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WB Dean M Shoemaker	1969
WB Jerome G Kadash	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
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Frank Moschella, Sr DWA	2029
Roy Kowalski PJGD	2030

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March & April 2026



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Master's Message

Hello Brethren,

This winter has really been something. Let's hope we're done with all the big snowstorms at least until next year. Either that or maybe look to invest into some good snowshoes.

What I'd really like to talk about, is our work toward revitalizing our Lodge. RW Brother Kowalski has started us off well during his tenure, but we need to keep building on that base. We need to be doing more activities outside our Lodge within our community, as well as traveling to other Lodges so they'll come to visit us. We've talked about what it would take to get back to being a vibrant active Lodge, but as well as events, speakers, community outreach, and fundraisers, which we're doing again. We need to physically put ourselves out there, so that the District and the larger community around us sees us as active and relevant. We have GLI coming up soon on Wednesday March 11th at Raritan Valley Lodge. It would be great if we could make a good showing. Also, if we could come out to DLIs, and visit some of our Sister Lodges. The more they see us, and laugh and chat with us, the more we will see them. And they will see Union Lodge as a fun place to come out to for some Fellowship whenever we have events.

All in good time Brothers. Rome wasn't built in a day, and we won't be rebuilt in a day either. But brick by brick we'll get there. The one other point I'd like to share is membership. We really need to keep our eyes out for friends, family, and people who we feel would make good Masons. Guard the West gate but point worthy men towards our door for membership.

We will get there,

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Eric Wolff, Master Union Lodge 2026

Designs Upon the Tressleboard

Lodge Dates

March:			
2 nd Mon	Regular Communication	Dinner	6:30pm
	Bill Kerswick presentation	Meeting	7:30pm
9 th Mon	Rehearsal; Open/Close/Ballot		7:00pm
14 th Sat	U#19 Charity Dinner for Women Aware (support victims of domestic violence) at Philo Lodge 6PM social, 7PM dinner, prog follows		
16 th Mon	Regular Communication	Dinner	6:30pm
	Masonic Ed. prog. By PGH Hoff	Meeting	7:30pm
26 th Mon	Rehearsal: EA 1 st Sect		7:00pm
30 th Mon	Trip to Durand Lodge for FC with actual staircase In 2 nd Sect. 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting (911 Richmond Ave, Point Pleasant NJ)		
April:			
6 th Mon	U#19 Table Lodge, Speaker: RW Craig Applebaum on "The Morgan Affair" 6:30 social, dinner 7:30pm		
13 th Mon	Rehearsal, EA 1 st Sec./receiv. DDGM on O.V. 7:00pm		
20 th Mon	Regular Communication	Dinner	6:30pm
	Official Visit of DDGM	meeting	7:30pm
	(Officers formal dress)		
27 rd Mon	Rehearsal, Planning & fellowship		7:00pm

Other Official District Dates

12th Masonic District:			
March:			
8 th SUNDAY	12 th Dist. GLI rehearsal @ Raritan Valley Lodge 2:00 PM Casual Dress		
11 th Wed	12 th District Grand Lodge Of Instruction @ RVL Officers Formal Dress	Dinner	5:30 PM GLI 6:30 sharp
April:			
8 th Wed	District lodge of Instruction @ Princeton	meeting	7:00 PM
Official Visit Dates:			
April 13 Princeton Lodge #38			
April 17 St. Stephens Lodge #63			
April 20 Union Lodge #19			
May 6 Raritan Valley Lodge #46			
May 12 Philo Lodge #243			
May 19 MilltownPalestine #294			

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 "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

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 Mar 13th 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting.

NJ Lodge of Research – Sat Mar 21st 9:30 AM.

Scott Council RSM – Fri Apr 10th 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