

TRESTLEBOARD



From the East

MICHAEL KRAUS
PM, WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Brethren, this past month we have been reminded of a stark reality: life is a series of beginnings and endings. The things we do between the beginning and the end are many, varied, and of greater or lesser importance in the moment and in the context of time. It is in the context of time that the things we do or don't do are judged and become our legacy.

Sadly, we have had to say good-bye to one of our own: Distinguished Brother David Babcock. His earthly labor completed, Brother Dave has put down his tools and ascended to the Lodge on high. He will watch over us from his place in the kingdom of light and love. His memory will continue to inspire all who knew him.

As in life, in our Lodge where there are endings there are also new beginnings. Amongst the Brethren we look forward to the beginning of new life with the birth of children, the progression of the education and careers of each other and the people in our lives, the initiation and advancement of our Brothers and the acquisition of greater knowledge and understanding of our Masonic way of life, ourselves and our Great Creator.

Embrace the challenges life presents you. Learn from them. Become the light that shines on the paths of those who follow you. Your greatest legacy will be in the way you have touched the lives of your successors.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge on May 1st for our next regular communication. Our focus will be in preparing to confer the Fellow Craft degree on our worthy candidates. I hope we will be able to do this in June. Time is short and the goal is important.

It is an honor to sit in the Oriental Chair again this year.

Laborare est orare.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Michael Kraus, PM
Worshipful Master
Hightstown Apollo Lodge No. 41 F&AM



STATED MEETINGS

We are a moon lodge; our meetings are held on the Friday coinciding with or immediately following the full moon.

January 9, 2026
February 6, 2026
March 6, 2026
April 3, 2026
May 1, 2026
June 5, 2026
October 2, 2026
October 30, 2026
November 27, 2026
December 4, 2026

Dinner at 6:30pm
Meeting at 7:30pm

**Masonic education,
ritual practice and
fellowship**

Thursday evenings
at 6:00 pm

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From the West



RON MAYER
SENIOR WARDEN

Greetings, Brethren,

As spring is well underway, so our Lodge continues to grow. I look forward to seeing our six newest Entered Apprentices earning the Fellowcraft Degree, and one Fellowcraft to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Fellowcraft is another station in the journey of a Mason to become a better man. As Master Masons, it is incumbent upon us all to guide our newest brethren on their journey. When we present them with the plumb, square and level, we are living examples of the virtues of the Brotherhood and how Masons walk through the journey of life.

I thank you for your involvement and support. May God bless you all.

Fraternally,
Ron Mayer
Senior Warden



From the South



THOMAS PETER REYNOLDS
JUNIOR WARDEN

Greetings, Brethren,

It is my sincere hope that this message finds you in good health and high spirits during this most glorious season. The labors of the past month were abundant and fruitful; let us therefore press forward with renewed purpose and unwavering resolve.

That said, we must ask ourselves: why is it so vital that we practice diligently and strive for excellence in all that we undertake? Our Craft is no mere routine—it is a sacred study in righteousness, peace, kindness, and the bonds of manly friendship. These timeless virtues have been entrusted to us by our ancient Brethren and faithfully transmitted from generation to generation.

Our individual faiths instruct us through doctrine, yet it is the Craft that teaches us application. It trains the mind to think symbolically and mystically, to perceive truths beyond the veils set before us by those who wield worldly power.

How, then, do we practice? The good news is that much of this work may be accomplished at home. Read attentively. Commit to memory one sentence at a time. Think of this process as laying stones, one upon another, patiently constructing a temple of words. Such preparation allows our Lodge practice to be used more wisely—refining floor work, reciting what has been learned, and engaging in thoughtful inquiry.

