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Lodges of the 3rd Masonic District

AT&T No. 77	2 nd & 4 th Thur
Fulton Friendship No. 102.	1 st & 3 rd Tues
Mosaic No. 194	1 st & 3 rd Thur
Temple No. 173	1 st & 3 rd Wed
Salomon No 306	1 st & 3 rd Fri
DLI	1 st Mon

COMICIONES/COMMITTEES

**PLANIFICACION ESTRATEGICA/
STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Alberto Hernández, Ludwin Álvarez,
Heriberto Cruz

FINANZAS/ FINANCE

Conrado Lezcano, Rolando Núñez, Jorge L.
Álvarez

INVESTIGACIONES/ INVESTIGATIONS

Ludwin Álvarez, Alberto Hernández,
Heriberto Cruz

**DESARROLLO DE LA MEMBRESIA/
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Cristian Reyes, Jovian Hernández Alberto
Hernández, Rodolfo M. Zanetti

**INSTRUCCIÓN RITUAL/ RITUAL
INSTRUCTION**

Heriberto Cruz- Olivieri, Cristian Reyes,
Alberto Hernández

**MEDIOS DE COMUNICACIÓN SOCIAL/
SOCIAL MEDIA**

Ludwin Álvarez- Heriberto Cruz

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.*



*Find out more about us—
The Grand Lodge
of New Jersey*

www.newjerseygrandlodge.org



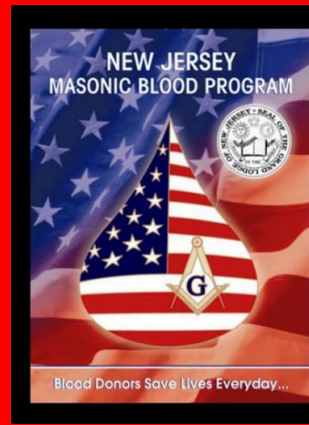
LIVING PAST MASTERS

Alberto Hernandez-2019-Charter WM

Ludwin Alvarez-2020&2024

Heriberto Cruz- 2022&2023

AMERICAN RED CROSS



HONORARY MEMBERS

MW∴ Gregory J. Scott, PGM 2019

MW∴ J. Eugene Margroff, GM

RW∴ Omar S. Morris, DGM

RW∴ Gennaro Addesso, PDDGM

**SALOMÓN LODGE No. 306,
of Free & Accepted Masons**

EST-JANUARY 6th, 2019



OCTOBER 2025



**Regular Meetings 1st and 3rd Friday of
every month with the exception of July
and August at 7:30pm**

Ridgefield Park Masonic Temple

129 Main Street

Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

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V:M: Cristian Reyes

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W.: M.: Cristian Reyes

H./Bro. Rigoberto García-Rodriguez
H./Bro. Carlos Guerra-Lopez

Bro. John Salguero	Chaplain
Bro. Joel Foot Mayze	Marshall
Bro. Washington D. Rodríguez	Tyler

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/2- Ludwin Álvarez
10/2- Rodolfo M. Zanetti
10/24- Jorge L. Álvarez



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MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY

July 1, 2025

Brethren,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey, I am pleased to share significant news regarding the future of the Masonic Village in Burlington.

We have officially signed an Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) with Tryko Partners, the organization that will be acquiring the Masonic Village. This agreement represents a pivotal and thoughtfully considered step toward ensuring the continued care and well-being of our residents and staff, while also reinforcing the long-term stability of our charitable mission.

As you are aware, the decision to sell the Masonic Village was not made lightly or easily. It followed many months of careful deliberation, extensive due diligence, and an unwavering commitment to upholding the values and integrity that have guided our Foundation for generations.

Tryko Partners brings with them deep experience in senior care and a shared dedication to excellence. We are confident in their ability to honor and carry forward the legacy of compassion, dignity, and service that has long defined the Masonic Village.

We also recognize that our residents and staff have faced a challenging period of uncertainty in recent months. Their patience, strength, and resilience during this time have been nothing short of admirable. That is why we are especially heartened by the progress we've now made — and why we remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting and communicating with all members of our Masonic Village family.

From the outset, transparency has been our guiding principle. We've worked to ensure open, honest dialogue with our residents, staff, and their families, and that commitment will continue. As we move into this next phase, we will remain actively engaged with all stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition — one that prioritizes continuity of care, stability, and the well-being of our entire community.

I am also pleased to report that we have secured a Post-Closing Agreement from our lender, Hamlin Capital Management. As you may know, the Foundation currently carries approximately \$78 million in debt. While I am not at liberty to disclose the sale price yet, I can share that it falls significantly short of the outstanding obligation. Through the Post-Closing Agreement, Hamlin will fully release the Foundation from this debt, despite the shortfall, once the payments in the Agreement have been made, and from any future claims related to it. We are profoundly grateful for Hamlin's cooperation and the thoughtful partnership that made this resolution possible.

