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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**

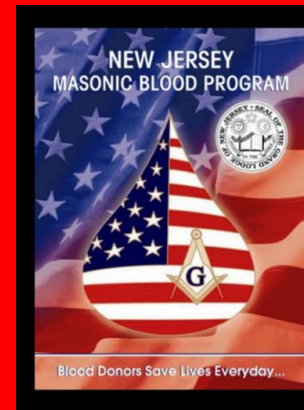
Ludwin Álvarez- Heriberto Cruz



LIVING PAST MASTERS

Alberto Hernandez-2019
Ludwin Alvarez-2020&2024
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



October 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

S ∴F ∴U ∴

Mis Hermanos,

“Lo que no se ve”

En una conversación con un compañero masón recientemente, surgieron una serie de preguntas que me hicieron reflexionar. No solo porque puede cuestionarse una serie de interrogantes sino porque no sabía si las respuestas que les di eran las correctas y eso no me lo podía sacar de la cabeza. Su primera pregunta fue:- ¿Por qué todos los hombres no vemos la institución igual?

- A lo cual le respondí: Es natural que, dentro de la masonería, cada hombre vea la institución de manera diferente. La masonería ofrece un espacio de crecimiento personal y reflexión, y cada individuo la experimenta a través de su propio contexto, creencias y vivencias. La diversidad de pensamiento es parte del espíritu masónico, que reconoce y respeta la individualidad de cada miembro. No todos los masones están en el mismo punto de su viaje personal, y algunos pueden ver en la institución una oportunidad para crecer espiritualmente, mientras que otros se enfocan más en el aspecto fraternal o social. Cada hombre extrae de la masonería aquello que resuena más con su interior, lo que genera percepciones distintas, aunque compartan los mismos principios y valores.

Después me pregunto ¿Porque algunos estaban más comprometidos que otros?

A lo cual le respondí que el nivel de compromiso que cada masón asume también varía, y esto tiene que ver con la disposición personal, el tiempo que se dedique a su desarrollo masónico y la profundidad con la que cada uno aborde los estudios y rituales. El compromiso se nutre de la pasión y la dedicación, pero no todos los hombres atraviesan el mismo proceso de maduración a la vez. Algunos encuentran en la masonería una causa que guía cada aspecto de sus vidas, mientras que otros pueden acercarse a ella de manera más esporádica. Este desbalance en el nivel de entrega no es una señal de falta de interés, sino una manifestación de las diferentes etapas en que cada masón se encuentra en su propio desarrollo.

Por último, ¿Y Porque no todos viven por los preceptos masónicos?

Y mi respuesta fue que no todos los masones viven de manera estricta conforme a los preceptos masónicos, y

esto puede deberse a la lucha interna entre los ideales y la realidad diaria. Los principios masónicos son aspiraciones elevadas: buscan la perfección moral y el mejoramiento continuo del ser humano, pero como hombres, también estamos sujetos a las imperfecciones de la vida cotidiana. No es fácil vivir en todo momento bajo los estándares más altos, y algunos pueden desviarse o encontrar dificultades en el camino. Sin embargo, la masonería no exige perfección inmediata, sino que invita a la reflexión constante y el esfuerzo por mejorar. El verdadero valor está en el intento continuo de vivir según estos preceptos, a pesar de los obstáculos que se presenten en el camino.

Al Signo del Orden

VM ∴ _Ludwin Álvarez, PVM

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

S ∴F ∴U ∴

My Brothers,

“The Unseen.”

In a conversation with a fellow Mason recently, a series of questions came up that gave me pause. Not only because you can question a series of questions but because I didn't know if the answers I gave them were the right ones and that I couldn't get out of my head. His first question was:- Why don't all men see the institution in the same way?

- To which I replied:- It is natural that, within Freemasonry, every man sees the institution differently. Freemasonry offers a space for personal growth and reflection, and each individual experiences it through his own context, beliefs and experiences. Diversity of thought is part of the Masonic spirit, which recognizes and respects the individuality of each member. Not all Masons are at the same point in their personal journey, and some may see the institution as an opportunity to grow spiritually, while others focus more on the fraternal or social aspect. Each man draws from Freemasonry what resonates most with his inner self, which generates

different perceptions, even if they share the same principles and values.