The work we do matters—not only to ourselves, but to the world at large. May the world, in time, rise to meet the standard we endeavor to uphold. Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

Yours in Fraternity,
Br. Thomas Reynolds
Occupant of the JW Chair

“When the Master governs with wisdom and the Wardens uphold with loyalty, the Lodge stands firm and united”

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Your Lodge Officers

<i>Worshipful Master</i>	<i>Michael Kraus PM</i>
<i>Senior Warden</i>	<i>Ronald Mayer PM</i>
<i>Junior Warden</i>	<i>Thomas Reynolds</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Ernesto C. Somera PM</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Christopher Aiello PM</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>James Hauck PGC</i>
<i>Senior Deacon</i>	<i>Dominique Jennette</i>
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	<i>Conny Svensson</i>
<i>Sr Master of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Brett Scott</i>
<i>Jr Master of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Robert Meier</i>
<i>Senior Steward</i>	<i>Michael Shashoua</i>
<i>Junior Steward</i>	<i>Brian Yuro</i>
<i>Marshal</i>	<i>J. Dennis Cuan GC</i>
<i>Tyler</i>	<i>Earl C Groendyke PM</i>
<i>Historian</i>	<i>Alexander J.C. Bragat PDDGM</i>
<i>Proxy to Grand Lodge</i>	<i>Edgardo Villafuerte PM</i>
<i>Lodge Trustee</i>	<i>Earl Groendyke (2023)</i>
<i>Lodge Trustee (Chairman)</i>	<i>James Hauck PGC (2023)</i>
<i>Lodge Trustee</i>	<i>Matthew Beltran PM (2024)</i>
<i>Lodge Trustee</i>	<i>Alexander J.C. Bragat DDGM (2024)</i>
<i>Lodge Trustee</i>	<i>Ronald Herzog PGC (2025)</i>
<i>Lodge Trustee</i>	<i>Michael Shashoua (2025)</i>

“Lodge officers are not defined by the titles they hold, but by the service, example, and leadership they give to the Craft”

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For Initiation or Advancement

Knocking at the door

To be initiated Entered Apprentice

Sharod Dijon Kearney

Ronith Banganoori

Michael Deman

Christopher Felton

Robert Yamson

Hakeem Bey

Joseph Ragno III

To pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft

Jezreal Nazario

To be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

“In our efforts to grow the Craft, remember to guard the West gate”

Living Past Masters

William Rowles 1972

Ronald Mayer 2006, 2010

Bob Sprout 1973

John Chobrda 2007

Gary Grubb 1976

Barry Cutler 2008

Wayne Hetzell 1976

John Chobrda 2008

Charles Stults III, PGC 1979

Earl Groendyke 2012

Peter McNulty 1980

Denis de Leon 2013

Francis Conway 1981

Robert Sullivan 2014

Wayne Hetzell 1985

Alexander Bragat, PDDGM 2015

Raj Sudarsanam 1988

James Hauck, PGC 2016, 2018

George Smith, PGC 1990

Ernesto Somera 2017

Thomas Estelle 1991,1993

Ronald Herzog PGC 2019

William A. Counterman 1994

Anthony Katawick 2020

James Mount, PGC 1995, 2001

Michael Kraus 2021

Gerald Fabisch 1997, 1998

Edgardo Villafuerte 2022

Mark Megee, PDDGM 1999

Matthew Beltran 2023

Carlos Rodriguez 2000

J. Dennis Cuan 2024 GC

Michael Lakat, PGP 2004

Christopher Aiello 2025

“A Past Master never ceases to labor; his work may change, but his duty remains – to guide with wisdom, support with experience, and inspire by example”

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Masonic Birthdays

J. Dennis Cuan *May 1, 2017*

Carlos Rodriguez *May 3, 1996*

Alexander Bragat *May 5, 2011*

John Hamilton *May 5, 2011*

Rey Alonzo *May 13, 2017*

Matthew Beltran *May 13, 2017*

Chronological Birthdays

Scott Seiber *May 5*

Dominique Jennette *May 11*

Steven Brody *May 14*

John Jackson *May 21*

David Babcock *May 22*

“As the sun marks another year upon your journey, may the Great Architect of the Universe continue to guide your steps with light, wisdom, and brotherly love”

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District Lodges of Instruction

