

### Active Past Masters

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| 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       |

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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 <sup>th</sup> Mon                | Regular Communication                                     | Dinner  | 6:30pm  |  |
|                                    | Candidate prep. presentation                              | meeting | 7:30pm  |  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Mon               | Past Master’s Meeting                                     |         | 7:00pm  |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Sat               | Blood Drive at Union Lodge 9:00 AM to 2:00PM              |         |         |  |
|                                    | Brothers need to arrive by 8:00 AM for set-up             |         |         |  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Mon               | Regular Communication                                     | Dinner  | 6:30pm  |  |
|                                    | MLK day present. by M. Gomez                              | meeting | 7:30pm  |  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Mon               | Rehearsal, Planning & fellowship                          |         | 7:00pm  |  |
| February:                          |   |         |         |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon                | Regular Communication                                     | Dinner  | 6:30pm  |  |
|                                    | Presentation on Reception                                 | meeting | 7:30pm  |  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Mon                | Rehearsal, Planning & fellowship                          |         | 7:00pm  |  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Mon               | Regular Communication                                     | Dinner  | 6:30pm  |  |
|                                    | President’s day program                                   | meeting | 7:30pm  |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mon               | Rehearsal, Planning & fellowship                          |         | 7:00pm  |  |
| Other Official District Dates      |   |         |         |  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Masonic District: |   |         |         |  |
| January:                           |   |         |         |  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Sat               | 12 <sup>th</sup> Dist. Beefsteak & Tricky Tray fundraiser |         |         |  |
|                                    | Location and time needed                                  |         |         |  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Wed               | 12 <sup>th</sup> District Association                     | meeting | 6:00 PM |  |
|                                    | DLI @ Milltown/Palestine                                  | meeting | 7:00 PM |  |
|                                    | Discuss trip to GW Mem. Arlington VA                      |         |         |  |
| February:                          |   |         |         |  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Wed               | District lodge of Instruction @ Philo Lodge               | meeting | 7:00 PM |  |
| March:                             |   |         |         |  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Wed               | GRAND Lodge of Instruction @ need location & time         | meeting | 7:00 PM |  |

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 “Moderns.” 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** Social 4:00 PM  
Fellowship Center, Burlington – BYOB Dinner 5:00 PM  
\$80 per person Saturday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Program 6:30PM

**10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Districts GL Reception & Official Visit of GM**  
June 30<sup>th</sup> at Pines Manor in Edison. Times & prices TBD.

**Also at Union Lodge Building:**  
Scott Chapter RAM – Fri Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting.  
NJ Lodge of Research – Sat Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM.  
Scott Council RSM – Fri Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting.

**OES Dates**  
Raritan Chapter meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed in Sept.) at Philo lodge. All Master Masons Welcome.

**Lodges of 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District:**  
Union Lodge #19  
60 Cedar Ave, North Brunswick NJ  
1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, except July & August

Princeton Lodge # 38  
345 River Road, Princeton NJ  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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