



Merchantville, N. J.

ORGANIZED January 14, 1871
CONSTITUTED January 18, 1872

March 2025

Dear Brother;

You are cordially and fraternally requested to attend the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District to Merchantville Lodge #119, to be held at Merchantville Masonic Temple, 6926 Park Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ.

Thursday, March 13th, 2025

Dress is Formal. Tuxedo for Officers

6:30pm

Dinner

7:30pm

- Lodge Opening
- Reception of the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master
 - Ballot
 - First section of EA Degree
- Masonic Birthdays
- Closing

By order of

WB Luis A. Valentín
Worshipful Master

Attest:
WB Shawn M. Roberts, PM
Secretary



Recurring Dates (Not held in July & August)

All Masons in Good standing are welcomed and encouraged to join us each month.

- Rehearsals are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
 - Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm
 - District Lodge of Instruction are held on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30pm
Master Masons only; For location see the Events page
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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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Greetings Brothers,

I pray this message finds you and your loved ones in good health. I recently was entering a Wawa and as I held the door for a man walking out, he looked at me and with great exuberance yelled "thank you my brother!" For a moment I wondered why he was so excited that I held the door open for him. I then remembered that I was wearing my masonic baseball cap leading me to believe he must have been a brother Mason. That incident got me to start thinking about how one brother recognizes another outside of the lodge. Easily recognizable if we have a hat or ring or some other paraphernalia with the square and compass on it. We have masonic decals on our automobiles allowing one to recognize another as we travel through the highways and byways. What if we didn't have a ring or any identifying paraphernalia on our person or on our cars and trucks? Would we still be recognized as a Freemason? What will our daily behavior speak to?

Masonry is more than just symbols, it is a way of life and every Freemason should aspire to live a life where his character, his behavior aligns with the true tenets of the fraternity. Rings and paraphernalia are nice to have, but can get lost and auto decals can fall off, however, our character will be with us always and follow us in all our travels. Travel safe with love and good intent in your hearts my brothers.

Sincerely & fraternally,

WB Luis A. Valentin
Worshipful Master 2025
Merchantville Lodge #119

OPEN HOUSE

Friday, March 28th at 6:30 pm

Join us for an Open House as we welcome those who have knocked on our outer door and introduce them to the heart of our fraternity. We need your help to show them who we are and what we stand for!

Come enjoy great food, genuine fellowship, and the chance to connect with new faces. Your presence makes all the difference - without you, the lodge is just four walls.

See you there!

From the Secretary's Desk:

Brethren,

As we step into March, let us continue our work in Brotherhood, Charity, and Truth. Please take note of our upcoming Official Visit of RW Kenneth F Carpenter, Jr. DDGM of the 18th Masonic District, where we will exemplify a ballot, the first section of the EA Degree and any other ritual we may be called to do. I encourage all to attend and contribute to the growth of our Lodge. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm and Lodge will open at 7:30pm.

Let us also remember our Brothers in need – if you know of a Brother or his family requiring assistance or just a friendly voice, please reach out so we may extend a helping hand.

Wishing you all a month filled with light and fellowship.

Also, keep in mind, the most effective way to receive an immediate response is through text or email. Unfortunately, with a full-time job, I can't promptly answer phone calls while working.

Text: 856-631-4664

Email: secretary@merchantvillelodge.org

Please reach out to me if you have a change of contact info including address or other masonic questions\concerns. If you have not seen a mailing in some time, I need your address please.

Thank you!

Fraternally,
WB Shawn M. Roberts, PM
Secretary

Events Planning

We need your help to plan and execute events and gatherings.

Event planning is a great way to support your lodge and to get prospects involved.

If you are able to lend a helping hand or offer assistance in any way, please contact WM Luis Valentin, WB Andy Knaus or WB Shawn Roberts.

EVENTS

Officer Rehearsal

Official Visit of DDGM

Open House

Officer Rehearsal

Regular Communication

Annual Lady's Night

Regular Communication

Past Master's Night

Regular Communication

Paint Day

BBQ

GLI

Regular Communication

Annual Table Lodge

Nomination of Officers

Trunk or Treat

Election of Officers

Food Baskets

Christmas\Holiday Party

Annual Communication &

Installation of Officers

Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30pm

Thursday, March 13th at 7:30pm

Friday March 28th at 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 10th at 7:30pm

May TBD

Tuesday, May 8th at 7:30pm

June TBD

Tuesday, June 12th at 7:30pm

Late Spring/Early Summer TBD

Summer TBD

Thursday, September 4th at 7:00pm

Thursday, September 12th at 7:30pm

September TBD

Thursday, October 9th at 7:30pm

Saturday, October 25th at 2:00pm

Thursday, November 13th at 7:30pm

November TBD

December TBD

December TBD

Petitions for Membership

Petitions for restoration, dual\plural and full membership are all available upon request to the secretary or to print on Grandview.

