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Brethren,

Clarksboro Lodge recently had the honor of hosting the Gold Token lunch this past month. We had six brothers from across the 21st district in attendance who together represented over 300 years of Masonic service. One feature of this event is the Gold Token degree where the recipients go through a 'fourth' degree retracing the steps they took when they joined the fraternity. This is a wonderful reminder that regardless of our physical age or time in Masonry, it is always good to take look back and see how far we have come in our journey with the fraternity and through our own lives.

We also had the honor last month of celebrating RW Richard Kell on his appointment to Grand Orator and RW Tom Rathof on his appointment to District Deputy Grand Master for the 21st Masonic District at the official reception of the Grand Master Leonard Vander Horn at Auletto's in Deptford. It is truly an honor to see two fine gentleman from our lodge to be trusted to serve New Jersey Masonry at such has high capacity.

On Thursday, October 3rd, we will be having a joint Master Mason degree with Mantua lodge at 7:30 on three brother Fellow Crafts from our lodge along with two from Mantua. A Master Mason degree takes a lot work and requires the help of at least 33 brothers. I would love to see as many of our members come out and help raise our newest brethren.

Fraternally,
John Higgins WM
WM Clarksboro Lodge #87 of Free and Accepted Masons

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

October 3, 2024 Joint Master Mason degree with Mantua Lodge #95 for three of our Brother Fellow Crafts Giovanni Andres Rodriguez, Ronald Erdman, and Joe Forman. Please note this degree will be held at **Mantua lodge** with dinner will be at 6:30 pm and the degree starting at 7:30 pm.

Any help is always appreciated particularly for the role of one of the 12 craftsmen

October 7, 2024 We will have our regular communication with dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting starting at 7:30pm.

Among the business items will be voting on 2025 dues and officer nominations for the 2025 Masonic year for the top 7 offices.

October 21, 2024 We will be having an Entered Apprentice degree on one candidate Michael Tinsley. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with the degree starting at 7:30. Any help is always appreciated for initiating our newest member.

October 25, 2024 District Lodge of Instruction at Mantua Lodge #95 starting at 7:00pm. All Master Masons are welcome to attend

From the Secretary:

We will have nominations for the top seven officers for the 2025 Masonic year along nominating a position on the Board of Financial Trustees to replace our departed WB Larry Erdner who served as trustee chair but sadly passed away this Summer. If interested please attend the October 7 regular communication to submit your nomination or notify myself or Worshipful Master to have it entered on your behalf.

Also if anyone is interested in serving in a non-elected chair for the Masonic year 2025, please notify the Worshipful Master who would gladly appreciate any help.

Fraternally

Jason Neal

Living Past Masters

1966 E. L. Erdner ^S	1991 J. C. Magee, III ^P	2008 G. R. Bruynell ^{PS}
1970 J. M. Dare ^S	1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2008 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. ^S	1992 D. P. Doak ^P	2009 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. ^P	1993 G. E. Sleet ^S	2010 J. A. Link ^{PS}
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. ^F	1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr.*	2010 D. S. Moser ^F
1979 W. L. Villanova ^S	1995 P. J Peacock	2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
1979 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F	1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2014 H. Egberts
1980 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F	1999 D. C. Henson ^F	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 C. W. McTyre ^S	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2016 J. P. Neal
1983 J. R. Corliss ^P	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^{PS}	2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2003 J. C. Legge ^{PS}	2018 T. G. Rathof DRI
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 C.B. Jarrell ^{PS}	2019 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2005 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2006 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2021 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2007 R.D. Bailey PGC ^{PS}	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 B. E. Bolopue ^P	2007 J. N. Earle ^F	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 Lee Brown ^F		

^P -Paulsboro
^S -Swedesboro

Honorary Members

1980 E. N. Peppler, PGM	2007 H. S. May, III, PGC	MW L. S. Plasket PGM
1993 R. Stowman, PM	2008 F. D. Jones, PDDGM	RW A. L. Hann PJGD
1996 W. E. Hackney, PGM	2008 J. C. Stephenson, PDRI	RW C. G. Hocknell PDDGM
	2009 W. H. Berman, PGM	2018 MW D. B. Hees PGM
	2014 D. A. Dorworth, PGM	

21st Masonic District Lodges

Penns Grove Excelsior No. 54, Carneys Point	1st Wednesday at 7:30pm
Clarksboro No. 87, Clarksboro	1st Monday at 7:30pm
Mantua No. 95, Mantua	2nd Thursday at 7:30pm
Woodstown No. 138, Woodstown	1st Tuesday at 7:30pm
Williamstown, No. 166, Williamstown	1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm
Pitman, No. 197, Pitman	2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm

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with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth
in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.
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2023

Elected Officers

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WB Bret Biel
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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge
Chaplain
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Sr. Master of Ceremonies
Jr. Master of Ceremonies
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Marshal
Tyler
Director of Ritual

Jack Magee, PM
Roger L. Thomas, PGC
James Earle PM
Gerardo Batista
Bret Biel, PM
Joseph Pardo
James Earle, PM
Jesse Thorn
Cory Hunt, Jr.
Jack Magee, PM
Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM

Trustees

Financial

C. W. McTyre, PM 2026
R. D. Bailey PGC 2024
E. L. Erdner PM 2025

Temple Maintenance

Eric Rathof PM 2026
Thomas Rathof DRI 2025
R.B. Kell Grand Orator 2027
Wm T. Dutka, PDDGM 2024

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

Most Worshipful Leonard Vander Horn

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Right Worshipful Thomas Rathof District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District

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If anyone in your Lodge is ailing, in need of a phone call, card, or visitation ... If you need assistance with a Masonic funeral ... Or anything else, please contact the Grand Chaplain