


Active Past Masters


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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BR Arthur M Schneier, DB	2025
Bro. John Dougherty	2026
WB Eric Wolff	2027
WB Larry Hriczak	2028

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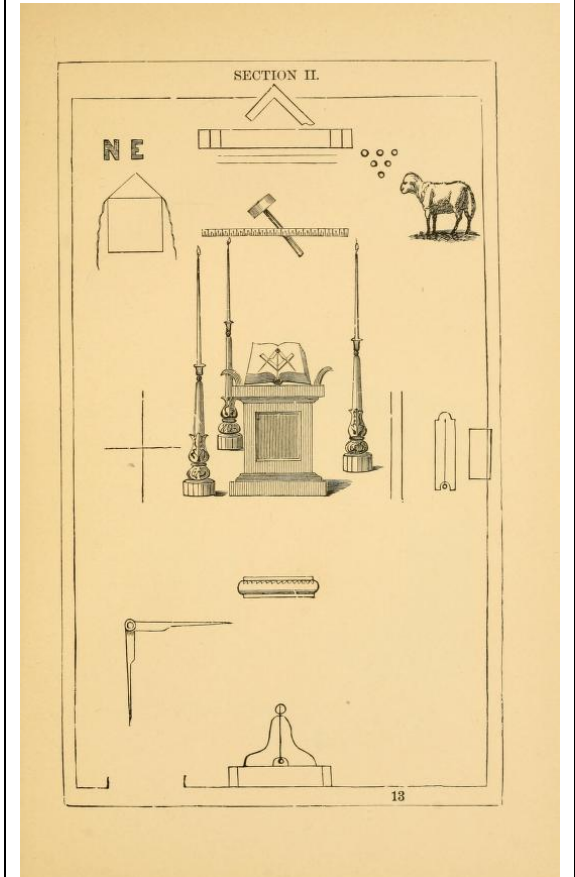
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Free & Accepted Masons
 Constituted April 9, 1850

November & December 2024



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Master's Message

My Brothers,

A good friend and brother Mason went to the Grand Lodge of Scotland this summer. He brought me back a special gift and these words were written on it.

For many years Freemasons have followed three great principles:

Brotherly Love:

Every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behave with kindness and understanding to his fellow creatures.

Relief:

Freemasons are taught to practice charity and to care, not only for their own, but also for the community as a whole both by charitable giving, voluntary efforts and works as individuals.

Truth:

Freemasons strive for truth, requiring high moral standards and aiming to achieve them in their own lives.

Let's keep these principles in our hearts and conscience as we progress through the next few months.

This election season will stress many regardless of the outcome.

God Bless each and every one of my Brothers!

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Roy Kowalski, WM 2024

Union Lodge #19

Designs Upon the Tressleboard

Lodge Dates

November:

4th Mon Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm
Presentation & Adoption of meeting 7:30pm
2025 budget

11th Mon Rehearsal & Planning Meeting 7:00pm

18th Mon Regular Communication Dinner 6:30pm
Nomination of Officers meeting 7:30pm

19th **TUE** MM Degree at Jerusalem Lodge in Plainfield for
Bro's Dohn & Moynihan

21st Thur Fundraiser at Stumpy's Hatchet House 6:30pm
745 Alexander Rd, Princeton
Tickets must be purchased in advance

25th Mon Rehearsal & Planning Meeting 7:00pm

December:

2nd Mon Annual Communication Dinner 6:30pm
Memorial Service, Suspensions meeting 7:30pm
Election of Officers, close & open Lodges of sorrow

7th Sat Open Installation of Officers Social noon
For 2025. Formal Attire. Ceremony 1:00pm
Dinner to Follow

16th Mon Dinner with Ladies location TBD

Other Official District Dates

12th Masonic District:

November:

19th Tue Blood Drive in Sommerville Start 2:00pm
Raritan Valley Lodge #46 End 7:00 pm

22nd Fri District Lodge of Instruction 7:00pm
Milltown Palestine #294
☞ All incoming elected officers to meet with DDGM
to discuss Plans, Scheduling & Expectations
☞ Qualification teams meet with DRI

January 4th Sat, Beefsteak fundraiser at Philo #243
To benefit scholarship, charity, distressed bro's

Installations (all in December, all open ceremonies):

6th Fri St. Stephens #63, 7:00pm.
7th Sat Union #19 (see above)
8th Sun Milltown Palestine #294, 2:00pm.
10th Tue Philo #243, social 5:30, Dinner 6:30, Inst. 8:15
14th Sat Raritan Valley # 46, 4pm installation, dinner follows
15th Sun Princeton #38, 4pm, dinner follows

Petition Awaiting Balloting:

-none-

Awaiting FC Degree:

Bro. Yu-Chuan Hu
Bro. Thiago Cardoso Carvalho

Awaiting MM Degree:

Bro. Dylan James Moynihan
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

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

Grand Master's **Reception**

Nov 16th at Pines Manor, Rt. 27 in Edison
6pm social, 6:30pm dinner, reception follows
Reservations required, \$80 per person

Also at Union Lodge Building:

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

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