Now that both the APA and the Post-Closing Agreement have been finalized, we will begin working with the necessary regulatory agencies in the State of New Jersey — including the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Health, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We estimate that this regulatory process will take approximately five to six months to complete before we are able to finalize the closing.

Throughout this period, we remain focused not only on a successful transition but also on the continued growth of the Foundation's charitable mission. This includes expanding outreach programs that serve our membership and their families, strengthening our scholarship initiatives, and continuing to provide meaningful support to the broader Masonic community.

To our members: thank you. Your steadfast support and trust have been vital throughout this journey. We will continue to keep you updated as this process unfolds.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Joseph K. Barbara

R.W. Joseph K. Barbara, President
Masonic Charity Foundation of NJ

Hold the Dates

Annual Communication of the

Grand Lodge of New Jersey

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4-6, 2025

At the Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ

If you are interested in just making a hotel reservation without buying the whole package, you do so by contacting the hotel directly and use the following code when making the reservation:

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FIDELITY LODGE No. 113
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE
OFFICIAL VISIT OF
MOST WORSHIPFUL J. EUGENE MARGROFF
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN
& OPEN RECEPTION IN HONOR OF
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MICHAEL T. FIRKSER
SECRETARY TO THE GRAND MASTER
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ROY G. SIMPADIAN
THE GRAND MARSHAL OF THE GRAND LODGE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH \$85PP
BEER, WINE, & SODA INCLUDED
THE BROWNSTONE | 351 WEST BROADWAY, PATERSON
4:00 PM SOCIAL | 5:00 PM DINNER | RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
ATTIRE: BLACK TIE OPTIONAL
RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 24TH
MAIL TO BUTCH ELLIOTT
38 MAIN STREET, FLANDERS NJ 07836-9112
PAYABLE TO: FIDELITY LODGE No. 113
MEMO: GRAND MARSHAL'S RECEPTION
NAME(S): _____
M/W/ F/W: _____
LODGE/DISTRICT: _____
EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____
MEAL SELECTION: FILET MIGNON, CHICKEN FRANÇAISE, ATLANTIC SALMON
SELECT ONE
QUEST MEAL: FILET MIGNON, CHICKEN FRANÇAISE, ATLANTIC SALMON
SELECT ONE
TABLES OF 10 MAY BE RESERVED BY PROVIDING A LIST OF ALL GUESTS ATTENDING. MEAL SELECTION AND PAYMENT IN FULL BY SEPTEMBER 24TH.
CONTACT RW BUTCH ELLIOTT WITH QUESTIONS
201.390.3415 | BUTCH0012@GMAIL.COM

In the event of his election, RW Omar S. Morris cordially invites you to attend:

Grand Master's Reception 2025

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025
FROM 11:00AM TO 4:00PM

Hosted at the Venetian located at 546 River Drive, Garfield, NJ

More information to follow!

Brethren and families,

The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey is excited to share our 2026 scholarship application with you.

- Continued Expanded Eligibility.** Eligibility for most scholarships now include child, step-child, niece, nephew, grandchild or step-grandchild of a living or deceased Master Mason in good standing.
- Scholarships available.** Scholarship offerings include students attending 2-year College, Trade/Technical School and 4-year College/University.
- Simplified Google Form Application Process.** One application form (via Google Forms) will cover all nine MCF Scholarship offerings.

See the attached flyer for more details or contact Scholarship Coordinator Karla Lippincott at 609-239-3830 or klp@mcfnj.org for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely and fraternally,
The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey

Class of 2026

The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey offers these scholarships to students interested in pursuing higher education.
For the single application for all scholarships, visit myurl.com/mcfscholarship26
All completed applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2026

