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NO. 16
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Regular Communications
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30PM

NOVEMBER 2026

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Our Mission Statement

FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Trust in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self!

NOVEMBER

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

November 3 **Rehearsal**

- Trustees Meeting @ 6PM
- EA° Rehearsal
- Fellowship

November 10 **Regular Communication**

- Balloting on Petitions and Demit Requests
- Non-Payment of Dues Ballot
- MM° Lecture & Charge
- Business of the Lodge
- Fellowship

November 17 **Emergent Communication**

- EA° for 5 Candidates
- Fellowship

November 19 (Thursday) at 7:00PM:
District Lodge of Instruction – Navesink #9

- 152 Maple Avenue – Red Bank
- Open to all Master Masons / Suite and Tie Attire
- Officers' Attendance Strongly Encouraged
- *Come support your Lodge and your District!*

November 24 **Regular Communication**

- Committee Reports
  - All Committee Chairs are to attend and present in person or submit their reports in PDF format via email to the WM and Secretary by **Sunday, November 22nd.**
- Nominations for 2027 Elected Officers
- Business of the Lodge
- Fellowship

17TH MASONIC DISTRICT

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Navesink No. 9	1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Caesarea No. 64	1st & 3rd Mondays
Ocean No. 89	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Durand No. 179	2nd & 4th Mondays
Matawan No. 192	1st & 3rd Tuesdays



MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

The truth about Freemasonry is that it is as real as you want it to be. You create your own magic and awe. Marcus Aurelius said in Meditations, "You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength." What you think about, you bring about. So it is with Masonry, people, and life. If you think you can, or if you think you can't, you are right.

Do not get stuck or afraid of what others think. Realize that it is impossible to make everyone happy. Marcus Aurelius also said, "Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not a truth." Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting change is the definition of insanity. Try something different. In your journey as a Mason, there will be times you need to be with yourself, friends, and family, and not at Lodge. There are times when being at the Lodge is most important thing you could do for yourself. Both will help you with perspective on life.

Seek out those with opposing views. Balance is the key to life. Remember that one often finds his destiny on the path to avoiding it. And growth does not come by staying the same. A muscle in your body has to be broken down to rebuild. Marcus Aurelius also said about obstacles, "The impediment to action, advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way."

In the end, we all know the difference between right and wrong. If you could not say it out loud or do it publicly, sometimes this means it should not be said or done. One of the few things we have in life is our word. Make sure what you say means something. Always ask yourself, would you say it in front of everyone? Would you want it to be said about you? Lastly Marcus Aurelius said, "Just do the right thing. The rest doesn't matter." Brethren, your Masonic journey is your own. No one else defines it; no one can tell you what a good Mason should be. You were made a Mason in your heart first. Follow that path to your true self and the magic of Freemasonry will follow.

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:

2026 Total (Regular Members):	**$210.00**
2026 Total (Dual Members):	**$134.00**
2026 Total (GL Assessed Members):	**$ 76.00**

NPD Grace Period is from 11/10/26 to 12/31/26

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!

2026 Regular Member Dues

2026 Dual Member Dues

2026 GL Assessed Member Dues

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.



IN MEMORIAM

Brother Richard L. Marriner, Sr.
Raised 1/24/1995
Called to the Lodge on High: 9/15/2026

GRAND LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Contact the Secretary for more information on any event.

See Grandview and "The Garden State Mason" Communications Regarding:

- 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:

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William Findlay Chapter Order of DeMolay

Installation of Officers
Saturday, November 7th, 2026
Durand Lodge #179 – 911 Richmond Avenue, Pt. Pleasant Beach
Master Councilor – Richard H. Holst
Senior Councilor – Ethan J. Reich
Dinner to Follow Installation
RSVP to Dad Holst: rwhost@gmail.com

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Wreaths Across America Worldwide Event
Saturday, December 19th, 2026
Meet at Lodge at 11AM
Wreath Laying at Elks Point at 12PM
Wreath Laying at Squirreltown Cemetery to Follow

Come join us as we lay wreaths on the memorial markers honoring the sons and daughters of Freehold Borough who served the armed forces of our great nation.
(*Business attire and aprons; 2026 Officers to wear their jewels*)

Open Installation of Olive Branch Lodge #16's 2027 Officers

Saturday, December 19th, 2025
Social @ 5:00PM
Dinner @ 6:00PM
Open Installation @ 7:00PM

Family and Friends of Freemasons are invited to attend.
Requested business attire for guests.

Other 17th District Installations

Ocean #89: 12/5 @ 5:00 PM; Closed/Festive Board After
Matawan #192: 12/6 @ 2:00 PM; Open/Collation After
Caesarea #64: 12/12 @ 12:00 PM; Open/Collation Before
Navesink #9: 12/13 @ 1:00 PM; Open/Collation After
Durand #179: 12/14 @ 6:30 PM; Closed/Collation Before

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

2027 OB16 Gala Ticket

WILLAM FINDLAY CHAPTER
ORDER OF DEMOLAY

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 2026

3:00 PM: DINNER TO FOLLOW

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Open Installation of Officers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2026
5PM - SOCIAL
6PM - DINNER
7PM - INSTALLATION OF 2027 OFFICERS

TWO DUTCH LANE ROAD
FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY

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FRIENDS OF FREEMASONRY
REQUESTED BUSINESS ATTIRE FOR GUESTS

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AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP & HARMONY

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2027

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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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

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