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Lodges of the 3rd Masonic District

AT&T No. 77	2 nd & 4 th Thur
Fulton Friendship No. 102.	1 st & 3 rd Tues
Mosaic No. 194	1 st & 3 rd Thur
Temple No. 173	1 st & 3 rd Wed
Salomon No 306	1 st & 3 rd Fri
DLI	1 st Mon

COMICIONES/COMMITTEES

**PLANIFICACION ESTRATEGICA/
STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Alberto Hernández, Ludwin Álvarez,
Heriberto Cruz

FINANZAS/ FINANCE

Conrado Lezcano, Rolando Núñez, Jorge L.
Álvarez

INVESTIGACIONES/ INVESTIGATIONS

Ludwin Álvarez, Alberto Hernández,
Heriberto Cruz

**DESARROLLO DE LA MEMBRESIA/
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Ludwin Álvarez, Cristian Reyes, Florentino
Falcon

**INSTRUCCIÓN RITUAL/ RITUAL
INSTRUCTION**

Heriberto Cruz- Olivieri

**MEDIOS DE COMUNICACIÓN SOCIAL/
SOCIAL MEDIA**

Ludwin Álvarez- Heriberto Cruz

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

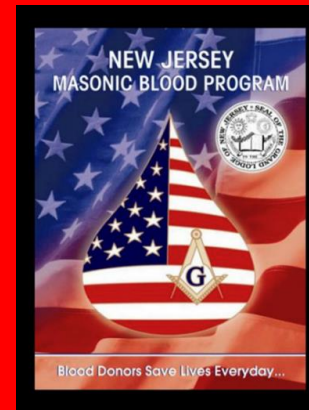
*FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds
like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly
Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God,
Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.*



LIVING PAST MASTERS

Alberto Hernandez-2019
Ludwin Alvarez-2020
Heriberto Cruz- 2022-2023

AMERICAN RED CROSS



HONORARY MEMBERS

MW∴ Gregory J. Scott, PGM 2019
RW∴ J. Eugene Margroff, DGM
RW∴ Omar S. Morris, SGW

**SALOMON LODGE No. 306,
of Free & Accepted Masons**

EST-JANUARY 6th, 2019



April 2024



**Regular Meetings 1st and 3rd Friday of
every month with the exception of July
and August at 7:30pm**

Ridgefield Park Masonic Temple

129 Main Street

Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

MENSAJE DEL ESTE

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Mis Hermanos,

Estamos en el mes 4 del año y quisiera hacer una analogía con estudios que empezamos en nuestra carrera masónica, pero nos persiguen a lo largo de nuestra vida, convirtiéndose en parte de la columna vertebral de nuestra moral y nuestra virtud. Y si estoy hablando de las cuatro virtudes cardinales: prudencia, justicia, fortaleza y templanza. Son las columnas sobre las que se erige el edificio de la moralidad, los faros que guían la nave del alma en el mar tumultuoso de la existencia. La prudencia, como el timón sabio de un navío, nos dirige hacia el puerto seguro del discernimiento, enseñándonos a elegir sabiamente entre el bien y el mal. La justicia, con su balanza inquebrantable, nos recuerda la necesidad de equidad y rectitud en todas nuestras acciones, tanto hacia nosotros mismos como hacia los demás. La fortaleza, como una armadura incorruptible, nos brinda la valentía necesaria para enfrentar las adversidades con entereza y determinación. Y la templanza, como una brújula interna, nos indica el curso medio entre los excesos y la privación, guiándonos hacia una vida de armonía y moderación.

En el ajetreo diario de nuestras vidas, las virtudes cardinales se revelan como aliadas invaluables en la búsqueda de la excelencia moral y el equilibrio emocional. La prudencia se manifiesta cuando enfrentamos decisiones trascendentales, como elegir entre seguir un camino seguro, pero menos gratificante o aventurarnos en terrenos desconocidos con riesgos calculados.

