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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

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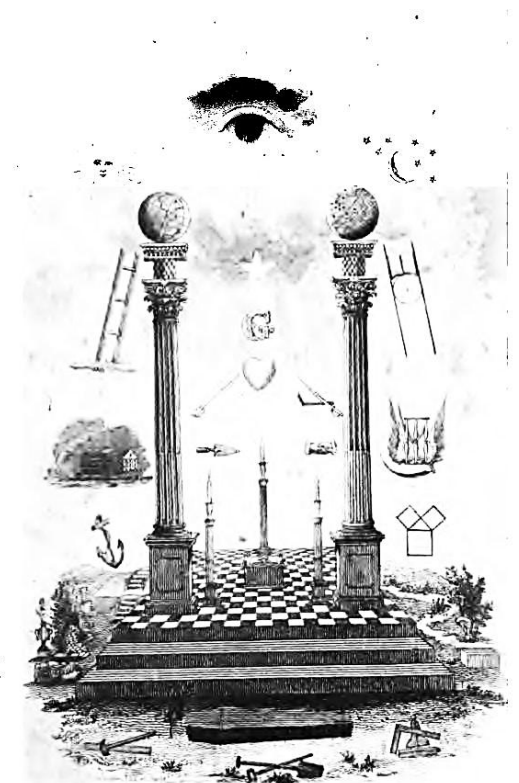
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September & October 2026



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Master’s Message

Brethren.

Well Summer refreshment is almost over, and we'll be back on labor soon. Hope everyone had a good summer and is relaxed and refreshed from our break and ready to go. We're going to have a fairly busy second half of the year.

Wanted to share an experience I had over the summer that really was an eye opener. My wife and I went to Cape May over the summer for a week. Right before we left, I read the message from our church, and they were doing holy communion that Sunday. I told my wife "Oh, I'm sorry we're going to miss that I really enjoy communion and feel better afterward." That Saturday night, when we were walking from our Hotel to where we were meeting our friends for dinner, we passed a nice old church that was of a similar denomination to ours. I asked her if she'd like to go to church Sunday morning there. We thought we'd see how we felt in the morning. Anyway, we got up early Sunday to walk on the beach (our hotel was right across from the beach), and literally just as we were crossing the street, the people crossing with us had all the paraphernalia to hold a church service on the beach with a holy communion! It was the same church I had asked her about going to the night before. Nothing on their sign out front of the church about the event or communion taking place. We joined them for a church service right on the beach shortly after sunrise, with holy communion. They were wonderfully nice people. They welcomed us to join them. It was a great experience. God's word, prayer, singing hymns, and communion on the beach in the sand while watching the sun finish rising; painting the morning sky over the water with oranges and reds and more. I couldn't have enjoyed it more if I tried. I guess God decided that morning if we might not be coming to him that morning, he would come to us. So mote it be! Love you all brothers.

Fraternally,

Eric Wolff, Worshipful Master 2026

Designs Upon the Tressleboard
Lodge Dates

September:			
7 th Mon	No Meeting – Labor Day		
14 th Mon	EA Ritual Rehearsal		7:00pm
21 st Mon	No Meeting – Yom Kippur. Will have EA rehearsal for those who can make it.		
22 nd Tue	Red Cross Blood Drive hosted at Union #19	1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	
28 th Mon	Regular Communication (replacement for 9/21 meeting)	Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm	Balloting for new members & restorations)
October:			
3 rd Sat	North Brunswick Heritage Day – details TBD		
5 st Mon	Regular Communication Dress Suit & Tie/Jacket & Tie.	Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm	Open House presentation by RW Moises Gomez on Masonic Involvement in the underground railroad. Will be downstairs and open to public with refreshments.
12 th Mon	Emergent communication for EA (assuming Ballot clear on 9/28)	Dinner 6:30pm Degree 7:30pm	
19 st Mon	Regular Communication Dress Suit & Tie/Jacket & Tie.	Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm	
26 th Mon	Ritual rehearsal FC		7:00pm

Other Official District Dates

12th Masonic District:			
September:			
9 th Wed	12 th Dist, Lodge of Instruction Raritan Valley Lodge #46		7:00pm
October:			
8 th	Central Jersey Masonic Candidates' Night The Grand Marquis 1550 US Rt.9 S, Olde Bridge, NJ		
14 th	12 th District Meeting 12 th District Lodge of Instruction Princeton #38	6:00PM 7:00PM	

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 1824 *True Masonic Chart or Hieroglyphic Monitor* by Jeremy Ladd Cross. It illustrates what was called the Master's Carpet, which is all the various symbols of the three degrees intended to be used as a memory prompt for lectures. Hence the term hieroglyphic.

Cross was a student of Thomas Smith Webb, the first widely known masonic ritual teacher in America and author of the first masonic monitor in 1797. He was said to have taught much the same ritual as we practice today. After Webb's death, Cross took over as the leading "lecturer" as they were called. Cross published his own version of Webb with the addition of 40 pages of such pictures for Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, and Counsel.

Cross was a man of strong opinions where ritual was concerned, and not above making significant innovations while denying that they were innovations, since he said he was just restoring what always should have been there. I refer in particular to the broken pillar and blazing star symbols.

In about 1826 the Grand Lodge of NJ voted to adopt Cross' Monitor as the official Monitor for NJ. It is the direct predecessor to our official Monitor, the Lodge Officer's Manual as we call it by its short name. Early editions of the Manual included Cross' pictures, or Macoy's version of them since Macoy was the printer. By the 1890's, a new printer was chosen for the Manual who did not have access to Macoy's copyrighted pictures so illustrations in our Manual have been lost to us since then. But hardly a word (for the craft degrees) in the Manual is different from what Cross published in 1824.

Ben Hoff, Past Grand Historian

Grand Lodge Dates

Oct. 17 - Historic Trenton Masonic Temple 100 Year Gala. [100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ](#) Black-Tie. \$75 per person. Open Event.

Nov. 3, 4, 5, 2026 - Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey F&AM (convention) Tropicana Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City, NJ

Also at Union Lodge Building:

Scott Chapter RAM/RSM – 2nd Fridays 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting.
NJ Lodge of Research – Saturday September 12th 9:30 AM. Featuring Bro, Jay Hochburg speaking on the Morgan Affair in NJ.

OES Dates

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

Lodges of 12th Masonic District:

Union Lodge #19
60 Cedar Ave, North Brunswick NJ
1st and 3rd Monday, except July & August

Princeton Lodge # 38
345 River Road, Princeton NJ
2nd & 4th 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
3rd Friday, year round

Philo Lodge #243
120 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ
2nd & 4th Tuesday, except July & August

MilltownPalestine Lodge #294
30 No. Main St., Milltown, NJ
1st & 3rd Tuesday, except July & August