

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Our Masonic journey is fueled by the spirit of fellowship and brotherhood, and your active involvement in Lodge activities truly strengthens our Masonic family. Let's keep upholding the principles of our craft and supporting each other on this shared journey.

Here's to a month filled with compassion, understanding, and a renewed sense of purpose. Let's stand united, drawing strength from our shared faith and the love that unites us as brethren.

FROM THE EAST

My Brother,

Exciting times ahead for Acacia Lodge! On February 7th, we've got an important vote that will shape the future of our lodge. Your presence at the meeting is crucial, so mark your calendars. ***An error was observed in my letter dated January 17, 2024. I incorrectly referred to Brian Bergen as the County Commander of the American Legion Morris County. I would like to clarify that his current title is County Vice Commander. All other information provided in the letter remains unchanged.***

Also, don't miss out on February 21st when we'll be conferring a Fellowcraft Degree. Our officers are working hard, and we invite you to be part of our Entered Apprentices' Masonic journey as they receive further light in Masonry.

Big congrats to WB Daniel Vitiello on being appointed the 11th District Ambassador for the 2024 Masonic Year! Thanks for taking on the role—I have no doubt you'll do an excellent job!

Exciting news from our District Education Officer, WB Dave Van Pelt—he's rolled out a brand new Masonic Education Database website for us to explore. Check it out at www.themasoniclight.com.

Cheers to our dedicated brethren making great things happen!

Fraternally,

Raymond Rodriguez

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

My Brother,

The mission of our Worshipful Master for our lodge this year is Unity. That being said, I believe that if we all take a minute to rethink the way we think, pause before answering, asking, or acting, that we might realize that our own train of thought may not be how others function.

There is generally more than one way to arrive at a solution to most challenges and while we are conditioned to believe we have the right answer, it doesn't mean it can't be approached from a different angle. For example, 5+5=10, but so does 6+4; so if you pause before thinking that 5+5 is the answer and listen to all parties involved, you may arrive in unity at the appropriate answer!

Fraternally,

Michael S. Rogan

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

My Brother,

I look forward to a year of prosperity and fellowship among our brethren. We plan to organize more opportunities to enjoy our brotherhood. With that in mind, please consider joining or donating to our upcoming polar bear plunge scheduled for February 24th that will benefit the New Jersey Special Olympics.

Fraternally,

Peter A. Susberich

Junior Warden



POLAR BEAR PLUNGE CHARITY EVENT

Acacia Lodge will be participating in the Annual Polar Bear Plunge at Seaside Heights to benefit the NJ Special Olympics. February 24, 2024 • 50 Blaine Avenue 9 AM Registration • 1 PM Plunge

Please sign up to Take the Plunge or Donate to a great cause: "Those Acacia Guys" https://support.sonj.org/team/549327 (Acacia Donation Page—Not a District Page)



Grand Master's Reception

Clifton Lodge No. 203

Cordially invites you to attend the official reception of

M.W. Leonard Vander Horn

Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey and Masonic Charity Foundation Chairman

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

Fellowship Center 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 08016

Social Hour 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Reception 7:30 pm

Mail To: R.W. William Anderson 3 Middle Lane East, Port Murray, NJ 07865

Questions? Contact: R.W. Bill Anderson @ stan134@gmail.com or (201) 622-6374 Deadline: March 8, 2024

Checks made payable to: "Clifton Lodge No. 203" No tickets will be issued

I would like _____ Reservations @ \$70 per person Total Enclosed: \$_____

Please write the names of any additional guest/attendees that are part of this reservation on the back of this form.

Tables of 10 may be reserved by listing all the names of those attending on the back of this form.

Name: _____ Guest: _____

District: _____ Lodge: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

GRAND LODGE EDUCATION COMMITTEE—UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Education Seminar February 3, 2024 Fellowship Center, Burlington 9 AM-12:30 PM

Lodge Leadership Academy: Meet the Experts on Constitution & By-Laws Zoom 7:30 PM—2/29/2024

April 13, 2024—Three Craft Degrees: A Detailed Explanation

Fellowship Center, Burlington, NJ • 9 AM-12 PM

The Entered Apprentice—RW Michael S. Neuberger

The Fellowcraft—RW Michael A. Czech

The Master Mason—RW Daniel P. Schittone

The allegory of the three craft degrees take a Mason through lessons of his entire life. As we learn more about the meanings, symbolisms, and writings of each, we interpret a degree within our own frame of reference. Join our presenters to review these degrees and their interpretations based on extensive study from several sources into a cohesive manner of application to the world around us and how we choose to live within it.

