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WB Dean M Shoemaker	1969
RW John Mavrakis, PSGS	1971/98
WB Jerome G Kadash	1971
RW David B Littman PGC	1975
RW George Petrantonakis PGC	1982/92/99
RW Roy Kowalski, PJGD	2000
WB Maxim G Marcille, Jr	2001/04
RW Bernhard W Hoff PGH	2004/08/17
WB John Millas	2005
WB Leroy Schneider	2006
RW Gary W Filson, PGC 33°	2007/16
WB Larry C Hriczak	2008/19
WB Eric D Wolff	2009
WB David Philips	2012
WB George S Valenta III	2013/14
WB Scott Linde	2015
RW Raymond Helge, PDDGM	2013/22
WB Alex Kolbasowski	2012/14
WB Alfred J Rodriguez	2016/20/21
WB Michael J Manzella	2017
WB Russ Shirley	2018
RW John M. Sardis, DRI	2017/20
WB Arthur H. Campbell III	2023

Grand Lodge Mission

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.



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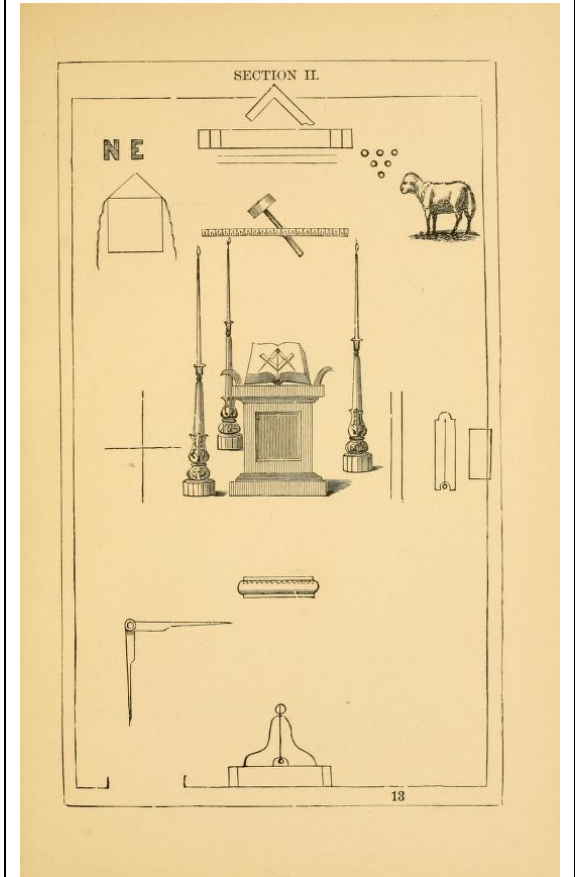
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Union Lodge #19
Free & Accepted Masons

Constituted April 9, 1850

September & October 2024



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Master's Message

My Brothers,

I hope you are all enjoying the 101 days of the summer of 2024.

It sure has been the perfect New Jersey weather, Hot and Sticky!

We will start our meetings in September with an emergent communication on September 9th.

I had to learn the closing charge this year. That piece of work is not that difficult, but I suggest it is very powerful.

It really talks about the true essence of being a Mason.

It reminds us that although our time of Masonic fellowship is drawing to a close, we are to remember our Masonic responsibilities or obligations while outside the Lodge.

One obligation is to help a Brother who needs our assistance.

However, this charge reminds us that our assistance should not be limited to only Brothers in Masonry; no, we are obligated to extend a helping hand to everyone who needs assistance and "Do good unto all men."

This is just one of the many reminders contained in the closing charge.

As I stated prior, if you want Masonic light, come out on Monday evenings and face your Brothers in the South, West and East.

Share your experiences, your thoughts, and knowledge. You will get back more than you give!

Sincerely & Fraternally

Roy Kowalski, WM 2024

Union Lodge #19

Designs Upon the Tressleboard

Lodge Dates

September:

9th Mon EMERGENT Communication Dinner 6:30pm
Proficiencies & summer bills meeting 7:30pm
Approve Minutes of 6/17 communication

14th Sat Blood Drive start 9:00am
Need workers, doners & End 2:00pm
Someone to open doors @ 7:30AM

16th Mon Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm
FC Degree meeting 7:30pm

23rd Mon Ritual Rehearsal EA Deg. 7:00pm

30th Mon Ritual Rehearsal EA Deg. 7:00pm

October:

7th Mon Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm
(Columbus/Indigenous day) meeting 7:30pm

14th Mon Ritual Rehearsal EA Deg. 7:00pm

21st Mon Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm
EA Degree meeting 7:30pm

28th Mon Ritual Rehearsal (work TBD) 7:00pm

31st Thur Halloween candy for Neighborhood Trick-or-Treaters. Table manned 5-9 PM. Come as you are able.

November:

21st Thur Fundraiser at Stump's Hatchet House 6 to 10 PM
745 Alexander Rd, Princeton

Other Official District Dates

12th Masonic District:

September:

12th Wed 12th DLI & Dist. Assn. meeting Dinner 6:00pm
Milltown/Palestine #294 DLI 7:00 pm

25th Wed Central Jersey Candidates' Night: Social 5:00pm
At Philo Lodge#243 Buffet Dinner 6:00pm
\$40 per person Program 7:00pm

October:

7th Fri 12th Dist. DLI.
At RVL#46, 14 N.Doughty Ave, Sommerville

Petition Awaiting Balloting:

Mr. Yu-Chuan Hu
Of New Brunswick, age 34, Bus. Analyst

Awaiting FC Degree:

Bro. Dylan James Moynihan
Bro. Thiago Cardoso Carvalho

Awaiting MM Degree:

Bro. Gregory Paul Dohn

Historical Light

The cover art for this Trestleboard is a full page plate from the very first NJ official *Manual for the Use of Lodges* published in 1887. The Manual contained 23 full page plates for the three degrees (10 EA, 5 FC, 8 MM) as visual prompts for degrees and lectures since written rituals, either coded or in plain text, were forbidden in those days.

This plate refers to the section of the EA lecture explaining the reasons for the ceremonies. Notice the various steps of the ceremony: Reception. Stations at the S, W & E. first step W of altar, or perhaps prayer. Altar, and presumably whatever happens there, along with greater and lesser lights. Signs (right angle, horizontal and perpendicular). Apron with flap up. Lamb (emblem of innocence). WT's. NE corner. The only thing I cannot fathom is the six circles in a triangle depicted in the upper right. It might somehow represent the demand, but what that has to do with six circles is beyond me. It has nothing to do with the form of the lodge since that is clearly represented on other plates. There is no written description because the whole point was to avoid print, paint, stamp, stain, cut, carve, etc.

Subsequent editions of NJ's official manual eliminated the pages of plates. The 1897 edition still had small illustrations interspersed in the text. By the 1919 edition, all illustrations were removed.

For those who are curious to read the complete original 1887 Official Manual, it can be viewed for free in the Internet Archive (Archive.org). It is a scanned copy of an original in the Rutgers library.

Ben Hoff, Past Grand Historian

Grand Lodge Dates

Saturday, September 14th – GL "Train the Mentor" program at Philo Lodge #243 from *AM to 4PM.

Wednesday – Thursday November 6-7th
GRAND LODGE of NJ ANNUAL CCOMMUNICATION,
At Tropicana Casino Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ

Also at Union Lodge Building:

Scott Chapter RAM / Council RSM – 2nd Fri.
NJ Lodge of Research – 2nd Saturday in Sept.

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