

Active Past Masters

WB Dean M Shoemaker	1969
RW John Mavrakis, PSGS	1971/98
WB Jerome G Kadesh	1971
RW David B Littman PGC	1975
RW George Petrantonakis PGC	1982/92/99
RW Roy Kowalski, PJGD	2000/24
WB Maxim G Marcille, Jr	2001/04
RW Bernhard W Hoff PGH	2004/08/17
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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RW. Bernhard W. Hoff, PGH  
 WB Larry Hriczak

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WB Larry Hriczak	2028
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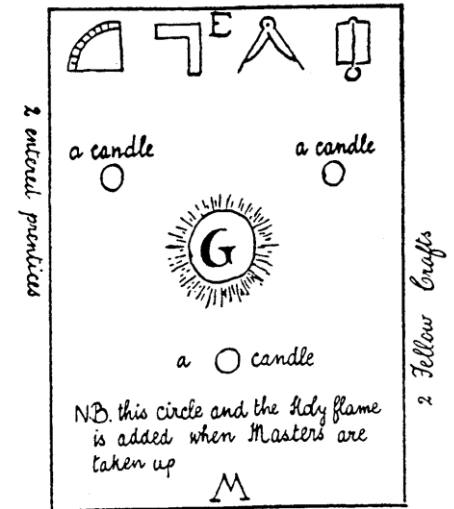
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**Union Lodge #19**  
**Free & Accepted Masons**

Constituted April 9, 1850

January & February 2025

Here the Master sits  
 A pedestal with the Bible on



Two wardens

This Lodge is the new lodge under the  
 Desaguliers regulation

Regular Communications  
 First and Third Mondays 7:30 PM  
 Masonic Temple  
 60 Cedar Avenue  
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<https://www.unionlodge-19.com>

Master's Message

Brethren,

Installation season marks a new chapter in the life of our Lodges, as you take up the mantle of leadership entrusted to you by your fellow Masons. You are called not only to preserve our ancient traditions but also to guide our Lodges into a future filled with promise and possibility.

As we move forward, let us embrace technology as a tool to enhance our connections, improve our operations, and share the timeless values of Freemasonry with a new generation. However, in our pursuit of progress, let us remain rooted in the principles that have guided us for centuries: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Remember that true leadership balances innovation with inclusion. As you introduce new methods and tools, be mindful of our more seasoned Brethren who may find these changes challenging. Lead with patience, teach with kindness, and ensure that no Brother feels left behind.

Brethren, the strength of our Craft lies in unity—each of us, regardless of age or experience, has wisdom to share and lessons to learn. By honoring our past and embracing the future, we will build Lodges where all can thrive together.

May the Great Architect of the Universe guide your efforts, bless your leadership, and strengthen the bonds of our Brotherhood. Let us move forward with purpose, vision, and a shared commitment to building a better world—one Brother, one Lodge, one act of service at a time.

So mote it be.

MW Roger Quintana PGM

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Sincerely & Fraternaly

Roy Kowalski, WM 2024

Union Lodge #19

Designs Upon the Tressleboard

Lodge Dates

<b>January:</b>			
6 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Regular Communication	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Blood Drive at Union Lodge		10:00 AM to 2:00PM
	Brothers need to arrive by 8:00 AM for set-up		
13 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Rehearsal & Planning Meeting		7:00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Regular Communication	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Rob't Burns Night at P'ton Lodge		6:30pm
	Cost TBD. (instead of rehearsal at U#19)		
<b>February:</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Regular Communication	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Rehearsal & Planning Meeting		7:00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Regular Communication	Dinner meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
	President's day program		
24 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Rehearsal & Planning Meeting		7:00pm
<b>March:</b>			
31 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Table Lodge & 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration		7:00 PM

Other Official District Dates

<b>12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District:</b>			
<b>January:</b>			
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Beefsteak fundraiser at Philo #243	Social Dinner & distressed bro's - \$55 per person	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
8 <sup>th</sup> Wed	12 <sup>th</sup> District Association DLI @ Milltown/Palestine	meeting	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
19 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Blood Drive in Sommerville Raritan Valley Lodge #46	Start End	2:00pm 7:00 pm
<b>February:</b>			
12 <sup>th</sup> Wed	District lodge of Instruction @ Princeton Lodge	meeting	7:00 PM

Petition Awaiting Balloting:

-none-

Awaiting FC Degree:

Bro. Yu-Chuan Hu  
Bro. Thiago Cardoso Carvalho

Awaiting MM Degree:

-none-

Historical Light

The cover art for this Trestleboard is a drawing of a lodge layout in the 1730's as reproduced from a manuscript named "Dialogue between Simon and Phillip". Some interesting things to notice about it include the placement of officers, notably the junior and senior fellowcrafts in the south facing the junior and senior apprentices in the north. Both wardens are in the west, as they currently are in our festive boards and table lodges. This was likely not a layout of a lodge room as we know it but rather a design drawn on the floor for ceremonial purposes with brethren other than named officers standing in lines to the north and south as we do in some parts of our ceremonies today.

This design dates from the period very shortly after the introduction of the Master Mason as a degree that most or all brothers earned, rather than as an office only a few achieved. The use of Apprentices and Fellows as floor officers undoubtedly dates from an earlier period. From the source document and others of the period, it appears that the fellowcrafts' functions most closely resemble those of today's deacons. The apprentices seem to be the forerunners of the "Inner Guard" of English lodges or the Masters of Ceremonies in our lodges.

Also notice the tools displayed in front of the Master: quadrant, square, compasses, plumb. The Bible is on a pedestal directly in front of the Master, which also continues as current English practice. The candles are placed differently from both English and American practices. The center contains a letter G rather than an altar. The diagram notes that the flaming circle around the G is added when masters are "taken up".

Ben Hoff, Past Grand Historian

Grand Lodge Dates

**Reception of Jr Grand Warden** Social 4:00 PM  
Fellowship Center, Burlington – BYOB Dinner 5:00 PM  
\$60 per person Saturday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Program 6:30 PM

**10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Districts GL Reception & Official Visit of GM**  
Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> at Pines Manor, Rt. 27 in Edison  
6 to 10 PM - \$75 PP check / \$80 pp online

Also at Union Lodge Building:

Scott Chapter RAM – Fri Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting.

NJ Lodge of Research – Installation Sat Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM.

Scott Council RSM – Fri Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting.

OES Dates

Raritan Chap. Celebration for Lisa Helge RWG  
Trustee on Wed Jan 29<sup>th</sup> at Philo Lodge

Lydia Chap. Master Mason night, Fri Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting @ Raritan Valley Lodge

Lodges of 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District:

Union Lodge #19  
60 Cedar Ave, North Brunswick NJ  
1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, except July & August

Princeton Lodge # 38  
345 River Road, Princeton NJ  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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