La justicia se hace evidente en las interacciones diarias con nuestros semejantes, como cuando distribuimos responsabilidades en el trabajo de manera equitativa o cuando defendemos los derechos de aquellos que carecen de voz. Por ejemplo, al presenciar una situación de discriminación, la justicia nos llama a intervenir y

abogar por la igualdad de trato para todos hombres, sin importar su origen o condición.

La fortaleza se pone a prueba en momentos de adversidad y desafío, como cuando enfrentamos la pérdida de un ser querido o luchamos contra una enfermedad debilitante. La fortaleza nos da la fuerza interior necesaria para perseverar en medio de las dificultades y brindar apoyo emocional y físico a quienes más lo necesitan.

La templanza se manifiesta en el control de nuestros impulsos y deseos, como cuando resistimos la tentación de caer en hábitos nocivos o cuando moderamos nuestros gastos para mantener un equilibrio financiero saludable. Al enfrentar la tentación de comer en exceso durante las fiestas, la templanza nos ayuda a disfrutar de los placeres culinarios con moderación, evitando los excesos que podrían afectar nuestra salud y bienestar. En cada uno de estos ejemplos, las virtudes cardinales nos ofrecen un marco ético y moral para orientar nuestras acciones y decisiones, contribuyendo así a nuestra realización personal y al bienestar de la comunidad en la que vivimos.

Nuestro deber como masones no es solo estudiarlas y predicarlas sino entenderlas y buscar su aplicación constante en nuestro día a día porque si hay algo que nos enseña más que la teoría es la práctica.

Y en esta práctica no solo encontramos la realización individual, sino también la construcción de una sociedad más justa y humana. Así que invito a cada uno de nosotros a abrazar estas virtudes como guías indispensables en el viaje de la vida, recordando siempre que en su cultivo y práctica radica la esencia misma de la virtud humana.

Al Nivel,

VM ∴ _Ludwin Alvarez, PVM

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

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My Brothers,

We are in the 4th month of the year and I would like to make an analogy with studies that we start in our Masonic career but pursue throughout our life, becoming part of the backbone of our morals and virtue. And yes, I am talking about the four cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. They are the pillars on which the edifice of morality is erected, the lighthouses that guide the ship of the soul in the tumultuous sea of existence. Prudence, like the wise rudder of a ship, directs us toward the safe harbor of discernment, teaching us to choose wisely between good and evil. Justice, with its unwavering scales, reminds us of the need for fairness and righteousness in all our actions, both toward ourselves and others. Fortitude, like incorruptible armor, gives us the courage to face adversity with fortitude and determination. And temperance, like an internal compass, indicates to us the middle course between excess and deprivation, guiding us toward a life of harmony and moderation.

In the daily hustle and bustle of our lives, the cardinal virtues prove to be invaluable allies in the pursuit of moral excellence and emotional balance. Prudence manifests itself when we face momentous decisions, such as choosing between following a safe but less rewarding path or venturing into unknown terrain with calculated risks.

Justice is evident in our daily interactions with our fellow human beings, such as when we distribute responsibilities at work in an equitable manner or when we defend the rights of those who lack a voice. For example, when witnessing a situation of discrimination, justice calls us to intervene and advocate for equal treatment for all men, regardless of their origin or status.

Fortitude is tested in times of adversity and challenge, such as when we face the loss of a loved

one or struggle with a debilitating illness. Fortitude gives us the inner strength to persevere through hardship and provide emotional and physical support to those who need it most.

Temperance manifests itself in controlling our impulses and desires, such as when we resist the temptation to indulge in harmful habits or when we moderate our spending to maintain a healthy financial balance. When faced with the temptation to overeat during the holidays, temperance helps us enjoy culinary pleasures in moderation, avoiding excesses that could affect our health and well-being.

In each of these examples, the cardinal virtues offer us an ethical and moral framework to guide our actions and decisions, thus contributing to our personal fulfillment and the welfare of the community in which we live.

