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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

**OUR 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.*



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## **Union Lodge #19 Free & Accepted Masons**

*Constituted April 9, 1850*

**May & June 2026**



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## Master's Message

Brethren.

Well, spring is here. The long winter is over, and the birds and animals are back out and doing their thing. It's now time to get more active and to doing our thing as well.

Union Lodge has seen a resurgence of activity and new members. We've done a very successful Fundraising event to support Domestic Violence services in our area, over \$10,000 raised (see the article in the NJ Freemason magazine). We're scheduling Table Lodges with speakers, Scholarship awards in North Brunswick High School, Baseball outings to the Somerset Patriots, Blood Drives in the lodge, and a district wide challenge hatchet throwing event.

Union Lodge is active and in the mix brothers. Hope some of our missing in action brothers will consider coming back out to share in the fun and the brotherhood. We are also looking at restarting fundraising breakfasts at the lodge. This is your lodge brothers, come out and share in the fun and fellowship.

Hope to see you all out in this beautiful spring weather, sharing fellowship and fun while doing the work of Masons!

Fraternally,

Eric Wolff, Worshipful Master 2026

## Designs Upon the Tressleboard

### Lodge Dates

#### **May:**

4<sup>th</sup> Mon Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm  
Official Visit (rescheduled) Meeting 7:30pm

11<sup>th</sup> Mon Planning Meeting 7:00pm

13<sup>th</sup> Wed **U#19 Hosts** District Lodge of Instruction (DLI)  
Dinner/12<sup>th</sup> District Association Meeting 6:00pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Dist. Lodge of Instruction 7:00pm  
**Please attend if possible!**

18<sup>th</sup> Mon Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm  
Masonic Ed. prog. By PGH Hoff Meeting 7:30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> Sat P'ton Memorial Day parade muster at 8:30 am  
Meet at P'ton lodge, carpool to 10am parade, Picnic  
to follow at P'ton lodge

25<sup>th</sup> Mon Memorial Day - No Meeting or rehearsal

30<sup>th</sup> Sat Red Cross Blood Drive @ U#19  
8:00am to 2:00pm

#### **June:**

1<sup>st</sup> Mon Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm  
Masonic Ed. prog. By PGH Hoff Meeting 7:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> Mon Rehearsal, Prep for Table lodge 7:00pm

15<sup>th</sup> Mon Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm  
Hawaiian Shirt Night meeting 7:30pm  
(Last meeting before summer break)

30<sup>th</sup> Tue 12<sup>th</sup> District Reception honoring District's GL  
officers, including O.V. of MW Omar S. Morris.  
Pines Manor, Edison. See Flyer for details

### Other Official District Dates

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District:**

#### **June:**

10<sup>th</sup> Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dist, Night honoring brothers with 50, 55, 60, 65  
and 70+ years of service. @ Philo Lodge. Open event  
for masons and families. Start 6:00pm

#### **Summer events:**

☞ July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Milltown with picnic to follow @MP#294

☞ Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> Joint Picnic/BBQ at Br. Roy Kowalski's  
house BYOB, side dish, dessert.

☞ Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> Red Cross Blood Drive @ U#19 9:00am to  
2:00 pm

☞ Saturday. August 1<sup>st</sup> Outing to Somerset Patriots Tix incl.  
buffet, cash bar

☞ Tuesday. August 4<sup>th</sup> No. Brunswick Nat'l Night Out Event  
U#19 has table at the event for community outreach

## Petition Awaiting Balloting:

Mr. Richard Alan Hung-Griffin  
Cliffside Park NJ, age 63, retired, married

## Petitions for Restoration

Br. Scott Robert Meister

Br. Aaron Weiner

### 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

**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/RSM - 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays 6:30 dinner,  
7:30 meeting.

NJ Lodge of Research - Sat June 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM.

### OES Dates

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

July 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Grand Chapter OES and GLoNJ  
joint night out at Trenton Thunder @ Arm&Hammer  
Stadium, Rt 29 Trenton

### 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, year round

Philo Lodge #243

120 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, except July & August

MilltownPalestine Lodge #294

30 No. Main St., Milltown, NJ  
1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, except July & August