

# Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41 January 2017 Trestleboard

535 North Main Street, Hightstown, NJ 08520

(609)448-0042



Hightstown-Apollo #41 Officers and guests. Front row (from left): Steve Romm, WM Ernesto Somera (& Grandson), Anthony Katawick III, Carlos Remolado, Anthony Dionne, Jackson Dieu, RW Phil Caliolio, RW Brian Hartel DDGM, and Joseph Kahn. Back row (from left): Alan Peters, Michael Krauss, Ronald Herzog, John Hamilton, WB Gerald Fabisch, and RW Scott Mahan.

## Installation of 2017 Officers and Special Recognition Awards

The Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41 officers for 2017 were installed on Dec. 11, 2016. The installation team were RW Phil Caliolio, DRI (Installing Master), RW Tom Buno, PSGW (Chaplain), RW Ross Rosales, PDRI (Marshal), and RW Joe Daguman, PGC (Ancient Charges). The open installation was well attended with guests from many lodges as well as HA41 lodge members and their families. RW Daguman, following tradition, presented WM Somera with the Master's gavel made of Philippine hardwood.

Following the installation WM Somera (2016), WB Jim Hauck (PM, 2016) and WB Alex Bragat (PM, 2015) presented plaques of appreciation to W.Bros. James Mount, George Smith, Robert Hung, Gary Grubb and Gerald Fabisch for their continuing presence and dependable support of the lodge in all activities, ritual and lodge upkeep, decades after their original terms as WM.



WM-Elect Somera taking his obligation (left), and RW Caliolio investing him with the insignia of his office (right).

WB Bragat and WM Somera (with Grandson) and HA41 members welcome visiting masons during the collation.

## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

*Greetings and happy new year! First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you who put your confidence in me and in my skill and capacity to sit in the oriental chair. It is a great honor, and in return I promise nothing but my most careful, impartial and conscientious discharge of the duties of my office. I also commend all the incumbent officers who have once again committed themselves to running the lodge. As we reassemble and embark this year on a new adventure, with yours truly as the Worshipful Master, with a new set of craftsmen, and with the support of our ever dependable past masters, we look forward to a good year – a more enjoyable year for the good of the craft while actively participating in various fraternity endeavors.*

*Success of the lodge is dependent on numerous factors, but most importantly on the dedication of the line officers to perform their assigned tasks, be it in rituals or other lodge obligations. The appreciation of the brothers of the lodge will then cement their commitment to support any of the lodge's endeavors. As young officers of the lodge, we are all in that stage of being trained to be strong and effective leaders. We need more enlightenment from our more experienced brothers as this will transform us to become well rounded and well informed masons, and that, we may be better enabled to perform competently our assigned or chosen task.*

*As always, I appeal to all brethren to support the lodge by attending our regular and emergent communications. To our long missed brothers who have not been to the lodge in the past few months or years, please pay us a visit and meet the new brothers and the new line officers. Your usual demonstration of support heightens everyone's passion to effectively serve the lodge, to further our esteemed principles, and to continue our most essential task of making good men better.*

*Sincerely and Fraternally,*

*Ernie Somera, Worshipful Master*

## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

*I hope everyone and their families have had a great year and my New Year's wish to all for a fruitful and enjoyable 2017.*

*As we enter the New Year we start it with a slate of officers newly elected and appointed. Some have been "workmen " in the quarry for some time, others relatively new to their post and some very new to the Craft. No matter how much experience or time one has with the fraternity we all strive for the same common goal. That being to help in the running of the lodge in order to attract "good men" to our doors and to make better men of these individuals who are seeking greater light and understanding of our sacred Masonic principles.*

*With every year some change will occur as ideas are shared and acted upon for the good of the Lodge. Support your lodge and all your fellow Brethren, do not dwell on the past but remember it and use your experiences to mold our members into "Perfect Ashlars."*

*S & F,*

*Ron Herzog, Senior Warden*

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

*Brothers, it is my sincere hope that you all as well as your families have enjoyed this Holiday Season. I wish all of you and your families, much happiness and great health for this New Year. As we start this year fresh from the rest we have had since the Installation, I challenge everyone to try to become more active and involved with the Lodge. We will together, make this year one of the most memorable and successful years in Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41 history.*

*As your new Junior Warden, I hope to earn your respect comradeship, and friendship as I will work tirelessly to help make this Lodge even better for all the Brothers. I believe that open communication as well as interesting programming will play a huge role in encouraging all the Brothers, new and old, to become more active participants in our Lodge. The only agenda I have is to be a positive influence and good example so that the Lodge may flourish as it once had. My commitment to you is that I will be a Brother that can be counted on. If any of you feel that I am not fulfilling this goal, please let me know so that I can work on the problem to arrive at a suitable solution. Thank you Brothers for your support.*

*S&F,*

*Joe Kahn, Junior Warden*

**A WORD FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN**

*Brethren, each week we hear the question: What makes you a Mason? And the answer: My obligations. The Scripture that lays open before us on our altar teaches that faith without deeds is incomplete. The same can be said about our obligations.*

*We are obligated to aid our fellow Masons, their widows and children when they are in need. The light of Masonry shines bright when we meet our obligation with action.*

