

Active Past Masters

WB Dean M Shoemaker	1969
WB Jerome G Kadesh	1971
RW David B Littman GChan	1975
RW George Petrantonakis PGC	1982/92/99
RW Roy Kowalski, PJGD	2000/24
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 Eric D Wolff	2009/26
WB David Philips	2012
RW Raymond Helge, PDDGM	2013/22
WB Alex Kolbasowski	2012/14
WB Alfred J Rodriguez	2016/20/21
WB Arthur H. Campbell III	2023

Grand Lodge Mission



Trustees of Union Lodge

John Dougherty DWA	2026
Alfred J. Rodriguez PM	2027
-Vacant-	2028
Frank Moschella, Sr DWA	2029
Roy Kowalski PJGD	2030

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Union Lodge #19 **Free & Accepted Masons**

Constituted April 9, 1850

January & February 2026



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Master's Message

Hello Brothers,

Well, it is a new masonic year, full of possibilities and hopes. We have some real challenges ahead of us as a lodge, but some real opportunities as well.

We've brought in new brothers in the last couple of years, but we really need to look to bring in even more new brothers in 2026 as well as have some of our formerly absent brothers come back out to join us. We have a lot of great events planned for this upcoming year, but we need more brothers to share it with. We are again running local Charity events to support domestic violence services, presenting Masonic lectures, doing fundraisers, and performing local community involvement. We've been coming out as a lodge to North Brunswick's Night Out, and Heritage Day events, as well as contributing during local food bank collection drives.

Union #19 is again giving out scholarships to the local high school graduates, running blood drives in the lodge, presenting Masonic light at all meetings, as well as performing new formats of table lodges.

But right now, we NEED YOU! Come out to support your lodge, share fellowship, and have fun with us. Also, help christen the new bar and fellowship area we are setting up in the collation room.

This is a new Union Lodge, come out and see what's happening in YOUR Lodge and share the fun.

Fraternally,

Eric Wolff, Union Lodge Master 2026

Designs Upon the Tressleboard Lodge Dates

January:

5 th Mon	Regular Communication Candidate prep. presentation	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
12 th Mon	Past Master's Meeting		7:00pm
17 th Sat	Blood Drive at Union Lodge 9:00 AM to 2:00PM Brothers need to arrive by 8:00 AM for set-up		
19 th Mon	Regular Communication MLK day present. by M. Gomez	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
26 th Mon	Rehearsal, Planning & fellowship		7:00pm

February:

2 nd Mon	Regular Communication Presentation on Reception	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
9 th Mon	Rehearsal, Planning & fellowship		7:00pm
16 th Mon	Regular Communication President's day program	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
23 rd Mon	Rehearsal, Planning & fellowship		7:00pm

Other Official District Dates

12th Masonic District:

January:

10 th Sat	12 th Dist. Beefsteak & Tricky Tray fundraiser Location and time needed		
14 th Wed	12 th District Association DLI @ Milltown/Palestine	meeting	6:00 PM 7:00 PM

February:

11 th Wed	District lodge of Instruction @ Philo Lodge	meeting	7:00 PM
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March:

11 th Wed	GRAND Lodge of Instruction @ need location & time	meeting	7:00 PM
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Petition Awaiting Balloting:

-none-

Awaiting FC Degree:

-none-

Awaiting MM Degree:

-none-

Historical Light

The cover art for this Trestleboard is the front piece of the 1764 2nd edition of Laurence Dermott's book of Constitutions of the Antient Grand Lodge, titled *Ahiman Rezon*. At that time there were two competing Grand Lodges in England. One was the original Grand Lodge founded in 1717, called the "Modernes." The second GL, founded about 1759, was called the "Antients." The GL of NJ was formed by masons who considered themselves to be Antients, or as they described themselves, Ancient York Masons. This plate shows the coat of arms used by the two competing GL's. The top is the Antients, the bottom is the Moderns.

You may recognize the top coat of arms as the same as on the banner behind the Treasurer belonging to Scott Chapter of Royal Arch Masons who meet in our lodge building on second Fridays. This is no accident. The Antients considered the Royal Arch to be "the very pith and marrow of Freemasonry." They worked this degree under the authority of their GL charters with no additional authority necessary. The Moderns did not even recognize the RA degree for some decades. This is only one of the many ritual differences between the two GL's.

These ritual differences were the subject of continuing argument between them until they eventually merged in England in 1813 forming the United Grand Lodge of England which continues to today. At that time the merged UGLE devised the curious statement "Masonry consists of only 3 degrees, the EA, the FC, and the MM, including the RA." In America, the merger happened after the Revolution in the 1780's. The Moderns tended to be loyalists, whose lodges largely folded when the membership left for England or Canada leaving the Antients in possession of the field, absorbing the few remaining Moderns.

Ben Hoff, Past Grand Historian

Grand Lodge Dates

Grand Lodge Winter Seminar

Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Rd. Burlington
RSVP grand lodge website. 8:15 registration. 9:30-12:30
seminar. Contact M. Yatim 484-995-3337

Reception of Jr Grand Warden

Fellowship Center, Burlington - BYOB
\$80 per person Saturday Feb 21st Program 6:30PM

10th & 12th Districts GL Reception & Official Visit of GM

June 30th at Pines Manor in Edison. Times & prices TBD.

Also at Union Lodge Building:

Scott Chapter RAM - Fri Jan 9th 6:30 dinner, 7:30
meeting.

NJ Lodge of Research - Sat Jan 17th 9:30 AM.

Scott Council RSM - Fri Feb 13th 6:30 dinner, 7:30
meeting.

OES Dates

Raritan Chapter meets 1st Wednesdays (3rd Wed in
Sept.) at Philo lodge. All Master Masons Welcome.

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