



Merchantville, N. J.

ORGANIZED January 14, 1871
CONSTITUTED January 18, 1872

April 2024

Dear Brother;

You are cordially and fraternally requested to attend the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District to Merchantville Lodge #119, to be held at Merchantville Masonic Temple, 6926 Park Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ.

Thursday, April 11th, 2024

Dress will be Formal. Tuxedo for Officers.

7:30pm

- Lodge Opening
- Reception of the District Deputy Grand Master
- Masonic Birthdays
- Closing

By order of

WB Andrew S. Knaus
Worshipful Master



Attest:

WB David K. Martin Jr., PM
Secretary

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Brethren,

Since we have all been working on the Fellowcraft degree I thought a little history would be appropriate.

The Fellowcraft Mason, also known as the Fellowcraft Degree, is the second degree in Freemasonry's Blue Lodge or Craft Lodge system. This degree is a significant step in a Mason's journey as it builds upon the teachings and symbolism introduced in the Entered Apprentice Degree and prepares the candidate for further enlightenment in the Master Mason Degree.

The Fellowcraft Degree holds historical significance within Freemasonry, representing a stage of intellectual and spiritual growth for the candidate. It symbolizes progress from an apprentice to a more knowledgeable and skilled craftsman, emphasizing the importance of education, self-improvement, and further understanding of moral lessons.

In the Fellowcraft Degree, various symbols are used to convey important moral lessons. The working tools of a Fellowcraft Mason include the square, level, plumb rule, each carrying symbolic meanings related to integrity, equality, balance, and precision. These symbols are explored through ritualistic ceremonies that aim to impart deeper philosophical insights to the candidate.

The origins of the Fellowcraft Degree can be traced back to the early days of speculative Freemasonry when operative stonemasons transitioned into accepting non-stonemasons into their ranks. Over time, the degree evolved to incorporate allegorical teachings inspired by architectural themes and biblical narratives.

During the Fellowcraft initiation ceremony, candidates undergo symbolic experiences that encourage contemplation on personal growth, knowledge acquisition, and ethical conduct. The rituals associated with this degree emphasize themes of enlightenment, intellectual curiosity, and a quest for truth.

As Freemasonry developed over centuries, the Fellowcraft Degree retained its position as a pivotal stage in a Mason's advancement through the craft degrees. It continues to serve as a bridge between the foundational teachings of the Entered Apprentice Degree and the profound allegories found in the Master Mason Degree.

In conclusion, the Fellowcraft Mason plays a crucial role in Freemasonry by embodying principles of learning, self-improvement, and moral development. The degree's symbolism and teachings contribute to shaping individuals into well-rounded members of society who strive for knowledge, virtue, and enlightenment.

Fraternally,

Andrew Knaus
Worshipful Master 2024

Thank You for Contributing to the Main Hall HVAC and Building Maintenance Fund!

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In Memory of Brother Clark R. Hewitt Jr.

OUR Building Still Needs YOUR Help!

Merchantville Lodge Still Needs Your Help

Brethren

The new system has been installed but we still need your help. We continue to request support and are seeking donations to help us raise the necessary funds to help offset the cost of the new HVAC unit. Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference and directly impact the well-being of everyone who benefits from the use of our lodge.

We ask that you please consider donating to support the replacement of our HVAC unit. Your kindness and support will have a lasting impact on the brethren, organizations and families who use our facility. To make a donation, please see the payment methods below. We are also more than happy to discuss the project in more detail and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration. We are grateful for your support.

Payment Methods

By Check: Make Checks out to "Merchantville Lodge" Zelle: treasurer@merchantvillelodge.org

PayPal: merchantvillelodge@gmail.com Venmo: @merchantville119

Send to:

Merchantville Masonic Temple

6926 Park Ave

Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Please note that it is for the new HVAC unit!

April Masonic Birthdays

Hugh	Gibson III		4/19/1963	61
Edwin	Messey		4/17/1964	60
John	Downes Jr.		4/19/1968	56
RW Thomas	Lowe Sr.	PGT	4/19/1968	56
RW Raymond	Garrison	PSGD	4/4/1983	41
Thomas	Sommers		4/24/1999	25
Ralph	Conn		4/18/2003	21
Mark	Valentine		4/3/2015	9

2024 In Memoriam

Distinguished Brother

Frank Chiaccio

Initiated, Passed, and
Raised March 21st, 2009
Called from Labor: December 13th, 2023.

Distinguished Brother

Jerome Clark

Initiated September 15th, 1972
Passed October 20th, 1972
Raised January 19th, 1973
Called from Labor: January 5th, 2024

Brother

John Murray

Initiated January 18th, 1991
Passed February 15th, 1991
Raised March 15th, 1991
Called from Labor: January 30th, 2024

Brother

Clark Hewitt Jr.

Initiated, Passed, and
Raised April 24th, 1999
Called from Labor: January 30th, 2024.

Brother

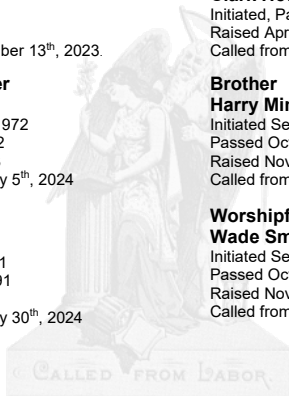
Harry Minnier

Initiated September 20th, 1968
Passed October 18th, 1968
Raised November 15th, 1968
Called from Labor: March 2nd, 2024

Worshipful Brother

Wade Smith

Initiated September 15th, 1989
Passed October 20th, 1989
Raised November 17th, 1989
Called from Labor: March 14th, 2024



Something New

Yearly Dues

Starting in 2024 you will be able to make partial payments towards your 2025 dues. Since we do not know what the exact amount of the 2025 dues will be, we recommend you use a target amount of \$165. There are several ways you can pay, and you can pay any amount you wish each time in advance over the next year.