2-Year College, Trade/Technical School 4-year College/University	4-Year College/University	
Burk-Townley Scholarship \$4,000 \$1,000 minimum per year For Graduating High School Seniors One 4-year and at least one 2-year /trade school available Must be child or grandchild of NJ Mason Demonstrate financial need	Asbury Jordan Lodge Scholarship \$4,000 \$1,000 per year for 4 years For Graduating High School Seniors GPA: B or 3.0 over last 2 years SAT 1400 Relative of NJ Mason preferred* Demonstrate financial need in honor of Christian Magnusson and John D. Post	Culver DeMolay Scholarship \$4,000 \$1,000 per year for 4 years For Graduating NJ High School Seniors GPA: B or 3.0 over last 2 years SAT 1090 or ACT 21 Active DeMolay preferred
Serewitch Family DeMolay Scholarship \$20,000 \$5,000 minimum per year for up to 4 years For Graduating NJ High School Seniors GPA: C or 2.2 over last 2 years; SAT 1200 Must be active New Jersey DeMolay Demonstrate financial need Organized swimming activity required	Chairman of the Board Scholarship \$10,000 \$2,500 per year for 4 years For Graduating High School Seniors 3 available GPA: B or 3.0; SAT 1290 or 27 ACT Must be relative of NJ Mason*	Patterson Engineering Scholarship \$16,000 \$4,000 minimum per year for 4 years For Graduating NJ High School Seniors Engineering Major required GPA: C+ or 2.5 over last 2 years
Sol & Reba Serewitch Scholarship \$5,000 \$5,000 for 1 year For Graduating NJ High School Seniors GPA: C or 2.2 over last 2 years; SAT 1300 Must be relative of NJ Mason* Demonstrate financial need	John H. Critchley, Sr. & Emma F. Critchley Scholarship \$4,000 \$1,000 per year for 4 years For Graduating High School Seniors Engineering/Related Science Major required GPA: B or 3.0 Unmarried sons or grandsons of NJ Mason only	Taylor Scholarship \$4,000 \$1,000 per year for 4 years For Graduating High School Seniors Must be relative of NJ Mason* Must perform up to 30 hours of community service at Masonic Village or other approved Masonic institution

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey offers these scholarships. For an application visit www.newjerseygrandlodge.org

William Mayer Memorial Scholarship	William Mayer Memorial Scholarship
\$4,000 \$2,000 per year for 2 years For High School Graduates ~ 2 Available GPA: C+ or 2.5 over last 2 years Must be relative of NJ Mason	\$4,000 \$2,000 per year for 2 years For College Graduates ~ 2 Available GPA: B+ or 3.25 over last 2 years Must be relative of NJ Mason

*Relative is defined as the child, stepchild, niece, nephew, grandchild or step-grandchild of a living or deceased Master Mason in good standing i.e. Masonic Lodge of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey

Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey ~ 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 ~ (609) 239-3830 ~ klp@mcfnj.org

New Jersey Grand Master Cruise 2026



Cruise Details:

- Dates:** July 30th to August 8th, 2026
- Destinations:**
 - Bermuda
 - Phillipsburg, St. Maarten
 - San Juan, Puerto Rico
 - Labadee, Haiti
- Departure/Return Port:** Cape Liberty, NJ

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Office Hours: Mon. to Fri. (10am to 5pm);
Sat. (10am to 1pm)

**RW Omar Morris and Lady
Stephanie cordially invite you to a
caribbean adventure!**

Join us on Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas as we sail through the Caribbean and make lasting memories.

As an added treat, we will be celebrating Omar's REAL birthday to close out the adventure.

Booking through our group rate provides access to private group events and gift giveaways—including Omar's birthday party!



New Jersey Grand Master Cruise 2026

**Pricing Options via
Seaview Travel LLC's
Group Booking**

Please Keep In Mind:

- To take advantage of these rates, it is important to make a reservation and deposit as soon as possible. **These rates are locked for a specific amount of rooms per room type and will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis.**
- Once we meet our max. amount of rooms for a category, we are not able to add more rooms within that category at this price point. In this scenario, the travel agent will explore the other room options available to you and its corresponding cost.
- You will have until **May 2026** to cancel with a **full refund of your deposit** if you are no longer able to attend.
- The prices listed are for **2 people per room**.

Room Type/Price:

- Promenade View Interior:** \$3,249.46 (20 cabins reserved)
- Connecting Promenade View Interior:** \$3,203.46 (20 cabins reserved)
- Ocean View Balcony:** \$4,941.46 (75 cabins reserved)
- Ocean View:** \$3,715.46 (10 cabins reserved)
- Ocean View:** \$3,693.46 (35 cabins reserved)
 - These ocean view options are the same type of room- the difference would just be location on the ship (ex. lower vs. higher deck or forward vs. midship).
- Inside:** \$2,877.46 (15 cabins reserved)

SALOMON LODGE No. 306
Free & Accepted Masons
Consecrated January 6th, 2019
Chartered April 17th, 2019



129 Main Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

"Making Good Men Better"

Salomon Lodge No. 306 is proud to support this event and extend our fraternal best wishes to our Brothers, their families, and our community.

We continue to labor in the quarries with dedication to the Craft, upholding the traditions of Freemasonry while striving for light, knowledge, and brotherly love.

Salomon Lodge No. 306 is one of the few Spanish-speaking lodges in the Jurisdiction, fostering fellowship and understanding among a diverse membership.

