

## IN WAITING

### PETITIONING CANDIDATES

Michael Pamplona – Aberdeen  
James Shaw – New Egypt

### ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

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### FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

Bro. EA Nicholas Brando  
Bro. EA Tyler DeRosa  
Bro. EA Anthony Ferro, III  
Bro. EA Jio Francois  
Bro. EA Joshua Klapeik  
Bro. EA Anthony Malet  
Bro. EA Edward Mullins  
Bro. EA Mehul Sompura  
Bro. EA Jason Treat  
Bro. EA Eric Vitale

### MASTER MASON DEGREE

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### MASTER MASON EXAM

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## NJ GRAND LODGE

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MW Glenn R. Trautman, PGM	2012
RW Richard W. Holsa, PDDGM	2013
RW G. Roger Woodman, PFGS	2021
RW Harry Young, PD of the South	2022
MW Omar S. Morris, MWGM	2023
WB Herbert Hall	2024

### AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

Franklin K. Bahrs (P#118)	1971
Fred W. Berenbroick (W#184)	2001
Adam M. Reich (A#142)	2010, 2012
William M. Mangold (O#89)	2011
Denis De Leon (HA#41)	2013
Michael J. Emerson (G#88)	2014, 2022
Robert T. Sullivan (HA#41)	2014
Glenn A. Cantor (O#89)	2017
Robert E. DePeto (O#89)	2019
Chris J. Harris (N#9)	2020
Steven J. Hertel (N#9)	2023
Fouad E. Kashouty (M#150)	2025
Steven B. Vitale (H#199, GLNY)	2025

## LIVING PAST MASTERS

Paul C. Hankins	1983
Mark I. Krogh	1989
Derek G. Smith	1991
William R. Bailey	1992, 1998
Gordon R. Prochnow, Jr.	1995, 2000
Edgar A. Schmidt, PGC	2002
Albert F. Baldwin III, PGC	2003, 2007
Robert W. Oliver	2005
Michael L. Caprio Jr.	2009
Richard E. Cavanaugh	2010
Albert M. Barbato	2012
Edward S. Keller	2013
Frank A. Girello	2014
Daniel F. Xavier, PGC	2015
Ralph G. DePalma, III	2016
Nicolas A. Compitello, PGC	2017
John Perri, Jr.	2018
Kenneth A. Long, PGC	2019
Peter De Lucia, PA2GM	2020
Andrew M. Rizzitello	2021
Lee J. Friedland	2022
Christopher M. Curcia	2023
Maliek S. Olden	2024
William D. Bilbow, III	2025

## 2026 COMMITTEES

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## OLIVE BRANCH LODGE

NO. 16

## FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

Established 1849

2 Dutch Lane Road  
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

Regular Communications  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:30PM

# APRIL 2026

[www.OliveBranchLodge.org](http://www.OliveBranchLodge.org)

Find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/OBL16) (OBL16)

Follow us on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/olivebranch16) (olivebranch16)

### Our Mission Statement

*FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Trust in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self!*

# APRIL

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

## April 7

### Rehearsal

- Trustees Meeting @ 6PM
- Full FC° Rehearsal
- Fellowship

## April 14

### Regular Communication

- Presentation by RW Christian Stebbins, PSGS
  - *Laboring in the Quarries: Creating a Culture of Empowerment to Maximize Your Lodge's Potential*
  - Open to All Masons
- Entered Apprentice Examinations
- Business of the Lodge
- Fellowship

## April 16 (Thursday) at 7:00PM:

### District Lodge of Instruction – Caesarea Lodge #64

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

## April 18 (Saturday)

### Emergent Communication

- FC° @ HTMT
- See "Lodge Announcements"

## April 21

### Rehearsal

- 1<sup>st</sup> Section MM° Rehearsal
- Fellowship

## April 28

### Regular Communication

- Presentation by WM Chris Curcia
  - *Leadership in a Masonic Lodge*
  - Open to All Masons
- 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

My Brethren,

It has been proven that about 90 percent of all people are good and will always do the right thing. This has been proven true across all cultures, religion, political beliefs, etc. To most of us, this is common sense knowledge.

When mixing again with the world, let not the cowans and eavesdroppers tempt you to join in their concerns and employments. Make sure you are doing good to all human beings. We are all children of the Great Architect; not some: all.

As a Freemason, we can set the example of prudence, the example of diligence, the example and of temperance among others. Keep your temperance within due bounds. Especially outside the Lodge. You're a Mason while at labor and you're even more of a Mason while on refreshment! Always be kind to one another even to those you disagree with. Patience is the highest form of inner strength.

## WB Christopher Curcia

The 17th Masonic District is proud to announce that applications are now open for our 2026 Scholarship. We are committed to supporting the next generation of leaders in our community by offering an award to help fuel their educational journey.

- Award Amount: \$500
- Who Can Apply: Graduating high school seniors who are related to Master Masons within the 17th Masonic District.
- Focus: Academic achievement, community involvement, and character.

### How to Apply:

Don't miss out on this opportunity to ease the burden of tuition or books! Download the fillable PDF application through the QRCode. Reach out to the Scholarship Coordinator, Adam Reich (732.995.1683 or [amreich@gmail.com](mailto:amreich@gmail.com)) for full details and deadline information.