Payment Methods

By Check:

Make Checks out to "Merchantville Lodge."

Send to:

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Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Zelle: treasurer@merchantvillelodge.org

PayPal: merchantvillelodge@gmail.com

Venmo: @merchantville119

(Please include your name and member # so we can ensure your payments are credited properly)

UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Official Visit of the DDGM	Thursday, April 11th at 7:30pm
Blood Drive	Thursday, April 25th 12-5:00pm
Regular Communication	Thursday, May 9 th at 7:30pm
Annual Ladies Night	Saturday, May 11th at 7:00pm
Grand Lodge of Instruction	Wednesday, June 12th at 5:00pm
Regular Communication	Thursday, June 13 th at 7:30pm
Salsa Night	TBD
BBQ & Paint Day	Late Spring/Early Summer TBD
Regular Communication	Thursday, September 12 th at 7:30pm
Annual Table Lodge	Friday, September 20th at TBD
with Campana de Libertad	
Nomination of Officers	Thursday, October 10 th at 7:30pm
Trunk or Treat	Saturday, October 26th at 2:00pm
Halloween Party	Saturday, October 26th at 7:00pm
Election of Officers	Thursday, November 14 th at 7:30pm
Christmas Party	Saturday, December 21st at 7:00pm
Annual Communication &	TBD
Installation of Officers	

Ladies Night 2024! May 11th at 7:00pm!

This year it will be held at the Blue Monkey in Merchantville, the building that was once our home for so many years! Tickets are \$50 per person, \$100 per couple.

This includes:

Food
Open Bar
DJ
Basket Raffel
And more!

Please RSVP as soon as possible because spacing is limited to secretary@merchantvillelodge.org or aknaus@merchantvillelodge.org.

Petition for Membership

Mr. Jayron Estrada of Camden, NJ. Mr. Estrada is 26 years old and works as an Operations Lead for Loomis Security out of Pennsauken. He is unmarried, enjoys the gym, cigars, music, playing poker, and reading. He is recommended by WB Andrew Knaus and WB Shawn Roberts.

Arlington National Cemetery

Grand Master's Bus Trip

September 28, 2024

Itinerary:

- 8:00am-Leave Fellowship Center/Breakfast
- 11:45am-Arrive at Arlington Cemetery
- 12:15pm-Wreath Laying at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier/Lunch
- 2:00pm-Visit at the National Museum of United States Army, Fort Belvoir, VA
- 4:15pm-Arrive for Dinner, Gadsby's Tavern
- 9:00pm-Arrive at Fellowship Center

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Register by June 15, 2024

Space is Limited -Open to Masons & Family

Program Questions: RW Michael Czech, Grand Historian
coachmikec@yahoo.com 609-638-2926 Parking Info will be sent to registrants

Please Print Clearly & Return the Below to:

Grand Lodge of New Jersey

100 Barrack St. Trenton, NJ 08608 Attn: Arlington Trip

Attendee Name(s): 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Email Address and Phone Number of 1st Attendee

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Lunch Selection (pick one per attendee and give total number of each in blank):

Ham & Cheese ___ Turkey & Cheese ___ Roast Beef & Cheese ___

Check for \$135 per person made to: "Grand Lodge F&AM of NJ"

Credit Card (2% fee applies): Number: _____

Exp: ___/___ CVV Code: _____

Or Call M.W. Plasket at 609-239-3950 to give CC & Lunch Information



Junior Grand Warden's Reception



Vineland Lodge No. 69

Cordially invites you to attend the official visit of

M.W. Leonard Vander Horn

Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey
and Masonic Charity Foundation Chairman

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) 522-6374 **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 guest/attendees that are part of this reservation on the back of this form

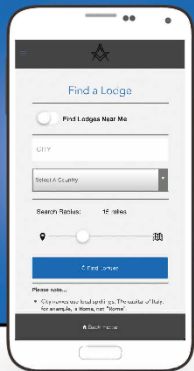
Name: _____ Guest: _____

District: _____ Lodge: _____ Title: _____

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DB Kenneth Pierce (2024)

WB Raynaldo Santiago (2025)

MW Larry Plaskett (2026)

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BRETHREN**

DB Rolf U. Benninghoven

DB John M. Belko

DB Kenneth L. Pierce

DB Enrique Rosario

DB Stephen Callaghan

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2007 Robert W. Hertneck, PDDGM
2008 Javier Seguinot
2009 Henry D. Olsen
2010 Barry T. Hanson
2011 James D. Choyinski, PGP
2013 Christian P. Kochon
2014 Raynaldo Santiago
2015 Jorge A. Martinez
2016 Jorge A. Martinez
2017 Robert Harris, Jr.
2018 Eric T. Johnson*
2019 David K. Martin Jr.
2020 El Donaldo F. Vid Al
2021 Shawn M. Roberts
2022 Shawn M. Roberts
2023 Anthony J. "AJ" Starkus

* Demitted