January 7, 2026	Wed	HA41	Opening, Drop to FC, Close on FC, Ballot
February 4, 2026	Wed	GM270	1st Section of MM Degree - 4 candidates
March 4, 2026	Wed	TC5	2nd Section of MM Degree - 5 candidates
March 9, 2026	Mon	TC5	GLI Rehearsal - NO DINNER - start 7pm (casual)
March 24, 2026	Tues	TC5	GLI Rehearsal - NO DINNER - start 7pm (casual)
April 1, 2026	Wed	TC5	Grand Lodge of Instruction
May 6, 2026	Wed	HA41	EA Degree, FC Degree (1st Section)
June 3, 2026	Wed	GM270	OPEN DLI - Gold Token Presentations
July 1, 2026			Dark for the summer
August 1, 2026			Dark for the summer
September 2, 2026	Wed	TC5	Rusty Mason, Lodge Protocol - nominations, elections, NPDs, etc.
October 7, 2026	Wed	A12	PMs only - Qualification Ceremony
November 3-5, 2026		Atlantic City	NJ Grand Lodge Session
December 2, 2026	Wed	TC5	Open, Close and Ballot from Advanced Stations

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Important Dates

Fri - May 1 - Hightstown Apollo #41 Meeting; Dinner 6:15 pm; Gavel 7:15 pm

Sun - May 3 - Masonic Clay Shoot - Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays -8:15 am

Mon - May 4 - Gothic Mercer #270 - Dinner 6:30pm - Gavel 7:15pm

Wed - May 6 - DLI for the 15th Masonic District - Dinner 6pm – Gavel 7pm

Sat - May 9 – Yard Sale/Open House

Mon - May 18 - Gothic Mercer #270 - Dinner 6:30pm - Gavel 7:15pm

Mon - May 25 – Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying

Sat - Oct 3 - Harvest Festival/Ducky Derby in Hightstown

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Lodges of the 15th Masonic District

Lodge	Address	Meeting Schedule
Trenton Cyrus 5	131 Burd Street, Pennington	3rd Wed @ 7:00 PM every month; except July & August. Dinner at 6:00 PM before all Regular Communications.
Amwell 12	21 Bridge Street, Lambertville	2nd Wed @ 7:30 PM every month. Dinner at 6:30 PM. No meetings in July & August.
Hightstown-Apollo 41	535 North Main Street, Hightstown	Full Moon Friday or directly after the full moon. Dinner at 6:30 PM; gavel at 7:30 PM. No meetings in July & August.
Horizon Daylight 299	2308 Burlington-Mt Holly Road, Burlington	2nd Wed of the month @ 10:00 AM.
Gothic-Mercer 270	3682 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Sq.	1st & 3rd Mon @ 7:30 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM every month except Jul & Aug.

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Voyager Award



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Voyager Award?

A Grand Lodge of New Jersey program encouraging Masons to travel, visit lodges, and embrace the spirit of the Traveling Man.

Who may participate?

Any Master Mason in good standing under the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, beginning after the one-year anniversary as a Master Mason.

What awards can be earned?

Journeyman Voyager Award (travel within New Jersey) and Master Voyager Award (travel within New Jersey, other U.S. jurisdictions, and internationally).

Journeyman Voyager Award requirements:

- One communication at your Mother Lodge
 - Two communications in your District (excluding your Mother Lodge)
 - Six communications in your Region (excluding your District)
 - Three communications in the two other NJ regions
- Only Regular or Emergent Communications qualify.

Master Voyager Award requirements:

- Completion of all Journeyman requirements
 - Three communications in three different U.S. Grand Lodge jurisdictions (excluding NJ)
 - One communication outside the United States
- Only Regular or Emergent Communications qualify.

Are Travel Certificates required?

Recommended, but not required, for visits outside New Jersey. A nominal fee may apply.

How are visits documented?

Each visit must be recorded in the Voyager Passport and attested by the Lodge Secretary or Worshipful Master.

What are the Notes pages for?

Optional space for reflections, insights, and documenting your Masonic journey.



Get your Voyager Passport
Scan to request yours today

The Past Masters Workshop

A Freemason's Guide to Modern Business Practices



What: Through this workshop each participant will be given all the tools and techniques necessary to develop him as an invaluable asset to the operation of a successful and sustainable Lodge. The Brethren will learn actual tried-and-true management techniques, which will enable them to improve the Lodge experience, while ensuring that the Brethren of the Lodge are sufficiently challenged to keep them invigorated and involved. Armed with these techniques, they will be better enabled to see that every goal is met, and the Lodge delivers all that Freemasonry has to offer.

