

## LIVING PAST MASTERS

* Richard Gondiosa	NY 1970
Robert W. Dodds	1976
David W. Bolsman	1978
Bertram J. Koeber	1987, 1990
* Gary Stoess, PGC	1985, 2000, 2001
C. William De Winne	1991
J. Eugene Margroff, PGM	93,07,09,12,13,17,18
Charles H. Taylor	1994
Robert L. Tedeschi	1997
Joseph K. Hamamji	1999
* Jonathan Blausten	NY 2000, 2004, 2005
Vincent S. Tillona	2000, 2001
Russell G. Bickert	2002
David J. Balistrieri, PG Tyler	2004, 05, 08, 14, 15, 16
Harry B. Pruyn	2010
Joseph B. Pakosinski	2011
* Roy G. Simpadian, PG Mar	10,11,14,15,20,21,22,23
* G. Edward Umstead	2012
* Larry W. Williams, PGC	2016
* Mitchell D. Lane	2017
* Barry A. Dooley, Jr.	2018
Pat Cuntrera	2018, 2019, 2020
* Raymond V. Kasey	2021
Peter Samaan	2023, 2024
Richard Alam	2025, 2026

\*Affiliated Past Masters

## Distinguished White Apron Brethren

James Castner | Al Van Slyck

## LODGE COMMITTEES

Candidate Investigation: Pakosinski, Pruyn  
Esoteric Instruction: Balistrieri, Simpadian  
Candidate Instruction: Cuntrera  
Budget: J. E. Margroff, Simpadian  
Audit: Castner  
Veteran's Home Visits: Van Slyck  
Activities Committee: Castner, Samaan, Cuntrera

## Lodge Trustees

2026 DB James Castner, 2027 WB Barry Dooley, Jr.,  
2028 WB Pat Cuntrera

## LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2025

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**Junior Steward – Victor Garcia, Jr.**  
201.247.6617 (Lori)  
**Marshal – O'Neil Ellis**  
917.573.0776 (Olympia)  
**Historian – WB Joseph Hamamji**  
201.424.5894  
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201.456.1632 (Suzanne)  
**Proxy to Grand Lodge**  
Andrei Petrov, Jr.



# **Wyckoff Lodge No. 287**

**Free and Accepted Masons  
of the State of New Jersey**

## **FEBRUARY 2026**

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Facebook/Wyckoff Lodge

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays**

**Constituted May 7, 1949**

By merger with:  
**Fidelis No. 242 in 1971**

**Hamilton Wallis No. 227 in 1977**

**Falls City No. 82 into Hamilton Wallis in 1973**

## **Monday, February 2<sup>ND</sup> 7:30 PM**

DLI – Fidelity – MM Only Officers Required

## **Friday, February 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Beethoven and Masonry WB Thomas Ubriaco

## **Friday, February 20<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM**

Stated Communication

## **Grand Lodge 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.  
[www.NewJerseyGrandLodge.org](http://www.NewJerseyGrandLodge.org)

## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

As this month is the birthday of our beloved brother, George Washington, we reflect upon his integrity, using his life as a template to measure our own adherence to Masonic principles. It is not enough to simply admire his history; we must actively emulate the strength of character that defined him.

Washington's greatness lay not in the power he accumulated but in the power he willingly surrendered for the greater good. In our daily lives, we are often tempted to prioritize personal gain or ego, but the lessons of the Craft teach us to subdue our passions and act on the square. As we celebrate his birthday, ask yourself if your actions outside the Lodge reflect the obligations you took at the Altar. Are you a man of your word in business? Are you a pillar of support for your family and Brother? These are the true tests of a Freemason.

Additionally, February is often a cold and isolating month for our elderly members and widows. Emulating Washington's spirit of service involves reaching out to those who cannot be with us. A simple test or phone call to a distressed or absent Brother demonstrates that our obligation extends beyond the Lodge room doors.

Fraternally,  
Richard Alam

## Grand Master of Masons for New Jersey

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RW Bruce C. Golway

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### Grand Secretary

MW Larry S. Plasket

### Grand Treasurer

MW Douglas R. Policastro

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### CANDIDATES IN WAITING

#### Restoration after more than 5 Years

Bro. Terence J. Crotty

### AWAITING FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE

Br. EA Luke Larkin

Br. EA Vincent Martin

### 2026 Dues are Due December 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### \$96.00 for Regular Members

\$20 for Dual Members from New Jersey  
\$0 for Active Service Men & 50+ Year Members

#### 2026 Dues will remain the same

#### Payable to Wyckoff Lodge No. 287

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or **ZELLE to Wyckoff287@gmail.com**

### District Official Visits

Phoenix 168 – January 22<sup>ND</sup>  
Fidelity 113 – Friday. February 13<sup>TH</sup>  
Wyckoff 287 – March 6<sup>TH</sup>

## DESIGNS UPON THE TRESTLEBOARD

### **Monday, February 2<sup>ND</sup> 7:30 PM**

DLI – Wyckoff 287, MM Only

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Beethoven and Masonry  
WB Thomas Ubriaco

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Stated Communication

### **March 6<sup>TH</sup> 7:30PM**

Official Visit of the District Deputy

### **March 20<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM**

The History of Psalm 133 – RW Ron Murad

### **May 1<sup>ST</sup> 7:30 PM**

**Wyckoff Table Lodge w/ Grand Master**

### **All Questions to: WB Richard Alam**

Dinner at 6:30 PM by RSVP Only  
[reesharalam@gmail.com](mailto:reesharalam@gmail.com)

### **GRAND LODGE EVENTS**

### **Saturday, February 21<sup>ST</sup> 4:00PM \$80pp**

Junior Grand Warden's Reception  
Fellowship Hall, Burlington

### **March 15<sup>TH</sup> 2:00 PM \$125pp**

Grand Master's Gala  
"Remember the Ladies"  
The Liberty House, Jersey City

### **Monday, June 1<sup>ST</sup> 8:30 AM**

Grand Master's Golf Outing  
Shotgun Start 10AM  
\$175pp \$50 lunch only  
[TinyURL.com/gmgolf2026](http://TinyURL.com/gmgolf2026)  
Peddie Golf Club, East Windsor