**MEETINGS ON THE 1ST&3RD
FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
EXCEPT JULY&AUGUST**

Contact Us! @ Salomon.no.306@Gmail.com

The Grand Lodge

Most Ancient and Honorable Society
of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey

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EDICT

WHEREAS, Trials were held to hear the charges of unMasonic conduct against R. W. Gary J. Olson on September 14, 2022; R. W. Jose Villalta on September 27, 2022; and R. W. Michael Holt on October 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, R. W. Olson was found guilty of 47 specifications, R. W. Villalta was found guilty of 57 specifications, and R. W. Holt pleaded guilty to 22 specifications; and

WHEREAS, each were independently sentenced to penalties of expulsion, followed by the completion of all appeals; and

WHEREAS, I, as Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey have been requested to review the penalties imposed following the trials, and have compared these penalties against prior penalties imposed for similar charges against others in the past, and having reviewed these matters and believing that the actions of these expelled brothers was similar to that of prior bad actors who did not receive as significant a penalty; and,

WHEREAS, based on my review, and my understanding of basic Masonic jurisprudence, that although by edict this may seem shortsighted, I personally consider the overall sentences in these cases to have been excessive;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby invoke my authority, pursuant to Landmark 3 and suspend, to the extent necessary, the provisions of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, Title Four, Article XI, Section 8, Part 7, and consider the time served under the current expulsions to be adequate penalty; and,

DGM OMAR MORRIS PRESENTS 2025 Festival of Trees

Sponsorship Request

Join the exclusive group of Masonic Sponsors in making the Festival of Trees a reality! This large scale tricky tray-style event transforms the Masonic Fellowship Center into a Winter Wonderland with Santa Claus as the guest of honor.

How it works?

- Sponsors decorate an 8x8 space with a tree and \$1,000 worth of prizes.
- During the event attendees purchase tickets for a chance to win their favorite trees.
- On the last day of the event, tickets will be drawn and winners will be selected.

• PRIZE RAFFLE • SUPER CASH RAFFLE •
• FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA •
(Donations Welcome)

Event Details
Masonic Fellowship Center - 1114 Oxmead Rd. Burlington, NJ

- November 21st: 2pm - 8pm**
- November 22nd & 23rd: 10am - 8pm**
- November 28th & 29th: 10am - 8pm**
- November 30th: 10am - 4pm**

Proceeds will support Masonic Charities & the extended Masonic Community.

Please contact WB Wade Collins for sponsorship opportunities.
FestivalOTreesNJ@gmail.com (201) 889-3104

SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE 10/31/2025



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PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
2025 ANNUAL GRAND LODGE

CHARITY RAFFLE



1ST PRIZE
2026 MERCEDES-BENZ GLA-250 4Matic (VALUE \$46,500)

DRAWING: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025 AT 3:00 P.M.
141 DRS. JAMES PARKER BLVD., RED BANK, NJ 07701
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GRAND LODGE CHARITIES

DONATION \$5.00 **PRIZES** DONATION \$5.00

2ND PRIZE: VACATION VOUCHER (VALUE \$2,500)
3RD PRIZE: IPAD (VALUE \$800)
4TH PRIZE: LAPTOP NOTEBOOK COMPUTER (VALUE \$600)
5TH PRIZE: VISA GIFT CARD (VALUE \$500)

NO SUBSTITUTIONS OF THE OFFERED PRIZES WILL BE MADE AND NO CASH GIVEN IN LIEU OF THE PRIZES
ALL PRIZES MUST BE CLAIMED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF OFFICIAL NOTICE OF WINNING
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TRAVEL VOUCHER
\$2,500

\$500
GIFT CARD

It is **HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately, R.W. Olson, R.W. Holt, and R.W. Villalta are, by virtue of this Edict, restored to active membership in the Grand Lodge F & AM of New Jersey, and entitled to the rights and privileges of active membership, and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Grand Secretary shall communicate this Edict to the involved Brethren, the elected officers of this Grand Lodge, the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, all lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction and other Grand Lodges with which this Grand Lodge enjoys fraternal communion.

Dated: September 24, 2025

J. Eugene Margroff

J. Eugene Margroff
Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey

Larry S. Plasket

Attest: Larry S. Plasket, PGM
Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of New Jersey



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RSVP by Sunday, October 5th
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Scan the QR Code on the flyer to pay & lock in your seat

OCT 11, 2025

Steaming Hot Crabs
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Sweet Corn on the Cob
(While Supplies Last)
Craving something else?
Chicken and French Fries available upon request!
4 PM SOCIAL - 5 PM START - 9PM END

