodge #294  
30 No. Main St., Milltown, NJ  
1st & 3rd Tuesday, except July & August