



# JANUARY

Dinner is at 6:30PM every Tuesday evening.  
(Please consider donating to our Steward's Box!)

## January 6

## Rehearsal

- Trustees Meeting @ 6PM
- Holiday De-decorating
- Opening/Closing Rehearsal
- Fellowship

## January 13

## Regular Communication

- WM Curcia's 2026 Look Ahead
- Business of the Lodge
- Fellowship

## January 15 (Thursday) at 7:00PM:

### District Lodge of Instruction – Matawan #192

- 192 Main Street - Matawan
- Open to all Master Masons / Suite and Tie Attire
- Officers' Attendance Strongly Encouraged
- *Come support your Lodge and your District!*

## January 20

## Rehearsal

- 1<sup>st</sup> Section EA<sup>o</sup> Rehearsal
- Fellowship

## January 27

## Regular Communication

- Presentation by Brother Greg Davicsin
  - *"From What and To What" – A Philosophy on Initiatic Rites*
  - Open to Master Masons Only
- Balloting on Petitions
- Business of the Lodge
- Fellowship

## 17<sup>TH</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT

[www.facebook.com/NJ17th](http://www.facebook.com/NJ17th)

Navesink No. 9 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
Caesarea No. 64 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays  
Ocean No. 89 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
Durand No. 179 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
Matawan No. 192 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays



# MASTER'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year Brothers! Not only for our calendars, but for the new yearly Masonic Cycle. I am very excited to have the honor to be Worshipful Master of Olive Branch Lodge once again! I look forward to the Lodge's upcoming events, multiple degree work, new financial soundness and tracking, newly raised Brothers, and continuing the Olive Branch tradition of being a light for Masonry throughout the District and the State!

When I first sat in the East, I asked all of you to remember why you became a Mason. This year I ask you all to ask yourselves - what are you giving back? Not just to Masonry, but to your communities and the world. What would be the point for Masonry to impart light if it is not shared? Are your kind offices open to all? The world is a better place not just when we care for those who agree with us or are of the same mindset. Masonry has shown us that we are all different Brothers, from completely different backgrounds and experiences. Some Brothers I have become closest to share completely different world views than me. It's commonly mentioned that Brothers might never have had a conversation or shared Fellowship with another Brother in the outside world, if it wasn't for Masonry that brought them together. It's what makes us unique!

As we start this year, think about the positive difference you will make in someone's life by listening to them, being there for them, or possibly reminding them of their erring. Also, to be the light, you must be open to receiving the light; remind yourself of your own erring and failings. Be humble with a compassionate heart to all. Take personal responsibility for yourself, for to lead, one must first learn how to follow.

May Heavenly Blessings rest upon all of us and may 2026 be a banner year for Olive Branch Lodge and for Freemasonry!!

**WB Christopher Curcia**

# FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brothers, **2026 Dues Notices** have been sent out via regular mail and/or email. 2026 Dues are as follows:

<b>2026 Total (Regular Members):</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>
<b>2026 Total (Dual Members):</b>	<b>\$134.00</b>
<b>2026 Total (GL Assessed Members):</b>	<b>\$ 76.00</b>

## Online Payment of Dues

Aside from remitting dues via cash or check, they can also be paid online via **PayPal, Apple Pay, Venmo, or Credit/Debit Card**. If you choose to use this eCommerce option, there is a non-negotiable processing fee assessed to us from PayPal. The fee is added as "tax" to the amount owed. Scan the appropriate QRCode below to open the payment portal.

*Advance payment is greatly appreciated!*



Please note: Payments through Grandview or Amity have not been setup. Please do not use these options.

Make sure to include your full name as part of the payment note. Please contact the Secretary if you have any questions.

*Have you moved recently or changed your contact information? Please either update your profile in Grandview or contact the Secretary so that he can do so. We can't stay in touch with you if we don't know how to reach you!*

**If you haven't signed up with Grandview, please do so as soon as possible as all membership coordination and communications are through that system.**

# GRAND LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Contact the Secretary for more information on any event.

## See Grandview and "The Garden State Mason" Communications Regarding:

- Blood Drives throughout the Jurisdiction
- Grand Lodge Education Committee: Winter Seminar (1/24)
- RW Glenn Visscher JGW's Reception (2/21)
- Grand Master's Gala (3/15)
- Roast of RW Bud Madgey, SGW (3/26)
- RW Bruce Golway, DGM's "A Night in Nashville" (3/28)
- Grand Master's Golf Outing (6/1)
- Grand Master's Cruise (7/30-8/8)
- Other Upcoming Events in our Grand Jurisdiction
- The "Voyager Passport" Experience for Traveling Masons

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## Builder's Club Reservations

Our Builder's Club annual reservation fee is due. \$50 for an open spot, a bottle donation for renewals. Any renewals not received by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, will forfeit the spot. See RW Ken Long to settle your tab.

## Artificer's Reservations

Our Builder's Club annual reservation fee is due. \$50 for renewals or an open spot. Any renewals not received by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, will forfeit the spot. See B. Mike Tompson to settle your tab.

## George Washington Birthday Breakfast

Sunday, February 15, 2026 @ 8:30AM

Open to Masons, Friends, and Family  
Adults \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Children: requested donation of \$5

Presentation on Bro. Theodore Roosevelt  
By the Brothers of Olive Branch Lodge #16

## Freehold Borough's St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 11:00AM  
West Main and McLean Streets to Elks Point

## 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Districts Reception And Official Visit of MW Morris, Grand Master

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune City  
5PM Social, 6PM Dinner, 7PM Reception  
Ticket Information Coming Soon

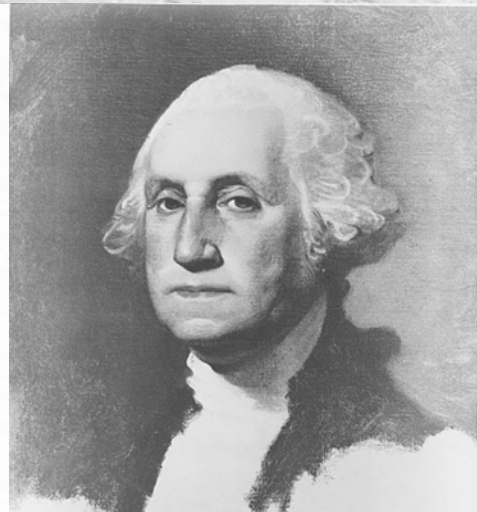
## 17<sup>th</sup> District Grand Lodge of Instruction

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at Olive Branch #16

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE #16



Free & Accepted Masons

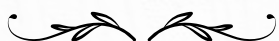


# George Washington's Birthday Breakfast

Sunday, February 15, 2026

2 Dutch Lane Road · Freehold, NJ 07728

Doors open at 8:30am, Breakfast at 9am



## BREAKFAST MENU

Scrambled Eggs · Bacon · Sausage ·  
Hash Browns · Pancakes ·  
Fresh Fruit · Crepes



## ENTERTAINMENT

Special Presentations by the Brothers of  
Olive Branch, Celebrating the Life of  
Bro. Theodore Roosevelt · Raffles/50-50

*Open to family and friends*

Adults: \$10 per person pre-sale, \$15 at the door

Children: Requested donation of \$5

See Bro. Matt Kuziemski for tickets or scan to purchase online.



Questions? Email [secretary@olivebranchlodge.org](mailto:secretary@olivebranchlodge.org)  
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