Why: This workshop has been specifically designed to empower the Immediate Past Master and enable him to become a value-added asset to the incoming Worshipful Master and the Brethren of the Lodge. By offering these methods, tools and templates to Brethren as they work their way through the officer line, they will be better prepared to make the most of their long-term role as Past Master.

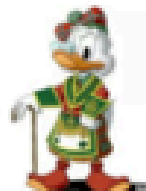
Where/When/How: This workshop can be scheduled by a Lodge or District, anytime that is most convenient. To schedule a workshop, we will require a minimum of 10 participants together with a space to accommodate a comfortable work environment.

Who: Jr. & Sr. Wardens, Worshipful Masters and Past Masters.

Format:

- A **four-hour workshop** will be facilitated by Masons, who are trained management professionals.
- An **interactive presentation** will be guided by various tools, formats and a PowerPoint.
- Each participant will leave with a detailed **Handbook for continuous reference.**

For enquiries contact: R.W. Vincent Capone at acgypsy12@aol.com



Masonic Events



**SATURDAY
MAY 2, 2026**

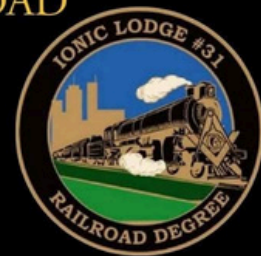
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2026 Grand Masters Class Scottish Rite A.A.S.R.



MW & *Illustrious*
Omar S. Morris
Grand Master of New Jersey



MW & *Illustrious*
Douglas R. Palcastro
Deputy for New Jersey

In Honor of:
**Most Worshipful
Omar S. Morris**
Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

Registration Begins at 8:00 am
Coffee & Donuts Available
Hot lunch will be Served



4th Degree



10th Degree



26th Degree



All New Members of the Class
will receive this
custom, limited-edition
Grand Master's Jewel



31st Degree



32nd Degree

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Trenton, NJ 08608

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excelsiorsnj@comcast.net

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Valley of Northern Jersey
Paul Ferreira
908-688-7483
vnnj744@gmail.com

To Join: scottishritennj.org/join

Details continue on next page

Brethren,

We are always looking for ways to innovate at the Scottish Rite and make your member experience the best it can be.

The latest addition will be that if you already have the 31st Degree and would like to see the 20th Degree instead, then we have you covered.

The 31st and the 20th are both being presented as Virtual Degrees so the opportunity was there to see if anyone was interested.

- You come in at the normal 9:00 am start time.
- Instead of going upstairs to watch the 4th & 31st Degrees, you will go to the Library on the 1st floor and see the 20th Degree instead.
- After that, while the crew is removing the screen upstairs, you can rejoin everyone and see the live Degrees.

This will just give you one more reason to come out and enjoy the day with your Brothers.



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MASONIC CLAY SHOOT

Join Gothic-Mercer Lodge No 270 for an exciting day of Sporting Clays!

Event to support RW Bruce C Golway Deputy Grand Master

May 3, 2026

Registration Opens at 8:15 AM / Safety Demo at 9:15 followed by Shotgun Start/ Rain or Shine

Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays (LVSC)

2750 Limestone Street, Coplay, PA 18037 - <https://www.lvsclays.com/>

\$170 per Shooter

Registration Includes: Cart, Course Fees, Ammo, Targets, Breakfast, & Lunch

Make Payment to: GOTHIC-MERCER LODGE 270
Mail Address: 3682 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690 *Shotgun Rentals are available for an additional charge

This event is open to all Family and Friends of Freemasonry, all are welcome.

Deadline to Register and Pay - 4/27/26

For More Information Call or Text

Mike Pylypiak +1 (609) 273-5525

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Email: gf270secretary@gmail.com

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- Signage at shooting station

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- Signage at Registration
- Signage at Shooting Station
- Registration for 8 Shooters (2 Foursomes)

Ammo Sponsor - \$1,000

- Recognition on Sponsor banner at Registration
- Registration for 4 Shooters (1 Foursome)
- Signage at shooting station

Event Sponsor - \$3,000

- Event Sponsor Banner at Registration
- Recognition on Sponsor banner at Registration
- Signage at Shooting Station
- Registration for 12 Shooters (3 Foursomes)

ADONIRAM LODGE No. 80

Presents

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FESTIVE BOARD**

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**MW OMAR
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Honored Guest
President of Square &
Compassion Foundation