OPEN TO ALL MASTER MASONS

8:15 AM Breakfast & Registration • 9 AM-12 PM Seminar Dress Code Business Casual

Free Admission • Registration Required • RSVP by 4/6/24 Register at: http://tinyurl.com/mwkvstxc

Questions?:

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON GRAND VIEW

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey's Education Committee and Information Technology Committee are pleased to announce the successful migration of the Society of King Solomon educational program into Grand View. All members who are interested in pursuing the SKS program can log into Grand View and click on the NJ Masonic University tile to start testing their knowledge of the craft. Members who are currently enrolled in the SKS program can continue their progress on the current platform, and they will be migrated to Grand View as they progress to the next level.

Furthermore, the two committees would like to announce that our members can now access all Lodge Leadership Academy videos and the quizzes associated with the courses by accessing the NJ Masonic University tile on Grand View. The NJ Masonic University tile and the resources section provide educational material to our membership at large, such as recommended reading books, explanations of the craft degrees, speakers bureau, and many other resources, all available at your fingertips.

We invite you to regularly log into Grand View and check out all the new material that is available for your personal and Masonic development.

DISTRICT/GRAND LODGE EVENTS—FEBRUARY 2024

- 2 St. John's #1- Arcade Night Fundraiser at Marcade in Dover. Advanced payment, \$45, at the door, \$55. 12 yr. and under, \$30. Open to all. RSVP to Dave VP, 973-945-2040.
3 Winter Education Seminar, Burlington. 8:15 AM-12:30 PM.
5 Colonial-Prospect #24- Regular Communication.
6 St. John's #1- Regular Communication.
8 District Lodge of Instruction at St. John's #1.
12 Cincinnati #3- Presentation, "Three Knocks in the Night," WB Jason Eberhardt, PM, Essex #7.
13 Congdon-Overlook #163- Regular Communication.
14 Madison #93- Regular Communication.
15 Masters and Wardens Dinner Meeting at Cinders, 6:30 PM.
19 Colonial-Prospect #24- No Meeting, Presidents' Day.
20 St. John's #1- Regular Communication.
24 Polar Bear Plunge, Seaside Heights.
26 Cincinnati #3- Entered Apprentice Degree with Colonial-Prospect Lodge #24 at Colonial-Prospect #24, Main Street, Chester.
27 Congdon-Overlook #163- Regular Communication.
28 Madison #93- Regular Communication.
29 Lodge Leadership Academy- (Zoom) Meet the Expert on Constitution & By-Laws, RW Kevin Colquhoun, 7:30-8:30 PM

COMING EVENTS—MARCH

- 14 District Lodge of Instruction at St. John's #1.
21 Masters and Wardens Dinner Meeting at Cinders, 6:30 PM.

2024 GRAND MASTER'S GOLF OUTING Monday June 3rd, 2024 1:00 pm registration / lunch 2:00 pm shotgun start 6:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR (CASH BAR) 7:00 PM DINNER Flank Steak or chicken maresau.
INTRODUCING GRAND MASTER'S CASUAL WEAR T-SHIRT ABOVE MOCKUP IS ONLY AN EXAMPLE
\$200 LIMITED AVAILABILITY For the first time ever Masonic Casual Wear T-shirt is being introduced by Grand Master Len Vander Horn. Get your Name, Lodge, or Company Imprinted on the back of the Inaugural GM's T-Shirt, supporting the GM's Charities. Help us spread Heart & Soul.

LODGE EVENTS—FEBRUARY 2024

- 7 Wed. Annual Business Meeting. Vote to purchase Mine Hill Building. 2023 Committee Reports. Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM.
8 Wed. District Lodge of Instruction at St. John's, 7:30 PM.
11 Sun. Super Bowl Party. Doors open at 4 PM, Kickoff at 6:30 PM.
14 Wed. Past Masters Meeting at 6:30 PM, Officers Rehearsal at 7:30 PM.
15 Thu. Masters and Wardens Dinner Meeting at Cinders in Mine Hill. Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM.
21 Wed. Regular Business Meeting. Fellowcraft Degree. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Officers Dress Formal.
24 Sat. Polar Bear Plunge, Seaside Heights.
28 Wed. Officers Rehearsal, 7:30 PM.

COMING EVENTS—MARCH

- 6 Wed. Regular Business Meeting. Masonic Protocols presented by RW Glenn T. Visscher, DDGM. Open to EA and FC Masons. Dinner at 6:30 PM.
13 Wed. Past Masters Meeting at 6:30 PM, Officers Rehearsal at 7:30 PM.
14 Thu. District Lodge of Instruction at St. John's, 7:30 PM.
20 Wed. Regular Business Meeting. The History of Acacia Lodge presented by Bro. Eugene G. Spillane. Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM.
21 Thu. Masters and Wardens Dinner Meeting at Cinders in Mine Hill. Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM.
23 Sat. Grand Master's Reception, Fellowship Center, Burlington. Social Hour, 5 PM, Dinner, 6 PM, Reception, 7:30 PM.
27 Wed. Officers Rehearsal, 7:30 PM.