Our duty as Masons is not only to study and preach to them but to understand them and seek their constant application in our daily lives because if there is something that teaches us more than theory, it is practice.

And in this practice, we not only find individual fulfillment, but also the construction of a more just and humane society. So, I invite each of us to embrace these virtues as indispensable guides in the journey of life, always remembering that in their cultivation and practice lies the very essence of human virtue.

On the square,

WM ∴ _Ludwin Álvarez, PM

MASTER'S INSTRUCTIONS OF EVENTS

Dear Brothers:

You and your Masonic friends as cordially and fraternally invited to attend the Stated Communication of Salomon Lodge No. 306, F.&A.M., to be held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month with the exception of July and August at 129 Main Street; Ridgfield Park, N.J. 07660 at 7:30 pm.

Attire: Black Suit, White Shirt, Black Tie, Dark Shoes.

Abril/April:

1st DLI/ Instruccion del Distrito-Suit and Tie@7:30pm
5th Regular Stated Communication- Suit and Tie@7:30pm
18th Mosaic OV-6:30 Collation-7:30 Gavel Wraps
19th Regular Stated Communication- Suit and Tie@7:30pm
25th ATT OV-6:30 Collation-7:30 Gavel Wraps
26th Jim Pfifer Fundraiser-see flyer
27th JGW Reception @ Fellowship Center-see flyer

D.L.I./ Ritual Instruction

The 3rd District Lodge of Instruction is held on the **1st Monday** of each month at **7:00 pm**. A minimum of **7 Officers must attend**. Suit and Tie unless informed otherwise.

Profano

Mr. Marco Aurelio Zaldívar

Awaiting Degree/En espera para el Grado de Aprendiz

Mr. Carlos Alex Arturo Vega Pena*

Entered Apprentice Mason/ Aprendiz Masón:

Bro. Daniel A. Menéndez
Bro. Álvaro Aparicio
Bro. Mikel Morales
Bro. John Salguero

Fellow Craft Mason/ Compañero Mason

MM Exam / Examen de Maestro Mason

Bro. Washington E. Andrade
Bro. Joel Foot Mayze

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Bro. Jovian Hernández	Sr. Deacon
Bro. Rodolfo Zanetti	Jr. Deacon
Bro. Gabriel Cisneros	Sr. MC
DBro. Nelson A. Jaquez	Jr. MC
DBro. Conrado Lezcano	Sr. Steward
Bro. Alberto C. Hernández	Jr. Steward
Bro. Rolando Núñez	Historian
	Musician
Bro. Jorge L. Álvarez	Chaplain
RW. Bro. Angelo Aponte	Marshall
Bro. Washington Rodriguez	Tyler

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd-RW Bro. Angelo Aponte



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Grand Lodge Education Committee

Coming Soon!!

The Grand Lodge Education Committee is in the process of creating some new and improved sessions for all levels of our membership. Here are a few of the programs currently in development to include leadership, management, and business skills necessary to lead our Fraternity:

Grand Chaplain Education Program - Provides an overview of the duties and suggested options for Grand Chaplains to perform their duties in their Districts. Provides documentation for them to manage their year. This is scheduled for January 19.

DDGM Education Program - Provides an overview of the duties and suggested options for District Deputies to perform their duties in their Districts. Provides documentation for them to manage their year.

DRI Education Program - Provides an overview of the duties and suggested options for District Ritual Instructors to perform their duties in their Districts. Provides documentation for them to manage their year.

DEO Education Program - Provides an overview of the suggested options for District Education Officers to perform their duties in their Districts. Provides documentation for them to manage their year.

Worshipful Master & Warden's Program - Provides an overview of the essential obligations of a Worshipful Master and Warden. Provides suggestions of issues to consider in the preparation, management, and leadership of a Lodge year.

Secretaries and Treasurers' Program - Provides an overview of the essential obligations of a Secretary and a Treasurer. Provides suggestions of issues to consider in the preparation and management of a Lodge year.

