

Pillars And Pilasters

January 19th, 2023

The Foundations of our Craft

RW Omar Morris, Junior Grand Warden

My Brothers,

Pillars and Pilasters is a tribute to those Brothers who view Freemasonry as beacon of Hope and Promise.

George E. Burrows is quoted saying that "We can only know the fullest joys of Masonry when we truly walk the paths of service and of hard work in the quarries."

With this in mind, we would like to highlight three categories of Brothers. Those whose experiences afford them the ability to

Educate others (10 years or more in Masonry). Those who have chosen to **Elevate** others in their charge (Lodge Officers with 2-10 years in Masonry). Those who we look to **Empower** to be the Promise and Hope of tomorrow (less than 2 or so years in Masonry).

I hope you enjoy reading these interviews as much as I have enjoyed sharing them!



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

— John Quincy Adams

Educate...

RW Richard Norbuts, Jr.

21st District Deputy

Grand Master

What is your Blue Lodge Name, Number and City?

Woodstown Lodge #138, Woodstown, NJ



Important Dates

January

1/21 – Winter Education Seminar @ 8:15AM – Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ

- 1/21 – Secretaries and Treasurer's Association Meeting @ 9AM – Zoom Meeting
- 1/31 – North Jersey Past Masters Association White Table Lodge @ 5:30PM – 1496 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, NJ. Email WB Jeffery Chan (ichan11918@msn.com) to register.

Important Dates

February

- 2/8 – 18th District Grand Lodge of Instruction @ 5PM – Medford Masonic Lodge #178, 25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ

What is your Job/Career?

Police Officer (Retired)

Why did you want to become a member of the Fraternity?

I heard so many things about the Fraternity and felt that I wanted to be a part of such a great Fraternity of like-minded men.

Who was your Masonic Mentor and in what way did he help you grow in Masonry?

I've had several mentors in the beginning, over 20 years ago, such as WB Mitch Witham and WB Ed Higgins from Pemberton Lodge. But for the last 8 years, I would have to say RW Frank Jones from Woodstown Lodge has provided me with the information and drive which has led to my current accomplishments in Masonry, such as becoming WM, DRI, and my current position as DDGM. Frank is always there to answer a question and offer advice. Frank is so well informed in ritual and protocol and led me to where I am today.

What is your favorite piece of Masonic Ritual?

I really enjoy the second section of the Master Mason Degree. For several years, the only Masonic involvement I had was performing the 2nd section with the Blue and Gold Degree Team. I had a good time being involved in that Degree for so many years and I enjoy the impact it has on the candidates. My favorite part to perform is King Solomon of course, however, a second choice would be giving the Master Mason Lecture.

**What are some of your hobbies?**

Golf and Travelling

What's your favorite family tradition?

My favorite family tradition would be how we always celebrated Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We always went to dinner at the Pub in Pennsauken on Christmas Eve and cooked all day for the extended family and friends on Christmas. It seemed like 2 days of just enjoying life with family and friends.

What motivates you to work hard?

A need to succeed. I feel that the accomplishment from knowing a goal was met or knowing that I did a good job is my motivation.

What office/chair/committee have you most enjoyed and why?

I enjoyed being a DRI the most. I learned so much while in that position, not only about ritual, but the ability to teach others and see them gain knowledge and have success from the training made it most enjoyable.

What has been your proudest accomplishment of your Masonic Career?

I am so proud that I have been chosen to be a DDGM.

- 2/11 – 9th Annual Dieter Hees Valentines Dance @ 6PM – Parkertown Firehouse, 830 Railroad Avenue, Parkertown, NJ. Email RW Ed Costa (edcosta403@gmail.com) to RSVP before 1/29/23
- 2/16 – 5th District Grand Lodge of Instruction @ 5PM - Secaucus Hudson Lodge #72, 1422 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, NJ
- 2/25 – Grand Master's "A Night in New Orleans" Fundraiser @ 6PM – Crescent Shrine, 700 Highland Drive, Westampton, NJ. Email RW Bruce Golway (bruce.c.golway@gmail.com) to RSVP.
- 2/27 – 8th District Grand Lodge of Instruction @ 5PM – Nutley Masonic Lodge #25, 175 Chestnut Street, Nutley, NJ



Would you like to be featured in this newsletter? [Click here](#) and fill out the questionnaire. Don't forget to email in the requested photos!

Do you have someone you think should be interviewed for this newsletter? Please send their name and contact information to PillarsAndPilasters@gmail.com and we'll reach out to them directly! Thanks for the recommendations!

Elevate...