AWAITING REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Brian Bergen- MW Glenn R. Trautmann, PGM, Chairman

AWAITING FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

Bro. E.A. Tyler Conrad, Bro. E.A. Samuel Berthoud, Bro. E.A. Anthony Greenberg, Bro. E.A. Jerome Ostrander, Bro. E.A. Mike Misurelli, Bro. E.A. Christopher McCurdy, Bro. E.A. Michael Santos, Bro. E.A. Richard Scott

AWAITING MASTER MASON DEGREE

Bro. F.C. Ebrahim Khalili, Bro. F.C. John McDonald, III

AWAITING MASTER MASON EXAM

Bro. Tom Peterson, Bro. Chris Jones, Bro. Anthony Depriso



MASONIC BIRTHDAYS—FEBRUARY

(Date of Master Mason Degree)

Birthdays will be celebrated at our February 21st Meeting

Table with 4 columns: Name, Date, Name, Date. Includes Wayne M. Leonard, Robert G. Miller, John M. Vaccaro, Herbert S. Wolf, DB.

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NEW JERSEY MASONIC MENTORING COMMITTEE Training the Mentor Workshop Creating Excitement in Freemasonry

Dear Brother: The New Jersey Masonic Mentoring Committee is bringing Mentoring Training to you area. This program is designed to provide you with the tools not only to be an effective Mentor but to inspire and invigorate all the Brethren in your lodge. Every lodge member is available to conduct a successful Lodge Mentoring program. To register for this exciting workshop please RSVP via the QR code or email: RW David Steiner at dsteiner65@gmail.com (include your full name, lodge name & number, District number, email, and cell phone).

Event details: Location: Friends Lodge #188 24 N Franklin Twp Ramsey, NJ 07869

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 Times: 8:00am - Check-in 8:00am - Workshop Begins 9:30am - Closing

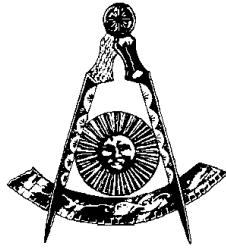
Registration Fee: There is no registration fee to the participants, nor to the Lodge. Attend: Grac! What to Bring: Please bring an empty USB memory stick.

RSVP to RW David Steiner at dsteiner65@gmail.com or call him at (908) 226-5702. See you soon!!!

GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEET THE EXPERT: GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS LODGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY R.W. KEVIN COLQUHOUN GRAND CHANCELLOR FEBRUARY 29, 2024 7:30-8:30PM

The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey offers these scholarships to students interested in pursuing higher education. Chairman of the Board Scholarship \$5,000 Taylor Scholarship \$4,000 Paterson Engineering Scholarship \$10,000

GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS DELIVERING MASONIC PRESENTATIONS SATURDAY APRIL 6 9AM-11AM



LIVING PAST MASTERS of ACACIA LODGE No. 20

James F. Hale, PG Mar	1971	Daniel J. Morris	1999
Robert L. Spur	1973	Morris Sherrer, PSGD	1999
Daniel Handzo	1975	Robert H. Peake, PJGS	2000
Robert J. Miller	1978	Olav M. Christiansen	2000
Stanley M. Fagerty	1979	Eric K. Trautmann	2000
Norman J. Trotter	1979	Robert C. Turner	2001
Arnold Kantor, PJGS*	1980	William T. Wilson	2001
James A. Dankel	1981	Arthur E. Tokle, Jr.	2001
Lloyd I. Anderson, PJGD	1981	Dan Contillo, Jr., PGT	2002
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Ernest Pappas	1983	David R. Tweed, Sr., PSGM	2003
Arne Landvik-Larsen, Jr.	1984	Gregg D. Trautmann, PGC	2003
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Michael A. Carmel	1991	Neal A. McCarthy, PDDGM	2008
Thomas Buechel	1992	Gregg D. Trautmann, PGC	2008-9
Robert Wolters	1992	George Van Yahres	2010
William F. Ritzer, Jr.	1993	Samuel Martinez	2010
Norman C. Pogson*	1993	Gary Heller, PSGD	2011
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Gregg D. Trautmann, PGC	1996	James E. Pangaro	2017
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Arthur E. Tokle, Jr.	1997	Roberto Cortes, Jr.	2019
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*Denotes Dual Member

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FEBRUARY 2024

**Regular Communications
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