He then asked me why some were more committed than others?

To which I replied that the level of commitment that each Mason assumes also varies, and this has to do with personal disposition, the time dedicated to his Masonic development and the depth with which each one approaches the studies and rituals. Commitment is nurtured by passion and dedication, but not all men go through the same maturation process at the same time. Some find in Freemasonry a cause that guides every aspect of their lives, while others may approach it more sporadically. This imbalance in the level of commitment is not a sign of lack of interest, but a manifestation of the different stages each Mason is at in his own development.

Finally, Why doesn't everyone live by the Masonic precepts?

And my answer was that not all Masons live strictly according to Masonic precepts, and this may be due to the internal struggle between ideals and daily reality. Masonic principles are lofty aspirations: they seek moral perfection and the continuous improvement of the human being, but as men, we are also subject to the imperfections of everyday life. It is not easy to live by the highest standards at all times, and some may stray or encounter difficulties along the way. However, Masonry does not demand immediate perfection, but invites constant reflection and effort to improve. The true value lies in the continual attempt to live by these precepts, despite the obstacles that may be encountered along the way.

On the Level,

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; Ridgefield Park, N.J. 07660 at 7:30 pm.

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

October/Octubre:

4th Regular Stated Communication- Suit and Tie@7:30pm
7th DLI/ Instrucción del Distrito-Suit and Tie@7:30pm
18th Regular Stated Communication- Suit and Tie@7:30pm

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.

Profanos

Mr/Sr. Marco Aurelio Zaldívar
Mr/Sr. Julio Cesar Reyes

Awaiting Degree/En espera para el Grado de Aprendiz

Mr. Carlos Alex Arturo Vega Pena*
Mr. Danis Rodriguez Cabrera

Entered Apprentice Mason/ Aprendiz Masón:

Bro. Didier Hernandez

Fellow Craft Mason / Compañero Mason

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

MM Exam / Examen de Maestro Mason

Bro. Washington E. Andrade
Bro. Joel Foot Mayze

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Bro. Florentino F. Falcon Cell.305.898.3024 falcon_piedra@hotmail.com	Junior Warden
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W.Bro. Heriberto Cruz Cell. 646.866.8703 ecruzolivieri@gmail.com Salomon.no.306@gmail.com	Secretary

Appointed Officers

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
Bro. Jorge L. Álvarez	Musician
RW. Bro. Angelo Aponte	Chaplain
Bro. Washington Rodriguez	Marshall
	Tyler

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

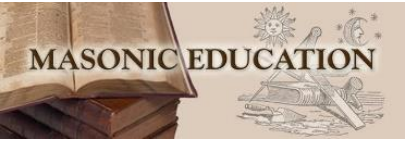
10/2nd Ludwin Alvarez
10/2nd Rodolfo M. Zanetti
10/16th Florentino F. Falcon
10/17th Darian Monte de Oca
10/24th Jorge L. Álvarez



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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/66067104/u2nkaebC

Most Ancient and
of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey



Candidates for 2024-2025

Grand Master
J. Eugene Margroff
Wyckoff No. 287

Deputy Grand Master
Omar S. Morris
Peninsula No. 99

Senior Grand Warden
Bruce C. Golway
Vineland No. 69

Junior Grand Warden
(Vote for 1)

Bernard J. Madgey V
Laurel No. 237

William J. VonDerHeide IV
Musconetcong No. 42

Grand Treasurer
Douglas R. Policastro
Ocean No. 89

Grand Secretary
(Vote for 1)

Larry S. Plasket
Merchantville No.119

Roger Quintana
B.S.M.T.M.D. No. 35

Grand Lodge Trustee
(Vote for 1)

Robert V. Monacelli
Clifton No.203

David C. VanPelt
St. John's No. 1

Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee

Raymond E. Foose
Horizon Daylight No. 299

Richard E. Schultz
Clifton No. 203

Arthur S. Pelzer
Mount Moriah No. 28
Candidate with the least votes will get the unexpired two-year term.

Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee
(Vote for 3)

Joseph K. Barbara
Raritan Valley No.46

Ellis Jacobs
Alpine Tilden Tenakill No. 77

George H. Ostermayer III
Maple Shade - Moorestown No. 281

David J. Weiss
Milltown Palestine No. 294

MOSAIC LODGE #194 ANNUAL 8-BALL BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT
DOUBLE ELIMINATION / OPEN TO TEAMS OF 2 PLAYERS

**OCTOBER 12TH
11 AM**

APA/CPA RULES / LUNCH PROVIDED

**BILLIARDS
TOURNAMENT**

MOSAIC LODGE #194 - 129 MAIN STREET - RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ
MAIL \$50.00 REG. FEE CHECK PER TEAM MADE OUT TO "MOSAIC LODGE #194 F&A.M. TO:
BUTCH ELLIOTT - 38 MAIN STREET - FLANDERS, NJ 07836
REGISTRATION CLOSING ON 10/1/24 QUESTIONS? CALL BUTCH - (201) 390-3415

THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA PRESENTS
Unity Day

January 25, 2025
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Masonic Temple in Philadelphia
An enhanced fellowship opportunity
\$75 per ticket (non-refundable)

EVENT DETAILS
Grand Lodges participating: Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and Pennsylvania; however, Master Masons from all recognized Grand Lodges are welcome to attend.
Ritual performed by the following jurisdictions:
NEW YORK: Entered Apprentice Degree by Garibaldi Lodge No. 542
NEW JERSEY: Fellowcraft Degree - Kitties Degree Team (Kitties regalia)
DELAWARE: Master Mason Degree - Colonial Degree Team (colonial regalia)
PENNSYLVANIA: Open Installation of Officers and the Entered Apprentice/Fellowcraft Degrees combined
Breakfast, lunch and a commemorative gift included.

Purchase tickets by scanning the QR code or by visiting PaGrandLodge.org.
Tickets will go on sale Aug. 1.
Limit: 600 attendees

GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**MEET THE EXPERT: MAXIMIZING
YOUR LODGE'S POTENTIAL: CREATING A
CULTURE OF EMPOWERMENT**



**R.W. CHRISTIAN
STEBBINS, JGS**

ZOOM REGISTRATION
REQUIRED AT:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrvxkpaf>
Open to all Master Masons

LODGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A ZOOM lecture series dedicated to
building your leadership and lodge
managerial skills and improving the
overall membership experience

DATE:

**OCTOBER 2, 2024
8:00 PM**

Questions: R.W. Mohamad A. Yatim, GE
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**Night in
Memphis**
SATURDAY October 5th
6:00 PM

Burlington Masonic Lodge
2308 Mt. Holly Rd.
Burlington, NJ 08016

Tickets \$35.00

Music, Food & Fun
This is a BYOB Event!
Event to Support RW Bruce C. Golway
The Junior Grand Warden
Make Check or Money Order Payable To:
Team Golway Staff Account
Mail To: RW Donald Tuttle
1071 Bonnie Blue Circle, Williamstown NJ 08091
RSVP by Email: NJSGW2026@gmail.com

**NORTH JERSEY
CANDIDATES NIGHT**

HOSTED BY
NORTH JERSEY PAST MASTERS
MASONIC ASSOCIATION

Tickets \$75

VENUE
Hanover
Manor
16 Eagle Rock Ave
East Hanover
NJ 07936

TIME
Doors Open
@ 5:30pm
Cocktail Hour @ 6 pm
Dinner @ 6:30 pm

**DATE: Monday
October 28th, 2024**

**EMAIL FOR TICKETS: JCHAN11918@MSN.COM
OR TEXT / CALL: 201-723-7422**

GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Grand Lodge of New Jersey
2024 Masonic Leadership Conference**

The Masonic Leadership Conference
is an Educational Opportunity sponsored by

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey and
Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey

Sessions are focused on
Networking and Training upcoming Lodge Leaders.

Topics include Lodge Leadership, Finance, Planning for the East,
Officer Responsibilities, Charity Foundation and others.

**SAVE THE DATES
October 25th - 27th, 2024**

Location: Patton Campus, Elizabethtown, PA

Registration: Opens 2:00 pm Friday

Sessions: Friday 5 pm - Sunday Noon (approximate time)

Cost: \$275.00 / attendee (food)