

OCTOBER

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

October 6

Rehearsal

- Trustees Meeting @ 6PM
- MM° Rehearsal @ 7PM ; Past Masters @ 8PM
- Fellowship

October 13

Regular Communication

- Balloting on Petitions
- Fellowcraft Examinations
- Quarterly Trustee's Report
- 2027 Budget Presentation
- 2027 Dues/Petition Fee Discussion & Vote
- Business of the Lodge
- Fellowship

October 15 (Thursday) at 7:00PM:

District Lodge of Instruction – Matawan #192

- 192 Main Street, Matawan
- Open to all Master Masons / Suite and Tie Attire
- Officers' Attendance Strongly Encouraged
- *Come support your Lodge and your District!*

October 20

Rehearsal

- MM° Rehearsal @ 7PM; Past Masters @ 8PM
- Fellowship

October 25 (Sunday)

Rehearsal

- Final MM° Rehearsal
- Officers @ 4PM; Past Masters @ 5PM

October 27

Regular Communication

- Master Mason Degree at the HTMT
- See "Lodge Announcements"

17TH MASONIC DISTRICT

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Navesink No. 9
Caesarea No. 64
Ocean No. 89
Durand No. 179
Matawan No. 192



1st & 3rd Wednesdays
1st & 3rd Mondays
2nd & 4th Thursdays
2nd & 4th Mondays
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

MASTER'S MESSAGE

The journey through life and through our Masonic journey is one of experiences, meeting, and interacting with many different people. There are two different types of people in the world: those who are open-minded and those who are not. Open-minded people have an awareness that they don't know everything and search for multiple answers. Whereas close-minded people are usually confident they have it all figured out and are comfortable with one answer. Being open-minded allows one to change one's mind based on new ideas and facts. They can steer the ship away from obstacles and may take longer to get to one's destination. Closed-minded people are comfortable accepting one idea or fact. They steer the ship straight and get there faster but may not deviate course in the face of resistance or danger.

Both of these traits may live at the same time in one person, or one trait may take over as the best survival tool and become the way. Over a long period of time, and as a man becomes older, open-mindedness will lead to one becoming a better listener and interacting with oneself and others humbly. That same period of time will lead the close-minded man to frustration, judgement, and exhaustion. Exhaustion in the constant fight to keep things the way they are.

Brothers, things change. Everyone has a different way of viewing and living life. My grandfather who lived to 103 said to never stop learning. Always be nice to people. And he said to be very careful about judging others, for at some point you will be the one to be judged. Positive and/or negative actions follow judgement, so what you think about, you bring about. Masonry is given to you, and you make it yours. The one lesson I have learned in 15 years as a Mason was it is a code to make one better. It is not something to lead, control, or form cliques. Society and our Country only survive by those who give back. So, it is with Masonry. Ask yourself, without an apron, ritual, and/or officers title, what makes you a Mason?

WB Christopher Curcia

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

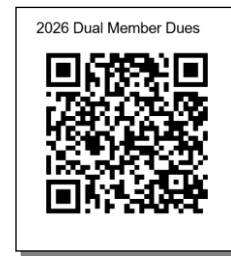
Brothers, **2026 Dues Notices** have been sent out via regular mail and/or email. 2026 Dues are as follows:

<u>2026 Total (Regular Members):</u>	<u>\$210.00</u>
<u>2026 Total (Dual Members):</u>	<u>\$134.00</u>
<u>2026 Total (GL Assessed Members):</u>	<u>\$ 76.00</u>

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:

- GO, Sec2GM, GMar Reception (10/10)
- HTMT 100th Anniversary Gala (10/17)
- 2026 Annual Communication in AC (11/3-11/5)
- Blood Drives throughout the Jurisdiction
- 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.

Central Jersey Candidate's Night

Hosted by the Masonic Association of Central Jersey
Tuesday, October 8th, 2026 @ 5PM
The Grand Marquis – 1550 Route 9 South, Old Bridge
6PM Social, 6:30PM Buffet, 7PM Candidate Presentations

11th Annual Scotchtobefest

Scotch Tasting and Cigar Smoking Extravaganza
Friday, October 9th @ 7:00PM

Join us for a strolling, table-side tasting presentation, with food pairings & informative discussions! 50/50 and Basket Raffle Prizes, too!

\$50/person includes tastings, pairings, and cigars.
Open to Brother Masons and their Family & Friends 21 and older. Please drink and smoke responsibly.

Tickets can be paid for at the door via cash, check or credit card or purchased online by scanning the QRCode.



For information, email tasting@olivebranchlodge.org.

Master Mason Degree at the HTMT

Tuesday, October 27th
Dinner at 6:30PM, Opening at 7PM, Degree at 7:30PM
Raising 7 Brothers to the Sublime Degree
1st Section by Officers / 2nd Section by Past Masters

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 5:30PM;
Contact the Secretary if you're interested in carpooling.

The Olive Branch Gala

Saturday, April 24, 2027; 6PM to 10PM

The Historic American Hotel – 18 E. Main Street, Freehold

Join us for an unforgettable evening of Fellowship, Fine Dining, and Celebration.
Three-Course Dinner, Open Bar, Live Music and Dancing, Raffles
Formal Attire; Black Tie Optional
\$125/person (Can Reserve Tables of 8)
Ticket Deadline of March 24, 2027
Contact Bro. Kevin Vogel or email OB16Gala@outlook.com for info



Olive Branch Lodge #16 Presents
The Eleventh Annual
SCOTCHTOBERFEST

Scotch Tasting and Cigar Smoking Extravaganza!

