



Merchantville, N. J.

ORGANIZED January 14, 1871
CONSTITUTED January 18, 1872

November 2024

Dear Brother;

You are cordially and fraternally requested to attend the Regular Communication of Merchantville Lodge #119, F. & A.M., to be held at Merchantville Masonic Temple, 6926 Park Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ.

Thursday, November 14th, 2024

Dress will be Formal. Tuxedo for Officers.

7:30pm

- Lodge Opening
- Voting of Officers for MY2025
- Masonic Light
- 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, as we get closer to the end of the year and masters and officers are getting ready to change responsibilities, advance in their lines, become a new master or retire to become a past master, make sure we all as masons support those changes and help the new officers to become better leaders.

We are also entering into the installation season, and in preparation for this I have asked WB Vince Capone to do a presentation on receiving special guests and procedures to follow during an official installation, this will be during our regular stated meeting on Thursday Nov 14th at 730pm.

In addition, Merchantville Lodge is planning an open installation on Sat Dec 7th dinner at 5pm and installation to start at 6pm

Brief History of Masonic Installation

The history of Masonic installation ceremonies dates back to the early development of Freemasonry in the late 16th and early 17th centuries. The first documented evidence of a Masonic lodge is from 1599 in Scotland, and by the early 1700s, the formation of the first Grand Lodge in England in 1717 marked a significant evolution in Masonic practices. This period saw the transition from operative to speculative Masonry, where the focus shifted from the physical construction of buildings to the moral and philosophical teachings of the craft.

Masonic installations serve to formally recognize and induct new officers within a lodge, reflecting the organization's commitment to leadership and governance. The installation ceremony is rich in symbolism and ritual, often incorporating elements that emphasize the virtues of integrity, responsibility, and service. Each officer takes on specific roles, and their installation reinforces the hierarchy and organization of the lodge, echoing the traditions of ancient guilds.

Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, as Freemasonry spread across Europe and into the Americas, installation practices varied by region but maintained core elements. Rituals became more standardized, with elaborate ceremonies developed to enhance the experience and convey the values of Freemasonry. The installation not only serves as a formal introduction to leadership but also acts as a reminder of the moral obligations that come with the office.

Today, Masonic installations are celebrated events within lodges, marked by a sense of tradition and community. They often involve a gathering of members, family, and friends, emphasizing the collective support for the new officers. This ceremony reflects both the historical legacy of Freemasonry and its ongoing commitment to fostering leadership and ethical behavior among its members.

I look forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting

Fraternally,
Andrew Knaus
Worshipful Master 2024

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

MW Larry S. Plasket, PGM
WB Raynaldo Santiago, PM
WM Jerry D. Jeitner
Bro Philip Lowe
Bro. Wilbur Wannamaker
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Bro. Dr. Charles Ivory
WB Barry Hanson, PM
Bro. Michael Riggs
WB Shawn Roberts, PM
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Bro. Alexander Martinez
Bro. George Saunders
Bro. Robert Down
DB Kenneth "Peaches" Pierce

Bro Michael Koehler

And a Contribution Made 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
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Send to:
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6926 Park Ave
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Please note that it is for the new HVAC unit!

November Masonic Birthdays

Felix M. Almodovar	Joseph F. Langer
Samuel J. Bello	David F. Millspaugh
W. Alan Brickner	Karl E. MacNeir
John B. Brouse	Rafael D. Marte-Rosa
Henry A. Burmeister III	William R. Megargel
RW James D. Choyinski, PGP	Thomas A. Muskett Jr.
James G. Clark	Steven A. Newsom
John M. Cogan	Thomas C. Orlando
Robert E. Collier	Michael Passio
Scott K. Cuneo	Douglas W. Patrick
Steven L. Daniels	John W. Paxton
Christopher V. De Vone	Alexander R. Perry
MW David A. Dorworth, PGM	MW Douglas R. Policastro, PGM
Kyle R. Down	Jose D. Portes
Ernest Feriozzi	Stephen J. Pratt
WB Eugene M. Fratz, PM	Timothy J. Randazzo
RW Henry P. Fratz, PDDGM	MW Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM
Gary F. Gentert	Andy O. Rodriguez Sr.
Frederick R. Giebel Jr.	George R. Saunders
George W. Giebel	Steven Scheibler
Joseph A. Gismonde	Bryan C. Smith
Louis Guarino	WB Wade V. Smith, PM
George F. Hickman	Brian G. Tait Sr.
Edward J. Hovatter	WB David N. Tilton, PM
David A. Infante	Charles J. Van Horn
Edward W. Jefferson	Frank J. Viola Jr.
Keith E. Johnson	Ryan D. Wachter
Dean P. Jones	Dorsey D. Weikert III
WB Edward S. Keller, PM	William E. Williams
David E. Kemble Jr.	Mark S. Witzczak
WB Charles E. Kern Jr., PM	Birch W. Wilson
WB Christian P. Kochon, PM	
Michael R. Koehler	

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

Right Worshipful Brother Albert Hann Brother

Initiated June 9th, 1957
Passed September 6th, 1957
Raised October 11th, 1957
Called from Labor: May 6th, 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

Brother

Anthony Costanzo

Initiated April 12th, 1974
Passed May 17th, 1974, and
Raised June 14th, 1974
Called from Labor: February 23rd, 2023

Brother

Lawrence Einhorn.