*"Investing in the future, one student at a time."*

# 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
- RW Bruce Golway, DGM's Masonic Clay Shoot (5/3)
- 17<sup>th</sup> District BlueClaws Game (5/30)
- 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

# LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Contact the Secretary for more information on any event.

## Traveling Meeting of the Ancient and Honorable Order of Turtles

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - 7PM Social; 8PM Meeting  
Ocean Lodge #89 – Spring Lake Heights  
BYOB; Prospective Members Welcome!  
"Bloop! Bloop!"

## Emergent Communication - Fellowcraft Degree

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM  
Historic Trenton Masonic Temple – Ionic Room  
100 Barrack Street, Trenton  
Officers Attire: Tuxedo or Black Suit and Tie  
Candidates/Attendees Attire: Suit and Tie  
Carpooling is available from the Lodge at 8:45AM;  
Contact the Secretary if you're interested in carpooling.  
Collation Post Event will be coordinated during the degree.

## William Findlay Chapter of DeMolay Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 8PM  
Olive Branch Lodge #16  
\$10/Adult; \$5/Children 11 and Under  
Contact Dad Holst to RSVP: 908.794.7221

## Molly Pitcher's Famous Meatloaf Dinner

Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30PM to 3PM  
Olive Branch Lodge #16  
#20/ticket for Dine In or Take Home  
Take Home Orders must be received by April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Sister Margery Wright for information and ordering instructions: 908.507.5823

## Official Visit of RW Christopher J. Harris, DDGM

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026,  
Officers Attire: Tuxedo or Black Suit and Tie

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

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at Olive Branch #16

*Ancient and Honorable*

# ORDER OF TURTLES



*Traveling Meeting at*

## OCEAN LODGE NO. 89

*April 10th, 2026*

**7 PM – Social Hour**

**8 PM – Gavel Drops**

**BYOB – Bring Your Own Bottle!**



10 AM - SATURDAY  
APRIL 18TH

# FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

IONIC ROOM  
HISTORIC TRENTON MASONIC TEMPLE



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*William Findlay Chapter Order of DeMolay*  
*Spaghetti dinner*

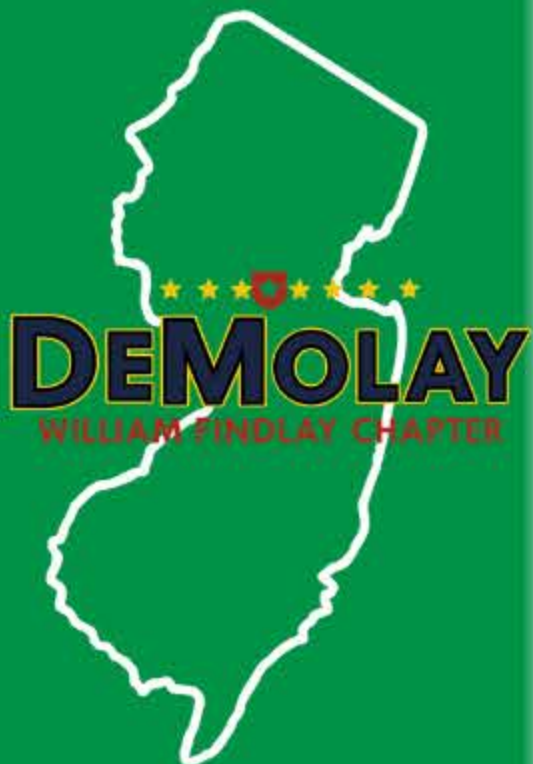
**DATE: APRIL 18, 2026**

**OLIVE BRANCH MASONIC LODGE NO 16**

**2 DUTCH LANE RD, FREEHOLD, NJ 07728**

**TIME: 5 PM TO 8 PM**

**USE THE QR CODE TO RSVP  
OR CONTACT DAD HOLST  
RWHOLST@GMAIL.COM  
908.794.7221**



**RSVP**



**PAY**



**CHILDREN 11 AND UNDER: \$5**

**ADULTS: \$10**

**PRE-ORDER HELPS US PREP. DOOR TICKETS AVAILABLE**

# Molly Pitcher's Famous Meatloaf



Let us do  
the cooking  
and prep work

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**SUNDAY, APRIL  
26TH**

1:30 PM TO 3:00 PM

DINE IN AND ENJOY A FULL MEAL

OLIVE BRANCH MASONIC LODGE  
2 DUTCH LANE ROAD  
FREEHOLD, NJ

For more information & ticketing:  
Call or Text Margery at 908 507-5823

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**OR PRE ORDER A LOAF OR 2 TO TAKE HOME**

(Loaf Only) Ready to Bake and Feeds 8-10

Make checks payable to Molly Pitcher #198 and mail to  
Margery Wright, 12 Aldgate Drive, Brick NJ 08724 by April 20, 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Meatloaf \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Pick up 4/26/26 at Lodge between Noon and 3PM

\_\_\_\_ Arranged pick up by member of MP #198 \_\_\_\_\_

**\$20**  
TICKETS