Friday, October 9th at 7:00 PM

Join us for a strolling, table-side
tasting presentation, complete
with food pairings and
informative discussions.

We will also have
a 50/50 and raffles!

To RSVP or for more
information, email:
tasting@olivebranchlodge.org

Tickets can be purchased online
by scanning the QRCode.

Payment can also be taken at the
door via cash, check or credit card.

\$50/person.

Drinks and Cigars
are on us.

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21 and
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Please drink and smoke responsibly.



7 PM - Tuesday
October 27th

MASTER MASON DEGREE

IONIC ROOM
HISTORIC TRENTON MASONIC TEMPLE



FOR INFO, CONTACT
RW ADAM REICH - SECRETARY
SECRETARY@OLIVEBRANCHLODGE.ORG



OLIVE BRANCH LODGE NO. 16
FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU

TO JOIN US FOR

THE OLIVE BRANCH *Gala*

AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP & HARMONY



SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2027

◆ 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM ◆



THE HISTORIC AMERICAN HOTEL

18 E. MAIN STREET
FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY

BROTHERS, LADIES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS...

*Join us for an unforgettable evening of fellowship,
fine dining, and celebration.*



**THREE-COURSE
DINNER**

Tableside entrée
ordering, dessert,
coffee & tea



OPEN BAR



**LIVE MUSIC
& DANCING**



**EXCITING RAFFLES
THROUGHOUT
THE EVENING**



FORMAL ATTIRE
Black Tie Optional



★ INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GALA SPONSOR? CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS. ★

ADMISSION

\$125

PER PERSON

RESERVED
TABLES OF EIGHT

*We will gladly accommodate
seating requests whenever
possible.*

RSVP BY

MARCH 24, 2027

Checks payable to
Olive Branch Lodge No. 16

Mail checks to:
Olive Branch Lodge No. 16
2 Dutch Lane Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

OR pay by PayPal using
the QR code on this flyer.

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
CONTACT US!



OB16Gala@outlook.com

OR



Bro. Kevin Vogel:
631-965-9168

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TICKETS



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OLIVE BRANCH LODGE NO. 16

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Olive Branch Lodge No. 16 invites our supporters and local businesses to become sponsors of the Olive Branch Gala. Your sponsorship helps offset the cost of the event while providing valuable exposure to our members, families, friends, and guests through our commemorative program and event recognition.



PREMIER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PREMIER SPONSOR

INSIDE FRONT COVER • 4.5" x 7.75"

Premium full-page ad on the inside front cover
Logo featured on slideshow

- ◆ Verbal recognition during opening remarks
- ◆ Listed 1st as the Premier Sponsor on the Recognition page
- ◆ Social media thank you

\$1000.00

SIGNATURE SPONSOR

FEATURED FULL PAGE • 4.5" x 7.75"

- ◆ Primary full-page ad in the Commemorative Program
- ◆ Logo featured on slideshow
- ◆ Verbal recognition during opening remarks
- ◆ Listed 2nd as the Signature Sponsor on the Recognition page
- ◆ Social media thank you

\$750.00

DISTINGUISHED SPONSOR

BACK COVER • 4.5" x 7.75"

- ◆ Premium full-page ad on the back cover
- ◆ Logo featured on slideshow
- ◆ Verbal recognition during opening remarks
- ◆ Listed 3rd as the Distinguished Sponsor on the Recognition page
- ◆ Social media thank you

\$500.00

PLATINUM SPONSOR

INSIDE BACK COVER • 4.5" x 7.75"

- ◆ Premium full-page ad on the inside back cover
- ◆ Logo featured on slideshow
- ◆ Verbal recognition during opening remarks
- ◆ Listed 4th as the Platinum Sponsor on the Recognition page
- ◆ Social media thank you

\$450.00

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- ◆ Contact: Bro. Kevin Vogel and WB Fred Berenbroick
- ◆ Email: kevin.w.vogel@gmail.com
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BAND SPONSOR

SIGN IN FRONT OF THE BAND • 18" x 24" SIGN

- ◆ Sign in front of the band
- ◆ Logo featured on the slideshow
- ◆ Verbal recognition during opening remarks
- ◆ Sponsor name on the Recognition page
- ◆ Social media thank you

\$500.00



GOLD SPONSOR

GOLD FULL PAGE • 4.5" x 7.75"

- ◆ Gold bordered full page ad
- ◆ Logo featured on the slideshow
- ◆ Sponsor name on the Recognition page

\$300.00



SILVER SPONSOR

SILVER FULL PAGE • 4.5" x 7.75"

- ◆ Silver bordered full page ad
- ◆ Logo featured on the slideshow
- ◆ Sponsor name on the Recognition page

\$250.00



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FULL PAGE SPONSOR

FULL PAGE – 4.5” x 7.75”

Standard full-page ad in the
Commemorative Program

\$175.00



HALF PAGE SPONSOR

HALF PAGE – 4.5” x 3.5”

Half page ad in the
Commemorative Program

\$100.00



QUARTER PAGE SPONSOR

QUARTER PAGE – 2” x 3.5”

Quarter page ad in the
Commemorative Program

\$50.00



BOOSTER SPONSOR

Name(s) or one line of support listed
in the Commemorative Program

\$10.00
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