*On January 8, 2017 we have the opportunity to assist our brothers and their widows with the simple act of helping those with mobility challenges get to and back from their Sunday worship service. Even more, the few minutes of contact during our visit lifts their spirits and brightens their day. The knowledge that you have helped another along with the fellowship of your Lodge Brothers while doing it repays the few hours this takes many times over.*

*Please plan on being at the Masonic Home the morning of January 8th. Many of your brothers meet at our Lodge at 7:30 am and car pool. We're usually back before noon.*

*Let's show our fellow Masons and the community at large that Hightstown Apollo is a beacon of Masonic light.*

S & F,

Michael Kraus, Chaplain

**Grand Lodge 2017 Winter Seminar**

**Saturday, Jan 28 (9am - 2pm).** This year's seminar will once again feature 2 Masonic Education programs to discuss the Symbolism of Freemasonry & 2 Leadership presentations to discuss effectively managing your lodge. The event is FREE to all 2017 Officers, Master Masons and Past Masters. For more information and to register (as early as possible) please contact: [glofnj@njmasonic.org](mailto:glofnj@njmasonic.org)

For parking information and directions: <http://www.trentonmasonictemple.com/directions.html>

2015 OFFICERS	
Worshipful Master	Ernesto Somera <a href="mailto:ernie@thesomera.com">ernie@thesomera.com</a> <a href="mailto:halodge41@gmail.com">halodge41@gmail.com</a>
Senior Warden	Ronald Herzog <a href="mailto:rftherzog@aol.com">rftherzog@aol.com</a>
Junior Warden	Joseph Kahn <a href="mailto:jkk2156@gmail.com">jkk2156@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Steven Romm <a href="mailto:srommcpa@gmail.com">srommcpa@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	John Hamilton <a href="mailto:jth624@aol.com">jth624@aol.com</a>
Senior Deacon & Grand Lodge Proxy	Anthony Katawick, III
Junior Deacon	Paul Zeszotarski
Senior Master of Ceremonies	Kristian Stout
Junior Master of Ceremonies	Jackson Dieu
Chaplain	Michael Kraus
Marshal	Alan Peters
Senior Steward	Anthony Dionne
Junior Steward	Carlos Remolado
Tyler	Gerald Fabisch, PM
Ritual Instructors	Past Masters

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, STATE OF NJ <a href="http://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org">www.newjerseygrandlodge.org</a>	
Grand Master	MW Walter R. Kaulfers
Deputy Grand Master	RW Dieter B. Hees
Senior Grand Warden	RW Roger Quintana
Junior Grand Warden	RW Gregory Scott
Grand Treasurer	MW Robert J. Sheridan, PGM
Grand Secretary	MW John S. Ryan, PGM
15th District Deputy Grand Master	RW Brian K. Hartel, Sr.
15th District Ritual Instructor	RW Carl Jacobson

**LIVING PASTMASTERS**

Robert Campbell PGC	1972
William Rowles	1972
Bob Sprout	1973
Francis Fels, PGC	1974
Charles O'Neill	1975
Gary Grubb	1976
Wayne Hetzell	1976/1985
Charles Stults III, PGC	1979
Peter McNulty	1980
Francis Conway	1981
Raj Sudarsanam	1988
George Smith, PGC	1990
Thomas Estelle	1991, 1993
James Mount, PGC	1995, 2001
Robert Hung, PGC	1996, 2002
Gerald Fabisch	1997, 1998
Mark Megee, PDDGM	1999
Carlos Rodriguez	2000
Russell Beaulieu	2003
Michael Lakat, PGP	2004
Ronald Mayer	2006, 2010
John Chobrda	2007
Barry Cutler	2008
Keith Bergmann	2009, 2011
Earl Groendyke	2012
Denis deLeon	2013
Robert Sullivan	2014
Alexander Bragat	2015
James Hauck	2016

**DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS**

DB David Babcock  
DB Steven M. Romm

**TRUSTEES**

James Mount, Gary Grub 2019  
Robert Hung, David Babcock 2018  
Denis deLeon, George Smith 2017

**AWAITING MM**  
Joseph Miczak, Kirk Buono,  
Rafael Araneta, Christopher  
Holmes

**AWAITING FC**  
Steven Brody

**AWAITING EA**  
Mathew Beltran, Richard  
Gardner

**KNOCKING**

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
<b>Wed, Jan 4</b> 7:30 pm	<b>15th District DLI</b> at Hightstown Apollo Lodge #41 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Open
<b>Sun, Jan 8</b> 8:30 am	<b>Wheelchair Push</b> 1114 Oxmead Rd, Burlington, NJ
<b>Fri, Jan 13</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Regular Communication</b> 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Open
<b>Sat, Jan 28</b> 9 am - 2 pm	<b>GL 2017 Winter Seminar</b> 100 Barrack St., Trenton, NJ 08608 8:30-9:00 am Registration
<b>Fri, Feb 10</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Regular Communication</b> 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Open
<b>Fri, Feb 17</b> 7:15 pm Open	<b>Emergent Communication</b> (No dinner); MM degree,





Plaque of appreciation presented to Worshipful Brothers Mount, Smith, Hung, Grubb and Fabisch. Each of them had served the lodge for at least 2 decades since their original terms as Worshipful Master. All together, they have contributed at least 125 years, combined, of masonic light to Hightstown-Apollo #41, and still they continue to be present and active in the lodge as trustees, officers and ritual instructors, and have selflessly supported the lodge in its upkeep and in all communications, activities and events.