

### LIVING PAST MASTERS

Donald T. Harriott – Called Home 11/7/2024	1963
* Richard Gondiosa	NY 1970
Robert W. Dodds	1976
David W. Bolsman	1978
William J. Fisher – Called Home 4/14/24	1980, 2006
Bertram J. Koeber	1987, 1990
* Gary Stoess, PGC	1985, 2000, 2001
C. William De Winne	1991
J. Eugene Margroff, GM	93,07,09,12,13,17,18
Charles H. Taylor	1994
Robert L. Tedeschi	1997
Joseph K. Hamamji	1999
* Jonathan Blausten	NY 2000, 2004, 2005
Vincent S. Tillona	2000, 2001
Russell G. Bickert	2002
David J. Balistrieri, GTyler	2004, 05, 08, 14, 15, 16
Harry B. Pruyn	2010
Joseph B. Pakosinski	2011
* Roy G. Simpadian, GMar	10,11,14,15,20,21,22,23
* G. Edward Umstead	2012
* Larry W. Williams, PGC	2016
* Mitchell D. Lane	2017
* Barry A. Dooley, Jr.	2018
Pat Cuntrera	2018, 2019, 2020
* Raymond V. Kasey	2021
Peter Samaan	2023, 2024
Richard Alam	2025

\*Affiliated Past Masters

### Distinguished White Apron Brethren

James Castner | Al Van Slyck

### LODGE COMMITTEES

Candidate Investigation: Pakosinski, Pruyn  
Esoteric Instruction: Balistrieri, Simpadian  
Candidate Instruction: Cuntrera  
Budget: J. E. Margroff, GM, Simpadian, GMar  
Audit: Castner  
Veteran's Home Visits: Van Slyck  
Activities Committee: Castner, Samaan, Cuntrera

### Lodge Trustees

2025 WB Pat Cuntrera 2026 DB James Castner  
2027 WB Barry Dooley, Jr.

### LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2024

#### Worshipful Master

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#### Sr. Master of Ceremonies – Nicholas Abolafia

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#### Jr. Master of Ceremonies – WB Harry Pruyn

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#### Senior Steward – Michael Fialkoff

973.699.4783 (Diane)

#### Junior Steward – Victor Garcia, Jr.

201.247.6617 (Lori)

#### Marshal – O'Neil Ellis

917.573.0776 (Olympia)

#### Historian – WB Joseph Hamamji

201.424.5894

#### Tyler – WB Barry A. Dooley, Jr.

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#### Proxy to Grand Lodge

WB Barry A. Dooley, Jr.



## Wyckoff Lodge No. 287

Free and Accepted Masons  
of the State of New Jersey

**APRIL & MAY 2025**

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**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays**

**Constituted May 7, 1949**

By merger with:

**Fidelis No. 242 in 1971**

**Hamilton Wallis No. 227 in 1977**

**Falls City No. 82 into Hamilton Wallis in 1973**

**DLI - Monday, March 3<sup>RD</sup> 7:30 PM**

**Friday, March 7<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM**

**Stated Communication**

**Friday, March 21<sup>ST</sup> 7:30 PM**

**"The Rise & Fall of the Poor Fellow Soldiers"**

### Grand Lodge 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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## MASTER'S MESSAGE

As we step into March, we are reminded of a historic moment in our Masonic heritage: On March 3, 1753, a young George Washington advanced to the degree of Fellowcraft in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia. This pivotal step in Washington's Masonic journey is not only a testament to his commitment to our Craft but also a reminder of the profound significance of the Fellowcraft degree in our own lodge's work. Recently, we had the honor of conferring the Fellowcraft degree to our Brother and Brethren from two lodges in our district. The degree was carried out with dignity and excellence, mirroring the spirit of dedication that Washington exemplified. Our officers executed their roles with precision, and it was uplifting to see the candidate's enthusiasm and eagerness to progress in their Masonic journey. Such ceremonies not only transmit our ancient traditions but also strengthen our own understanding and commitment to the Craft.

The Fellowcraft degree, rich in lessons of knowledge and understanding, serves as a bridge between the physical and the intellectual, guiding the candidate from the practical labor of the Entered Apprentice to the deeper insights of a Master Mason. As we reflect on Washington's advancement over two centuries ago, let us also consider how each of us can continue to build our own symbolic temple through study, reflection, and the application of Masonic teachings in our daily lives.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to all who contributed to making our recent degree work a success. Your dedication ensures that our lodge remains a beacon of Masonic light and learning. May we continue to draw inspiration from our history as we build towards a brighter future.

## Grand Master of Masons for New Jersey

MW J. Eugene Margroff (First Lady Mary)  
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### Deputy Grand Master

RW J. Omar S. Morris

### Senior Grand Warden

RW Bruce C. Golway

### Junior Grand Warden

RW Bernard J. Madgey, V

### Grand Secretary

MW Larry S. Plasket

### Grand Treasurer

MW Douglas R. Policastro

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### NJ Grand Lodge Web Site

[www.NewJerseyGrandLodge.org](http://www.NewJerseyGrandLodge.org)

### CANDIDATES IN WAITING

#### Restoration after more than 5 Years

Bro. Terence J. Crotty  
**Master Mason Degree**  
Bro. FC Wilbur Suarez, Jr.

### 2025 Dues are Due December 31<sup>ST</sup>

**\$96.00 for Regular Members**

\$20 for Dual Members from New Jersey

\$0 for Active Service Men & 50+ Year Members

### Payable to Wyckoff Lodge No. 287

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## DESIGNS UPON THE TRESTLEBOARD

**Friday, April 4<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM**

Stated Communication

Rehearsal for Master Mason Degree

**DLI ~ Monday, April 7<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 PM**

Genesis 88 – Pompton Lakes, MM Only

**Friday, April 18<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY ~ NO MEETING**

**Friday, May 2<sup>ND</sup> 7:30 PM**

Stated Communication

**Friday, May 16<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM**

Stated Communication

**All Questions to: WB Richard Alam**

Dinner at 6:30 PM by RSVP Only

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## Notable Upcoming Events

### GRAND LODGE EVENTS

**Grand Master's Beefsteak**

**Saturday, May 3<sup>RD</sup> 6PM \$65pp**

Ramsey Masonic Temple  
24 N. Franklin Tpk, Ramsey

### Name That Tune

*Beat the Grand Master*

**Sunday, May 4<sup>TH</sup> 4PM**

Rutherford Masonic Temple  
169 Park Ave, Rutherford  
\$25 Teams Up To 4 – BYO

**Monday, June 2<sup>ND</sup> 8AM**

**Grand Master's Golf Outing**

Gambler's Ridge Golf Club  
Cream Ridge, NJ \$160pp

**Wednesday, October 29<sup>TH</sup> 6PM**

**Charity Ball**

The Venetian, Garfield