**RW JUSTIN W.
MARCHESE III**

Guest Speaker
Director of Square &
Compassion Foundation

\$80.00 PER PERSON

7:30pm

Friday, May 8, 2026

321 Second Ave Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

MAKE PAYMENTS BY:



Please include the attendee's name(s) in the subject line.

lodgesecretary80@gmail.com



A portion of the proceeds will benefit the
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**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS
RE-CHAPTER CEREMONY**

Joint Base MDL Chapter #284
Formerly Fort Dix–McGuire AFB Club #284

You are cordially invited to attend this historic and meaningful occasion.

**Saturday, May 30th
1200 Hours (Promptly)**

**Mt. Holly Lodge #14 F&AM;
15 Garden St, Mt Holly, NJ 08060**

An initiation will immediately follow the re-chapter ceremony.
Active Duty Military and Veterans are encouraged to join our ranks.

Dress Code: Suit and Tie

RSVP
Bro Jay Colavita
njjaybo177@gmail.com
(856) 261-3278

A meal will be served at the conclusion of the event.

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U.S. UNIFORMED SERVICES



14 JUN 1775



13 OCT 1775



10 NOV 1775



04 AUG 1790



18 SEP 1947



20 DEC 2019



04 JAN 1889



22 MAY 1917

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in National Sojourners is open to citizens of the United States who are Master Masons in good standing in any duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons recognized by, and maintaining fraternal relations with, a majority of the Regular Grand Lodges in the United States and who are serving, or have served honorably, as members of the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Space Force, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service or the Commissioned Officer Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in the Active or Reserve Component, the regular or volunteer National Guard, or State Regulated Militia (SDF) or those who have been considered and approved for Honorary membership.



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NATIONAL SOJOURNERS® INCORPORATED

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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

PURPOSES

The Purposes of National Sojourners®, Inc. shall be to organize current and former members of the uniformed services of the United States and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons, into Chapters, for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed services of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military needs of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security.



PRONOUNCEMENT

National Sojourners believe in God as the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

We hold that political, economic, and social problems are subsidiary to and ever separate from that steadfast belief in God.

We maintain that God must motivate man, if present day problems are to be solved, and we urge active participation in maintaining that Government for which our forefathers fought.

Sojourners, remember that George Washington once said, "When we assumed the soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen."

HISTORY

National Sojourners®, Inc., has an unequalled Centennial history. Born of wartime requirements, the desire of displaced military Masons to seek each other's company, counsel, and aid continued to nurture the Order. Early in 1900, after the North Dakota Regiment departed the Philippines with its Field Lodge dispensation a group of Masons organized an informal club and named it "Sojourners."

In 1901, these Sojourners chartered Manila Lodge under the Grand Lodge of California. Captain Harry E. Stafford, 33°, an original Sojourner, was Chartering Master of Manila Lodge, and in 1913 he became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

The Philippine "Sojourners" resurfaced in 1907, open to Masons who were not members of local Lodges. Within a year, it had 174 members from the U.S. and eight other countries. Many Philippine Sojourners eventually returned to the U.S. In 1917, a group of Masonic military officers stationed in Chicago organized the "Sojourners Club."

Sojourners Club, originally composed of U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and Coast and Geodetic Survey Officers (1917), began chartering Chapters on or near Army posts and Naval bases (1918), became National Sojourners Club (1919), became National Sojourners (1927), became National Sojourners, Incorporated (1931), added Air Force (1948), and added Space Force (2021).

National Sojourners efforts focus on Americanism and Masonic activities. Patriotic activities include presentations, flag ceremonies, and other programs on national security and love of country, with focus on Youth. Our Bridge of Light Program directly supports Masonry by involving Sojourners in all Masonic activities, especially Blue Lodges.

PROGRAMS

AMERICANISM
ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
ROTC AWARDS
JROTC AWARDS

BRIDGE OF LIGHT
MASONIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS
COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE
BUILDING THE FLAG PROGRAM
SERVICE FLAGS PROGRAM
HISTORIC FLAGS PROGRAM
LODGE OF MILITARY TRIBUTE

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EDUCATION FOUNDATION
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We also support the following Youth Organizations:

DeMOLAY
JOB'S DAUGHTERS
RAINBOW GIRLS
BOY & GIRL SCOUTS
JROTC & ROTC

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2026 GRAND MASTER'S GOLF OUTING

All proceeds go to support the Grand Master's Charities!