WB G. Daniel Lukowiak

Treasurer, 2023

What is your Blue Lodge Name, Number and City?

Nutley Lodge #25, Nutley, NJ

What is your Job/Career?

Project Management

Why did you want to become a member of the Fraternity?

My father was heavily involved.



Who was your Masonic Mentor and in what way did he help you grow in Masonry?

I am fortunate enough to have two major ones, to this day.

My Father, WB Jerry Lukowiak - He leads by example. While abrasive, he always does what he says he will do and knows no limitations. He proved that this Fraternity could make a man better if he uses the tools provided to him while being of service. He has given me a strong business sense and the resourcefulness to do everything and anything that my Lodge needs. He is the reason I joined, he was the one to raise me and he will always be the reason that this is one of the most beautiful and wonderful parts of my life. His love for our Lodge knows no bounds to this day. This is a man capable of anything when his sights are on it.

RW George Heflich Jr. - This is a man who also does not allow limitations or excuses to preside over his personal goals or the goals of our Lodge. Absolutely unwavering when his mind is on something, but rational enough to know how to guide without an iron fist. He has been a person who has done a great deal to help temper my passions at times and pushed me to achieve higher levels in ritual I did not myself believe I could do. RW George is a man that I look to for advice and reason, within the fraternity and personally. His tenacity and love for our Lodge also knows no bounds.

Although I drive both of these men mad at times, and we don't always agree, the three of us have grown together as a result. Challenging each other and willing to see one another as equals even when my experience is not as great. It has made for the backbone of my short but wonderful 10 years as a Mason and what I hope to be a continued prosperous and beautiful journey.

What is your favorite piece of Masonic Ritual?

The Funeral Oration - Although it seems to be a sad piece at the end of a Brother's life, it is the final wage that we can pay. One final farewell to his service and honor to our Fraternal bond to him.

It also gives us the ability as Masons to show the deceased Brother's family and loved ones, even if not for many years, why this Fraternity was such a beautiful and important part of their life at one point or another.

What are some of your hobbies?

Knowing Thyself, Traveling, Lifting, Nutley Lodge #25, Reading, Camping, Building Stuff, Forming Strong Bonds.

What's your favorite family tradition?

Reminding one another that no matter what, no matter how mad we may make each other, our love is boundless.

**What motivates you to work hard?**

Leading by example and my convictions. I want the world to be a better place and all of the things I do matter. I want my words to be impactful and my actions to mean something. I want everyone to understand that they are stronger than they ever believed themselves to be and the others who believe too much that everyone else around them matters just as much. The Beehive.

What office/chair/committee have you most enjoyed and why?

Treasurer - I fully enjoy the business aspect of the Lodge and making sure I am there as guidance as the right-hand man for my WM and Brothers.

What has been your proudest accomplishment of your Masonic Career?

Being installed as Master of Nutley Lodge #25. A moment that I will cherish until my last breath.

Empower...

Bro. Isaiah Smith**Senior Master of Ceremonies, 2023****What is your Blue Lodge Name, Number and City?**

Alpha Lodge #166, East Orange, NJ

What is your Job/Career?

Pest Specialist

Why did you want to become a member of the Fraternity?

Initially out of pure curiosity, then it morphed over time into the goal of establishing something for the youth in my area.

Who was your Masonic Mentor and in what way did he help you grow in Masonry?

RW Larry Alcime, RW Omar Morris and RW Brandon McCune. These Brothers have helped me grow in Masonry and in life by giving me something to emulate and by personally traveling with me to see other Lodges and meet various Brothers. They've helped me by giving me tips on memorizing ritual, keeping my salutes sharp and crisp, improving my candor, and showing me more ways to communicate with people. Among many other things.



What is your favorite piece of Masonic Ritual?

The Master Mason's working tools. Especially the trowel. This piece really helped me to work together better with those I may not like personally or agree with.

**What are some of your hobbies?**

Reading historical documents, cartography, geography, and biology. History, nature, and knowledge of self.

What's your favorite family tradition?

We usually have smoking sessions anytime we gather.

What motivates you to work hard?

Struggling as a kid and watching my parents' struggle. Knowledge of self, a desire to eat well, have nice things and hopefully to leave something better for those that come after me.

What office/chair/committee have you most enjoyed and why?

The Ambassador Committee. This has encouraged me to travel more and improve communication between my Lodge and others.

What has been your proudest accomplishment of your Masonic Career?

Leading the charge for my Lodge to sponsor a DeMolay Chapter in Essex County and getting it done. Also restarting the joint meetings with Sons Of Liberty #301.

Educate, Elevate and Empower



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