Initiated January 15th, 1982
Passed February 19th, 1982
Raised March 19th, 1982
Called from Labor: July 20th, 2024.

2025 Dues

You can now pay your annual dues to the Lodge via the app Amity. The Grand Lodge has been working with the Blue Lodges to enable the secure transaction of your dues directly to us via the Amity app, with the fees for use being paid by the member. While PayPal and Venmo are excellent and safe ways to pay, there is a cost that the Lodge has been covering for that service. This method will be directly associated with your Masonic information and will go directly to the Lodge. Click on the three bars in the upper left corner of the app and select "Pay Dues". From my desk as Secretary, I believe that this is an excellent alternative to the current online payment system.

Regarding the 2025 dues; Merchantville Lodge Dues will be as follows:

GL Assessment: \$76.00

Grand View Fee: \$1.25

Lodge Dues: \$89.00

2025 Total Dues: \$166.25 (Dual Member: \$89 | 50 year + : \$76)

Payment Methods

By Check:

Make Checks out to "Merchantville Lodge."

Send to:

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



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UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Election of Officers	Thursday, November 14 th at 7:30pm
Installation of Officers	Saturday, December 7 th at 5:00pm
Annual Communication	Thursday, December 12 th at 7:30pm
Christmas Party	Saturday, December 21 st at 7:00pm

Nominated Officers for the 2025 Masonic Year

Worshipful Master: WB Luis Valentin, PM
Senior Warden: WB Andrew Knaus, PM
Junior Warden: WB Anthony Starkus, PM
Secretary: WB Shawn Roberts, PM
Treasurer: WB David Martin, PM

An open Installation of Officers is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, 2024.

Looking for Mentors!

Mr. Jayron Estrada was elected for initiation during the September Regular Communication and we are looking for a mentor for him! 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.

DIRECTOR OF RITUAL

WB David K. Martin Jr., PM

BLOOD DRIVE

REPRESENTATIVES

Bro. Joseph McGuckin Jr.

BRETHREN EMERITUS

RW Mark R. Richardson,

PGSB.....Treasurer

RW Raymond W. Taylor, Sr.,

PGC.....Secretary

WB Henry Olsen, PM....Tyler

LODGE TRUSTEES

DB Kenneth Pierce (2024)

WB Raynaldo Santiago (2025)

MW Larry Plaskett (2026)

**DISTINGUISHED
BRETHREN**

DB Rolf U. Benninghoven

DB John M. Belko

DB Kenneth L. Pierce

DB Enrique Rosario

DB Stephen Callaghan

AFFILIATED & DUAL PAST MASTERS

Floyd D. Britt

Edward S. Keller

Gary L. Jones

Raymond L. Garrison, PSGD

Harold W. Monahan

Frederic K. Berman

Charles E. Kern

Patrick C. Weisgerber, Sr., PSTGM

Henry P. Fratz, PDDGM

Keith A. Herman, DDGM

Daniel J. Walker, PGC

Eugene M. Fratz

HONORARY MEMBERS

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MW Douglas R. Policastro, PGM

MW William H. Berman, PGM

MW Joseph H. Rival, PGM

MW Gerald J. Sharpe, PGM

MW Edgar N. Peppler, PGM

MW David Dorworth, PGM

RW Thomas R. Stallone, PDDGM

RW Richard Wimmer, PGC

RW Dale A. Lynch, PDDGM

RW Scott R. Vicari, PGP

WB David N. Tilton, PM

LIVING PAST MASTERS OF MERCHANTVILLE LODGE No. 119 F&AM



1972 Thomas A. Muskett
1975 Thomas W. Lowe, Sr. PGT
1977 Thomas E. Roth
1983 George E. Emmanuel, PSGD
1984 Larry S. Plasket, PGM
1985 Phillip H. Lowe
1992 Mark R. Richardson, PGSB
1996 J. Michael Aaron, PGC
1998 Leroy R. Emory, Jr.
1999 Thomas R. Smith III
2003 Raymond W. Taylor, Sr. PGC
2004 Daniel L. Lloyd
2005 Eugene L. Wallace
2006 William W. Johnson, Sr.
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
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2023 Anthony J. "AJ" Starkus