Much more to come soon! Watch for more on social media, our Grand Lodge website, and via our Email distribution lists.

Take the Society of King Solomon Online Course

This free-of-charge, prestigious educational program, will be open to all Master Masons in good standing in our Grand Jurisdiction and will cover a wide variety of educational material that will give the seeker a solid foundation and the appropriate tools to pursue his own path of enlightenment.



3rd District Group
A texting site has been created on

GroupMe.
To join, go to:

https://app.groupme.com/join_group/p/66067104/u2nkaebC

GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**THREE CRAFT DEGREES:
A DETAILED EXPLANATION**
SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024

THE ENTERED APPRENTICE
R.W. Michael S. Neuberger

THE FELLOWCRAFT
R.W. Michael A. Czech

THE MASTER MASON
R.W. Daniel P. Schittone

The allegory of the three craft degrees take a Mason through lessons of his entire life. As we learn more about the meanings, symbolism and writings of each, we interpret a degree within our own frame of reference. Join our presenters to review these degrees and their interpretations based on extensive study from several sources into a cohesive manner of application to the world around us and how we choose to live within it.

OPEN TO ALL MASTER MASONS
8:15AM Breakfast & Registration 9:00AM- 12:00PM Seminar
Dress Code Business Casual
Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, New Jersey
FREE ADMISSION, REGISTRATION REQUIRED. RSVP BY 4/6/24
Questions? Contact R.W. Mohammad Yatim, G.E. at 484-995-3337 or mayatim@hotmail.com
Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/mwkvstxc>

The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey
and
M.W. Leonard Vander Horn
Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey
and Masonic Charity Foundation Chairman
along with
Vineland Lodge #69
Cordially invites you to attend the
Official Visit of the Grand Master and Reception in honor of
R.W. Bruce C. Golway
Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey
and Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee

Saturday, April 27th, 2024
Fellowship Center 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 08016
Social Hour 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Reception 7:30 pm
(Please note that this event is BYOB)

Mail To: R.W. William Anderson 3 Middle Lane East, Port Murray, NJ 07865
Questions? Contact R.W. Bill Anderson @ (201) 922-6214 Deadline: April 12, 2024
Checks made payable to: "Team Golway Staff Account" No tickets will be issued
I would like _____ Reservations @ \$65 per person Total Enclosed: \$ _____
Please write the names of any additional guests/invitees that are part of this reservation on the back of this form

Name: _____ Guest: _____
District: _____ Lodge: _____ Title: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Deputy Grand Master's
NIGHTINGALE
BEEFSTEAK
\$60/person
Enjoy a night with
Right Worshipful Margroff for some
great food, 50/50 & great
conversation!!! BYOB. 05/11/2024
Social @ 5:30pm, dinner @ 6:30
pm!! Contact Bro. Eric Mattson @
(347)584-6919 for info!

NJ Grand Staff 2024
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WITH YOU

STEAK.
STICKS &
SPIRITS

SAT
JULY
13TH
2PM - 7PM

TRIPLE-S 2024
DANISH HOME OF EDISON
855 NEW DUREHAM ROAD, EDISON, NJ 08817
STEAK DINNER - 3 PREMIUM CIGARS - OPEN BAR
ADVANCE TICKETS: \$125 AFTER JULY 1ST NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTERWARDS
REGISTRATION LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/triples2024>
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TEAM MORRIS NJ GRANDSTAFF
MAIL TO: JONATHAN DERSHOWITZ
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SALOMON LODGE
No 306 F. & A.M.
PRESENTS ON
SATURDAY, MAY
25TH @ 7:30PM

BEEF STEAK DINNER
FUNDRAISER

\$55 PER PERSON IF PRE REGISTER
BEFORE MAY 14TH. \$60 AFTER THAT
DATE... BEER, WATER & SODA
INCLUDED

FOR TICKETS CONTACT
BRO. JOVIAN HERNANDEZ-(917)405-6268
WB. EDDIE CRUZ-(646) 866-8703

RSVP REQUIRED. NO ADMISSION AT THE DOOR

RIDGEFIELD PARK MASONIC TEMPLE
129 MAIN STREET
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ 07660

Join Us for a Night of Comedy, Music, Fun & Love
Help Support Temple Lodge
Worshipful Brother
Jimmy Pfeifer
Help Jimmy's family with health care costs.
Jimmy has ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and needs our help.