2025 Blue Cards

Blue cards have been sent out to those with a zero balance.

If you see a discrepancy in your balance, please notify me ASAP so we can have it resolved. Thank you for your patience during my learning experience.

Thank You for Contributing to the Main Hall HVAC and Building Maintenance Fund!

MW Larry S. Plasket, PGM
WB Raynaldo Santiago, PM
WM Jerry D. Jeitner
Bro Philip Lowe
Bro. Wilbur Wannamaker
Mozart #121 F. & A. M.
Bro. Dr. Charles Ivory
WB Barry Hanson, PM
Bro. Michael Riggs
WB Shawn Roberts, PM
Bro. Scott Cuneo
WB Rev. Jorge Martinez, PM
Bro Michael Koehler

WB Thomas Smith III, PM
Bro James Mertz
WB El Donaldo F. Vid Al, PM
WB Christian Kochon, PM
USS NJ #62 F. & A. M.
Athene Chapter O. E. S.
WB Leroy Emory, PM
RW Raymond W. Taylor Sr., PGC
Bro. Alexander Martinez
Bro. George Saunders
Bro. Robert Down
DB Kenneth "Peaches" Pierce
Bro Jonathon Magpantay

**A contribution of an exorbitant amount of time by WB Andrew S. Knaus
And a Contribution Made In Memory of Brother Clark R. Hewitt Jr.**

WE FINALLY HAVE WORKING HEAT AND AC!

Brethren

Worshipful Brother Andy Knaus has spent about a year working with Lawyers, Electricians, WB David Tilton, and PSE&G to get the new HVAC, which was installed last year, back in working order, and to finish the project from 2020, of having the underground electric service moved to overhead. These projects took an extreme amount of dedication, frustration, and time. Please help us thank WB Knaus for all his efforts.

We continue to happily accept donations toward the Building Maintenance Fund, General Fund and Charity Fund.

Payment Methods

By Check: Make Checks out to "Merchantville Lodge"

PayPal: merchantvillelodge@gmail.com

Venmo: @merchantville119

Send to:

Merchantville Lodge

6926 Park Ave

Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Please note what it is for.

March Masonic Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Brother	Raised	Years of Service
Raymond W Taylor Sr. PGC	3/19/1971	54
David N Rowan	3/17/1972	53
Rolf U. Benninghoven DB	3/16/1973	52
Josef J Loeb	3/21/1976	49
George E Emanuel PSGD	3/18/1977	48
Jerome H Szczesniewski Sr.	3/18/1977	48
William F Flaherty	3/21/1977	48
Jeffrey C Pennell	3/27/1978	47
George Leroy Scott	3/27/1978	47
Col. Jack E Lechner Jr.	3/16/1979	46
Philip H Lowe PM	3/16/1979	46
Dennis G Sass	3/26/1979	46
Enrico T Caruso	3/21/1980	45
Wayne R Bradshaw	3/1/1971	45
Robert F Hermanns Jr.	3/18/1983	42
Steven R Nocitra	3/16/1984	41
Charles V Farno Jr.	3/21/1986	39
Mark R Richardson PGSB	3/20/1987	38
Harold J O'Connell	3/21/1988	37
Leroy R. Emory Jr. PM	3/16/1990	35
Nicholas S Falgiano	3/21/1991	34
J. Michael Aaron PGC	3/20/1992	33
William E Coates	3/20/1992	33
William M Barry Jr.	3/18/1994	31
William C. Hertline Jr.	3/15/1996	29
Michael A. Molle	3/15/1996	29
Scott J Collier	3/20/1998	27
Robert E Down	3/20/1998	27
Chester E Ferren Jr.	3/19/1999	26
Daniel L. Lloyd PM	3/19/1999	26
David R Saunders	3/19/1999	26
Javier Seguinot PM	3/16/2001	24
Henry D. Olsen PM	3/15/2002	23
Robert M. Kraft	3/22/2002	23
Francis X. O'Hara	3/22/2002	23
Barry T. Hanson PM	3/28/2003	22
Stephen J Callaghan	3/19/2005	20
Matthew R Gaskill	3/19/2005	20
Jerome MacEachen	3/19/2005	20