Monday, June 1st, 2026
PEDDIE GOLF CLUB
671 OLD YORK RD
EAST WINDSOR, NJ 08520

Check-in with continental breakfast : 8:30am
 Shotgun start: 10:00am
 BBQ Lunch to follow

\$175 - Per Player (Limit 80)
\$50 - Lunch Only (Limit 20)

Register now, space is limited
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2026 GRAND MASTER'S GOLF OUTING

SPONSORSHIP

Grand Master's Circle of Distinction Sponsors

Golf Hole	\$150 - Tee Box Sign on course
Bronze	\$500 - Prizes & Awards (2 Available), Sponsor sign placed in area
Silver	\$750 - Beverage Cart (2 available), sponsor signs placed on cart
Gold	\$1,000 - BBQ Lunch (4 Available), sponsor banners in dining area
Platinum	\$2,500 - Name on giveaway, includes Golf Foursome
Diamond	\$10,000 - (1 Available) Name on giveaway, includes Golf Foursome, Sponsor banners showcased across the venue

ABOUT THE OUTING

Join us for a day of fellowship, fun, and philanthropy at the Grand Master's Golf Tournament, benefiting the Grand Master's Charities. This special event brings together Masons, friends, and community partners for a memorable day of golf, good food, and great company—all in support of a worthy cause.

Date & Place
JUNE 1ST, 2026
671 Old York Rd
East Windsor, NJ 08520

Sign up to be a Sponsor Now!
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New Jersey Grand Master Cruise 2026





Cruise Details:

- Dates:** July 30th to August 8th, 2026
- Destinations:**
 - Bermuda
 - Phillipsburg, St. Maarten
 - San Juan, Puerto Rico
 - Labadee, Haiti
- Departure/Return Port:** Cape Liberty, NJ

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RW Omar Morris and Lady Stephanie cordially invite you to a Caribbean adventure!

Join us on Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas as we sail through the Caribbean and make lasting memories.

As an added treat, we will be celebrating Omar's REAL birthday to close out the adventure.

Booking through our group rate provides access to private group events and gift giveaways—including Omar's birthday party!

New Jersey Grand Master Cruise 2026

Pricing Options via Seaview Travel LLC's Group Booking

Please Keep In Mind:

- To take advantage of these rates, it is important to make a reservation and deposit as soon as possible. **These rates are locked** for a specific amount of rooms per room type and will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis.
- Once we meet our max. amount of rooms for a category, we are not able to add more rooms within that category at this price point. In this scenario, the travel agent will explore the other room options available to you and its corresponding cost.
- You will have until **May 2026** to cancel with a **full refund of your deposit** if you are no longer able to attend.
- The prices listed are for **2 people per room**.

Room Type/Price:

- Promenade View Interior:** \$3,249.46 (20 cabins reserved)
- Connecting Promenade View Interior:** \$3,203.46 (20 cabins reserved)
- Ocean View Balcony:** \$4,941.46 (75 cabins reserved)
- Ocean View:** \$3,715.46 (10 cabins reserved)
- Ocean View:** \$3,693.46 (35 cabins reserved)
 - These ocean view options are the same type of room—the difference would just be location on the ship (ex. lower vs. higher deck or forward vs. midship).
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The 15th and 19th Districts
cordially invite you to the Official Visit of
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Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey
and open reception in honor of this year's Grand Staff

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Junior Grand Sword Bearer

RW Scott W. Daily
Junior Grand Steward

RW J. Dennis Cuan
Grand Chaplain

RW Timothy L. Cole
District Ritual Instructor - 19th

RW Russell A. Fries,
Grand Chaplain

RW Vikas Y. Sharma
District Ritual Instructor - 15th

RW Martin C. Ingenbrant IV
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District Deputy Grand Master - 15th

Friday | June 26, 2026

5:00 PM Social | 6:00 PM Dinner | 7:00 PM Reception

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TRESTLEBOARD - May 2026



15th and 19th Masonic Districts

*Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of
Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey*

As we approach the **15th and 19th Masonic District Open Reception – June 26, 2026 – 5pm to 9pm – Crescent Shrine, 700 Highland Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060**, we invite you to take part in making this special occasion even more meaningful by extending your congratulations and support to our honorees through a message or advertisement in our **souvenir ad journal**.