Bob Gonzo Entertainment Presents:
Jim Dallakis Jeff Norris

The Brothers of the 3rd District have organized a fundraiser.
Friday, April 26, 2024
Knights of Columbus,
106 Bergen Avenue,
Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660
7-11 pm - \$75 per person
(must be 21 to attend)

ENTERTAINMENT:
Comedians Jim Dallakis & Jeff Norris
Jimmy's Band:
Diamond Jim and the Gems
Mobile Sight & Sound DJ
Chris "Private Eyes" Kaufmann
Beer, Wine, Soda, Hot Dogs and Chips will be provided, and bring some snacks for your table!

Mail your check to:
Temple Lodge 173
275 Kinderkamack Rd
Westwood, NJ 07675
Made out to: "Temple Lodge 173"
Write "Pfeifer Benefit" in the memo

PURCHASE TICKETS ON
eventbrite
OR
SCAN CODE
OR CLICK HERE

IF YOU CAN NOT
make the event and
WILL WANT TO DONATE
please send a check
or click here to
donate!

The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey
offers these scholarships to students
interested in pursuing higher education.
For complete details about each scholarship's eligibility requirements, or for
an application, visit www.njasonic.org or www.newjerseygrandlodge.org
Completed applications must be postmarked by May 30, 2024.

Chairman of the Board Scholarship \$10,000 (\$1,000 per year for 4 years) For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major - 2 Available GPA: B or 3.0 Must be relative of NJ Mason*	Taylor Scholarship \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for 4 years) For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major - 2 Available GPA: B or 3.0 Must be relative of NJ Mason*	Patterson Engineering Scholarship \$16,000 (\$4,000 per year for 4 years) For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Engineering - 1 Available GPA: B or 2.5** Relative of NJ Mason preferred*, not required Emphasis on teacher recommendation and student's statement
Culver DeMolay Scholarship \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for 4 years) For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major - 3 Available GPA: B or 3.0** Active DeMolay preferred	Serewitch DeMolay Scholarship \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year for 4 years) For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major - 1 Available GPA: B or 3.0** Active DeMolay required Emphasis on teacher recommendation and student's statement	Asbury Jordan Lodge Scholarship \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for 4 years) For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major - 1 Available GPA: B or 2.5** Relative of NJ Mason preferred*, not required Scholarship in honor of Christian Mergerson and John D. Post
Burk-Townley Scholarship \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for 4 years) For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major - 1 Available GPA: B or 3.0 Must be relative of NJ Mason*	John H. Critchley, Sr. & Emma F. Critchley Scholarship \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for 4 years) For Graduating High School Seniors in Engineering or Related Sciences - 1 Available GPA: B or 3.0 Unmarried sons or grandsons of NJ Mason*	Sal & Reba Serewitch Scholarship \$5,000 (\$1,000 for 1 year) For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major - 1 Available GPA: C or 2.2** Must be relative of NJ Mason*
William Mayer Memorial Scholarship \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for 2 years) For High School Graduates - 2 Available GPA: C+ or 2.5** For NJ Masons & their relatives (see application)	William Mayer Memorial Scholarship \$4,000 (\$2,000 per year for 2 years) For College Graduates - 2 Available GPA: B+ or 3.25** For NJ Masons & their relatives (see application)	Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey "The applicant must be a child, step-child, grandchild or step grandchild of a living or deceased Master Mason who died while serving in a Masonic Lodge of the Grand Lodge of NJ." *See last year's yearbook.

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