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WB Maxim G Marcille, Jr	2001/04
RW Bernhard W Hoff PGH	2004/08/17
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
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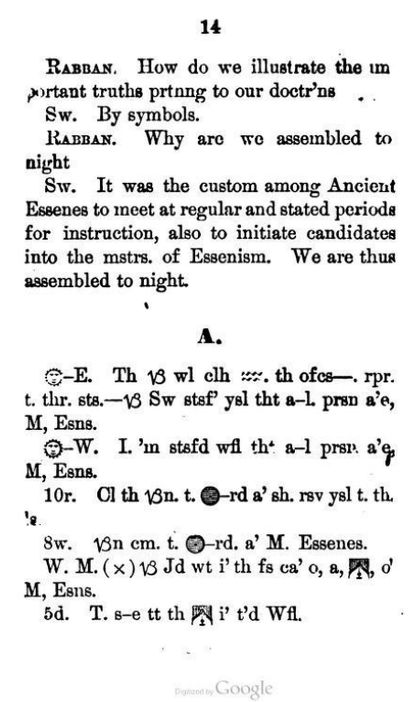

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RABBAN. How do we illustrate the im portant truths prtnng to our doctr'ns

Sw. By symbols.

RABBAN. Why are we assembled to night

Sw. It was the custom among Ancient Essenes to meet at regular and stated periods for instruction, also to initiate candidates into the mstrs. of Essenism. We are thus assembled to night.

A.

⊙–E. Th ⅓ wl clh ⁂. th ofcs—. rpr. t. thr. sts.—⅓ Sw stsf' ysl tht a–l. prsn a'e, M, Esns.

⊙–W. I. 'm stsfd wfl th' a–l prsn a'e, M, Esns.

10r. Cl th ⅓n. t. ⊙–rd a' sh. rsv ysl t. th. 's.

8w. ⅓n cm. t. ⊙–rd. a' M. Essenes.

W. M. (×) ⅓ Jd wt i' th fs ca' o, a, ⊼, o' M, Esns.

5d. T. s–e tt th ⊼ i' t'd Wfl.

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From The East

Brethren,

Because of a generous gift from Brother Eric Wolf we were able to restart our scholarship program for the North Brunswick High School. This scholarship was for a student who would be attending a Technical Education Program, and participated in activities that supported the school and community.

Below you will find the presentation that our newly raised Brother, Kenny Simpson, wrote for me to present. This is a demonstration of the strong team work that is growing at Union Lodge:

Ladies and Gentlemen, Esteemed Guests, and Honored Recipients,

It is truly a privilege to stand before you today as a representative of the Freemasons and to have the opportunity to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of these remarkable young individuals.

Scholarships are not just financial assistance; they are a testament to the values we cherish — wisdom, integrity, brotherhood, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Today, we celebrate your dedication, perseverance, and the bright potential each of you embodies.

For those of you unfamiliar with Freemasonry, let me share a little about us. Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest and most respected fraternal organizations, dedicated to promoting moral uprightness, charity, and community service. We believe in the dignity of every person and the pursuit of knowledge and truth. As Freemasons, we seek to embody these principles in our daily lives and to support the growth and success of our communities.

Our mission here today is rooted in those same ideals — to foster education, empower youth, and build a better world. We believe in investing in the future — and that future is you.

Congratulations to each recipient — may this award serve as a stepping stone toward your dreams and aspirations. Keep striving, stay true to your principles, and remember that your journey contributes to the betterment of all.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Roy Kowalski,

Worshipful Master 2025

Designs Upon the Tressleboard

Lodge Dates

September:

1st Mon	Labor Day Holiday – no meeting – Enjoy the holiday!		
8th Mon	P'ton lodge #38 Table Lodge honoring RW Omar S. Morris DGM.		
15th Mon	Regular Communication	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
22nd Mon	Rehearsal for FC degree		7:00 pm
29th Mon	Rehearsal for FC degree		7:00 pm

October:

6th Mon	Regular Communication FC degree (tentative)	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
13th Mon	Rehearsal for FC or MM degree		7:00pm
20th Mon	Regular Communication Alternate night for FC deg.	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
27rd Mon	Rehearsal – either MM or Open/Close with 2026 officers		7:00 pm

November:

13th Thur	Fund Raiser at Stumpy's Hatchet House BYO, incl. tricky-tray & 50/50 raffle	6:00 pm

Other Official District Dates

September:

10th Wed	District Lodge of Instruction	7:00 pm
	District Association meeting	6:00 pm
	Raritan Valley #46	

October:

3rd Fri	Table Lodge honoring candidates for JGW At Milltown/Palestine #247	6:30 pm
8th Wed	District Lodge of Instruction At Princeton #38	7:00 pm

Other dates of interest:
☞Sat. Sept 27th - DGM's North vs. South Festive board at Fellowship Center in Burlington
☞Fri. Oct 10th – Beef Steak Fundraiser honoring RW McClew PDDGM at RVL#46
☞Tue, Oct 21, Statewide Candidates' Night in Burlington
☞Wed, Oct 29th – GM Charity Ball at The Venetian in Garfield

Awaiting FC Degree:

Bro. EA Obiora John Okagbue
Bro. EA Jordan James Coe

Awaiting MM Degree:

Bro. FC Yu-Chuan "Archuan" Hu
Bro. FC Thiago Cardoso Carvalho

Historical Light

The cover art for this Trestleboard is a sample page from a ritual cypher that uses an entirely different set of symbols from what we use in NJ today.

There were two main cypher systems in common use in the US starting in the 1870's. The cypher system we use was originally the system used in a series titled *King Solomon and his Followers*, published by Allen Publishing in NY, later acquired by McCoy's. This page is from the competing *Ecce Orienti* cypher (Latin for *Look to the East*). In order to misdirect cowans, the book pretended to be a ritual of a fictitious Modern Order of Essenes, not masons.

The first 14 pages of the book contained a supposed history of that group. Finally in the middle of page 14 the actual masonic opening ceremony begins. This is not a NJ opening, but close enough that you can get the idea. My attempted translation follows:

WM. The brethren will be clothed and the officers repair to their stations. Brother SW satisfy yourself that all present are Master Essenes.
SW. I am satisfied worshipful that all present are Master Essenes.
WM. Call the brethren to order as such (*rsv?*) yourself that they are.
SW. Brethren come to order as Master Essenes (*probably stand giving dg. & sn. & hold sn. of fidelity*)
W.M. (X means rap to seat lodge) Brother JD, what is the first care of a lodge of Master Essenes?
JD. To see that the lodge is tyled Worshipful.

At first this cypher seems quite cumbersome to use, but only because we are used to something different. This standing to order as masons during opening is typical of English lodges, so it is no surprise that it is also done somewhere in US lodges as well.

Ben Hoff, Past Grand Historian

Grand Lodge Dates

There are many other Grand Lodge Events, Grand Lodge Officer (future GMs Teams) Events, and Lodge Events that are in the Grand Lodge Electronic Newsletter.

Also at Union Lodge Building:

NJ Lodge of Research #1786 – Sat. Sept. 13th
Coffee & donuts 8:30am, meeting 9:00 am

Scott Chapter #4 RAM – Friday Sept. 12th
6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting.

Scott Council #1 RSM – Friday Oct. 10th
6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting.

OES Dates
TBD

More dates of interest:

TBD

Lodges of 12th Masonic District:

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

Princeton Lodge # 38
345 River Road, Princeton NJ
2nd & 4th 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