



St. John's Lodge #1 & Cincinnati Lodge #3

Minutes Emergent Communication Entered Apprentice/Official Visit/Gold Token June 16, 2026

The Lodge was opened in due and ancient form and at labor on the Master Mason degree at 7:30 pm by WM David C. Van Pelt and WM John M. Cote. The opening invocation was offered by DB, Richard Davis, Chaplain. RW Van Pelt led the brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

This Emergent Communication is for the purposes of conveying the Entered Apprentice Degree, Gold Token and Official Visit of RW Michael A. Jasiacki District Deputy of this the 11th Masonic District

Officers Present:

Worshipful Master	Dave VanPelt, GLT
Senior Warden	Richard Finley
Junior Warden	Alex Gillespie, PM
Treasurer	Steve Mieseles
Secretary	Marc Davis, PM
Senior Deacon	Arvin Lagda
Junior Deacon	Kevin DeJesus
SMC	Pete Zoesch, PM
JMC	Nestor Tavarez
Senior Steward	Paul Polizzi
Junior Steward	Todd Tubby
Tyler	Jerry Tuscano
Chaplain	Richard Davis, DB
Marshal	Fred Starr



Members present:

Bro. Brian Robbins

Bro. Bruce Robbins

Guests:

RW John Matteson, DRI 2nd District (Pheonix #168)

Bro. John Hodorovych (Acacia #20)

Bro. Mike Elston (Pheonix #168)

Candidates:

Mr. Brad Joseph Rauchbach

Mr. Dominic John Carnevale

Mr. John Anthony Pak (Cincinnati #3)

Mr. Frank Joseph Hendrie Jr. (Cincinnati #3)

Introductions:

RW Michael A. Jasiacki, DDGM

RW Glenn T. Visscher, JGW

RW Michael A. Carollo, DRI

RW John Matteson, DRI (2nd District)

RW John Hudson DRI, Rising Sun Lodge #15 (18th District)

RW Eric Rebels, Grand Historian (11th District)

DB Richard Davis

John Hodorovich, DEO, Acacia Lodge #20 (11th District)

Bro. Mike Elston DEO, (Pheonix #168)

Communications:

- A letter from the District Deputy Grand Master was read, addressing a lack of participation from lodges in required district events: attendance by the Master and Wardens at all official visits and DLIs is mandatory, with failure to comply resulting in formal review and potential consequences, including suspension or revocation of the Lodge's warrant.
- Thanks were given to Brothers Mustafa, Finley, Tavarez, and RW Rebels for their work on food and events, with special recognition for Bro Tavarez's contributions to lodge upkeep.
- A thank you note was received from Most Worshipful Omar for the partnership with Grand Lodge charities.
- A letter was received from the Borough of Mount Lakes regarding proper recycling procedures.



Sickness or Distress:

- MW Glenn Trautmann has had an infection and has been undergoing treatment for the infection to protect his new kidney and is still taking medication for a kidney issue and infection.
- Brother Jose Oliver had emergency appendix surgery and will be out of work for two weeks. He is also soon to be installed as Worshipful Master of La Fraternidad in New York City on Friday, June 19, 2026.
- Bro. John Hodorovych – Mentioned that RW Bob Turner had Gall Bladder issues and will have it removed in the middle of June 2026.

Meeting Dedication: N/A

Bills and Receipts: N/A

Minutes: N/A

Treasurer's Report: N/A

Ballot: None

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Upcoming Events:

- WM Van Pelt:
 - June 17 – Acacia will hold a Master Mason degree and Official Visit at St. John's.
 - June 18 – Beverly Riverside Lodge will host a cigar night.
 - June 20 – The Royal Arch Degree Festival.
 - June 21 – Lyons Hospital visit.
 - June 23 – The Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew installation and knighting ceremony at 6:00 PM.
 - June 24 – St. John's meeting - featuring Kevin DeJesus as a guest speaker.
 - June 27 – North Jersey Past Masters Barbecue at St. John's.
 - June 29 – Cincinnati's Master Mason Degree



- Upcoming Schedule and Events (July - September)
 - o July 3 – NJ State/11th District BBQ and Fireworks at St. John's with limited parking and a shuttle bus.
 - o July 6 – Society of Silly Hats meeting.
 - o July 11 – Triple-S 2026: Steak, Sticks & Spirits: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM @ Danish Home of Edison, 855 New Durham Road, Edison, NJ 08817
 - o July 18 – Flip Flops & Fellowship 2026 at Funtown Beach - Seaside Park, NJ
 - o August 1 – New Jersey Allied Masonic Degrees in-gathering in Burlington.
 - o August 2 – Rafting trip on the Lehigh Valley River.
 - o August 22 – Bridging Brotherhood 2026 - 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM @ Philadelphia Masonic Temple, 1 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA – Jacket/Tie – \$50 per person
 - o September 11 – 25 Year Memorial – Trenton Masonic Temple beginning at 12:00 PM.
 - o September 14 – Annual St. John's Golf Outing, for which sponsors, donations, and golfers are needed. SEE DVP!

Gold Token:

WB Bruce Robbins – 50 Year Member

Presented by RW Glenn T. Visscher Junior Grand Warden

Closing:

Finding no further business to come before the Lodge, RW Michael A. Jasiecki, DDGM closed the Lodge by dispensation at 10:00pm. The closing charge was given by WM Van Pelt. The closing prayer was offered by DB Richard Davis.

Fraternally,

Marc J. Davis

Marc Davis, PM

Secretary

St. John's Lodge #1

Approved:

David Van Pelt

Dave Van Pelt, GLT

Worshipful Master

St. John's Lodge #1

Approved:

John Cote

John Cote

Worshipful Master

Cincinnati Lodge #3