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Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

There is an English proverb from the 1500s that states, "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers". This saying is often interpreted as a reflection of the transition from the harshness of winter to the vibrant blossoming of spring. For us as speculative Masons, this proverb can be seen as a metaphor for the journey through life's hardships and the joys that follow.

Life inevitably presents us with trials and tribulations, often resembling those April showers that may seem dreary or burdensome. However, it is important to remember that we are never given challenges that we cannot handle. These "showers" can take various forms-be it personal struggles, setbacks, or emotional turmoil. How we respond to these challenges ultimately shapes our character and the way others perceive us.

As Masons, we aim to embody the ideal of the perfect ashlar, a symbol of a well-crafted and refined stone. This aspiration calls for the continual process of chipping away at our rough edges and smoothing out our imperfections. Each trail we face is an opportunity for growth and self-improvement. By diligently working on ourselves, we pave the way to experience the "May flowers"-the joys and successes that come from overcoming adversity.

In this light, we can appreciate that the journey through hardship is not merely a passage of suffering but a vital part of our transformation. Just as April showers nourish the earth, allowing flowers to bloom in May, our challenges nourish our personal growth, leading us to a more fulfilled and joyous existence.

Fraternally,

Sean Goldrick Worshipful Master 2025

Essex Lodge No. 7 Calendar

<u>Tuesday April 1, 2025</u> **Regular Business Meeting - Guest Speaker** Trustees Meeting - 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm Open: 7:30pm Dress: Smart Casual (Polo/Collared Shirt)

Sunday April 13, 2025 Brian Johnson Family Night Meeting at the Prudential Center to watch the NJ Devils take on the NY Islanders. Check TeamReach for more information. Start: 1:00pm 25 Lafayette St, Newark, NJ 07102

> <u>Tuesday April 15, 2025</u> **Regular Business Meeting** Dinner: 6:30pm Open: 7:30om Dress: Semi-Formal

Monday April 28, 2025 DLI – Nutley Masonic Lodge No. 25 Dinner: 6:30pm Master & Wardens: 7:15pm Instruction: 7:45pm Dress: Business 175 Chestnut St, Nutley, NJ 07110

Craftsman Club Events

 Feel Good Fridays

 Please join us every Friday night at Lodge for some fun and fellowship! Beginning at 7pm. Future Events soon to follow.

 Family Game/Movie Night More information to follow

Order of Eastern Star: Lincoln Chapter

Wednesday April 9, 2025 Installation of Officers Open: 7:30pm Dinner: To Follow Meeting

NOTICE:

Brethren, please make sure you create an account with Grandview and update your personal and contact information. It is important that 100% of Essex Lodge members participate in the Grandview registration process. Dues can now be paid by Zelle. Add <u>Secretary@essex7.com</u> as a recipient on your bank's mobile app.

> Donald J. McGee, PM -Secretary, Essex Lodge No. 7

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Awaiting EA Degree Brian Bycheck

Awaiting FC Degree (and EA Proficiency) Amit Shah Joseph Lachina

Richard Fung Ricardo Rodriquez

Awaiting MM Degree (and FC Proficiency) Peter Molinsky

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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.