Dennis P Talty	3/19/2005	20
Jorge A Martinez PM	3/17/2006	19
Frank R Ritter	3/17/2006	19
William D. Davis	3/24/2007	18
Robert A Tippin	3/24/2007	18
Daniel J. Walker PGC	3/21/2009	16
Danny J Hansen	3/13/2010	15
Angel Velez	3/19/2005	14
Thomas E. Ferro	3/23/2012	13
Robert Harris Jr. PM	3/23/2012	13
Steven W. Mitchell	3/23/2012	13
Robert M Biedebach	3/2/2013	12
Frederick J. Lang	3/2/2013	12
Scott P. Vicari PGP	3/2/2013	12
Jason W. Capozio	3/15/2013	12
Andy O. Rodriguez Jr.	3/15/2013	12
Andrew Thomas Stewart	3/15/2013	12
Gary M Clemmens	3/25/2011	12
James H. Choyinski	3/21/2014	11
Paul A. Neafsey	3/20/2014	11
Curtis M. Wood	3/20/2014	11

2025 In Memoriam

Brother

Robert E. Collier

Initiated September 20th, 1963

Passed October 18th, 1963

Raised November 15th, 1963

Called from Labor: November 10th, 2024

Brother

Roger T. Wells

Initiated January 20th, 2012

Passed February 17th, 2012

Raised March 23rd, 2012

Called from Labor: December 2nd, 2024

Brother

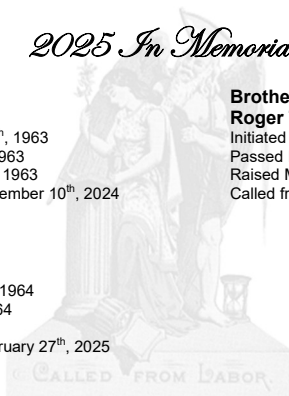
Edwin W. Messey

Initiated February 14th, 1964

Passed March 20th, 1964

Raised April 17th, 1964

Called from Labor: February 27th, 2025



Dues

Any outstanding dues balance is now past due. NPD Notices for 2024 (and prior) balances will begin in March 2025. If you need assistance, contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary ASAP.

Your current balance will show on your Grandview landing page.

Merchantville Lodge 2025 Dues Breakdown:

GL Assessment: \$76.00

Lodge Dues: \$89.00

2025 Total Dues: \$165.00 (Dual Member: \$89 | 50+ year: \$76)

Available Payment Methods:

By Check: Make Checks payable to "Merchantville Lodge"

Send to:

Merchantville Masonic Temple

6926 Park Ave

Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Amity App: See next page for info

Venmo: @merchantville119 (Add \$5 to cover the fee)

PayPal: Scan QR Code (Includes fee amount)

2025 Dues + PayPal Fee (\$5)



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WB Shawn M Roberts, PM

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Bro. Joseph McGuckin Jr.

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RW Mark R. Richardson,
PGSB...Treasurer

RW Raymond W. Taylor, Sr.,
PGC...Secretary

WB Henry Olsen, PM...Tyler

LODGE TRUSTEES

DB Kenneth Pierce (2024)

WB Raynaldo Santiago (2025)

MW Larry Plaskett (2026)

DISTINGUISHED

BRETHREN

DB Rolf U. Benninghoven

DB John M. Belko

DB Kenneth L. Pierce

DB Enrique Rosario, PM

DB Stephen Callaghan

AFFILIATED & DUAL PAST MASTERS

Floyd D. Britt

Edward S. Keller

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Raymond L. Garrison, PSGD

Harold W. Monahan

Frederic K. Berman

Charles E. Kern

Patrick C. Weisgerber, Sr., PSTGM

Henry P. Fratz, PDDGM

Keith A. Herman, PDDGM

Daniel J. Walker, PGC

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MW Harold F. Jennings, PGM

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MW William H. Berman, PGM

MW Joseph H. Rival, PGM

MW Gerald J. Sharpe, PGM

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RW Thomas R. Stallone, PDDGM

RW Richard Wimmer, PGC

RW Dale A. Lynch, PDDGM

RW Scott R. Vicari, PGP

WB David N. Tilton, PM

LIVING PAST MASTERS OF MERCHANTVILLE LODGE No. 119 F&AM



1972 Thomas A. Muskett
1975 Thomas W. Lowe, Sr. PGT
1977 Thomas E. Roth
1983 George E. Emmanuel, PSGD
1984 Larry S. Plasket, PGM
1985 Phillip H. Lowe
1992 Mark R. Richardson, PGSB
1996 J. Michael Aaron, PGC
1998 Leroy R. Emory, Jr.
1999 Thomas R. Smith III
2003 Raymond W. Taylor, Sr. PGC
2004 Daniel L. Lloyd
2005 Eugene L. Wallace
2006 William W. Johnson, Sr.
2007 Robert W. Hertneck, PDDGM
2008 Javier Seguinot
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