Whether you plan to attend the reception or are unable to join us in person, this is a wonderful opportunity to show your support, recognize the accomplishments of our honorees, and be part of a memorable event that celebrates the strength and fellowship of our Masonic community.

The souvenir ad journal will be distributed to all attendees, providing a lasting tribute to those being honored while also showcasing the generous support of individuals, lodges, families, and businesses. We encourage you to review the ad rates and submission instructions below and consider participating in this worthwhile effort. For more information regarding the ad journal, please email davindog@gmail.com or contact **David LaBaw** at **609-743-4560**.

Your support and participation are sincerely appreciated. On behalf of the officers of the 15th and 19th Masonic Districts, thank you for helping us make this reception a truly special and successful event.

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In and About the Apartments



NJ 15th Masonic District. RW Charlie Daniels, PDRI, delivered an outstanding presentation to a deserving young man who attained the rank of Eagle Scout – a truly significant and hard-earned achievement.

He was joined by several brethren of the 15th Masonic District as we had the honor of recognizing this milestone and celebrating the dedication, perseverance, leadership, and service that the Eagle Scout rank represents.

Congratulations to this exceptional young man and his family on a job well done. The 15th Masonic District was proud to be part of such a special occasion.



April Communication.
Glenn T. Visscher, Junior
Grand Warden, presented
the lecture.

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In and About the Apartments



Conferred the Fellowcraft degree to a worthy brother, Jezreal Nazario.



Conferred the EA degree to two worthy men, now brothers, Sharod Kearny and Ronith Banganoori

In and About the Apartments



WB Ernie Somera attended the Grand Lodge of the Philippines Annual Communication with a delegation of NJ Masons led by MW Omar S. Morris



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Visit the Hightstown-Apollo Lodge Legacy website

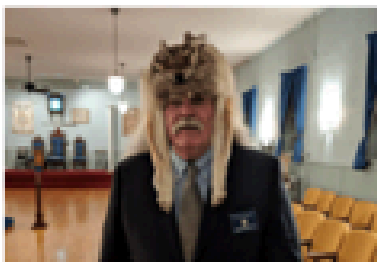


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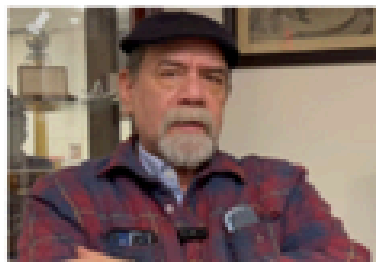
The Hightstown-Apollo Lodge Legacy Project aspires to create a living archive, where the voices and experiences of our members resonate through interviews, anecdotes, and reflections. This digital repository will serve as a testament to the enduring principles, camaraderie, and contributions that have shaped our lodge.



Meet the Brothers

RW Ron Herzog, PGC

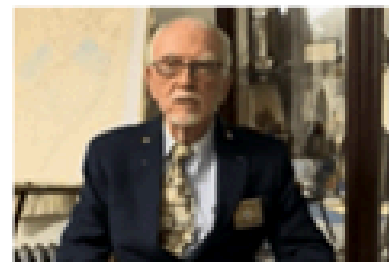
Brotherhood, Hospitality, and a Coyote Hat: A Tribute to Right Worshipful Ron Herzog



Meet the Brothers

**RW James Hauck
PM, PGC**

Past Master 2015, 2018



Meet the Brothers

WB Gerald Fabisch PM

Past Master 1997, 1998

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2026 Dues have been assessed

*Payment of \$225.00 may be made by check payable
to Hightstown Apollo Lodge No. 41*

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY



Our primary method of communication with members is through our email list. If you are not receiving our emails, please contact our Secretary at **hightstownapollo41@gmail.com**

We also use the Signal app to share time-sensitive updates, such as reminders and information about weekend meetups. If you would like to be added to our Signal group, install the Signal app and scan this QR code.



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