

Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41 July-August 2017 Trestleboard



District 15 Masons with the Trenton Assembly #9 Rainbow girls

Left photo, front row (from left): Bro. Mike Peroni, WM Ernie Somera, RW Brian Hartell, Sr., WB Mike Pylypiak, WB David Kois, WB John Pownall.

In and about the apartments...

June 12. The Rainbow Girls Trenton Assembly #9 held their ribbon ceremony for Master Mason night at Gothic Fraternal Lodge.

June 21, Golden Agers Luncheon. Once again, HA41 hosted the Golden Agers with a sumptuous meal and a very interesting lecture by WB Cappy Stults on the history of Hightstown.



WB Cappy Stults giving a talk on the history of Hightstown at the Golden Agers club luncheon hosted by Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41.

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

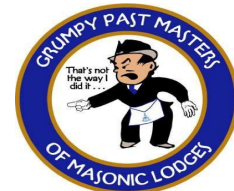
Brethren: First of all, I would like to thank all the officers and members who have been hard at work at the quarries in the past 6 months. Rest assured that your labors have not gone unnoticed in our district and beyond. Our vibrant lodge and growing membership speaks for itself, and we are poised to do great things in the coming years with your continued support and engagement in our humble craft. I also thank all the past masters who continue to show up, help out in rehearsals and degrees, and in lodge upkeep; and especially those who continue to provide moral support and guidance through their kind words and their contribution of further light through our Past Masters Corner in the Trestleboard.

As with tradition, the months of July and August will be dark. We will not have regular communications, except for one emergent communication for the purpose of conferring the EA degree. This will be followed by our summer picnic, open to family, friends, and future masons. Please invite your acquaintances who have expressed interest in knowing more about masonry and would like to have a tour of the lodge. We would also welcome them as our guest at the picnic.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ernie Somera, Worshipful Master

PAST MASTERS CORNER



Well as a Grumpy Past Master, it seems to be my duty to say, Harrumpphh; and “that’s the not the way I did it”, or that ritual looks okay, if it wasn’t at a DLI. When I was past master, very few of our membership had an email address; the world was growing concerned about the Y2K bug; Putin became president of Russia after the resignation of Boris Yeltsin; Exxon Mobil merge; TV shows like Family Guy, Futurama, and SpongeBob SquarePants premiere on TV; so many important events during the year. As Past Master, I learned that my team of officers were the best I could have had during my year. We tried new things, we tried some already tried things, but we tried. My activities that succeeded were a success, because it was the right time. My website for the lodge didn’t work, because it wasn’t the right time. If Star Wars IV: New Hope, or Star Trek the Motion Picture came out now in 2017, they would have been flops in the movies. You have to be in tune with the times, or at least with your officer lineups.

I appreciate the Past Masters who have stayed active in the lodge, working with the new candidates as well as with the new Masters and their officers. My path was a different one, one that led me to positions on Grand Staff (DRI/DDGM), and active in the York (Cryptic Grand Master) and Scottish Rite (33rd/MSA; SR Ambassador to Hightstown Lodge). It’s great when I travel through the state and see our members shining in different activities. It goes back to pride, in being a freemason, a past master and a member of Hightstown lodge. And I’m proud to call each of you, my brother.

RW and Rev. Mark E. Megee, pDDGM/pDRI, Past Master, 1999

PAST MASTERS CORNER

1990 vs. 2017

I was Worshipful Master in 1990, and the lodge was different than it is in 2017. As the officers progresses though the line, they were required to do various ritual work. The Masters of Ceremonies did the working tools for each degree. The charges and reception addresses were assigned randomly to other officers. The Jr. Deacon did the EA lecture, The Sr. Deacon did the Middle Chamber lecture and the Sr. Warden did the Master Mason Lecture. The East was occupied by the Jr. Warden for the EA degree, by the Sr. Warden for the Fellow Craft Degree and the Worshipful Master for the Master Mason Degree. The intention of this was to get everyone familiar with the ritual before they sat in the East, so they could fill-in wherever there might be a missing officer. This also gave you the confidence and a sense of running the lodge as you assumed the East.

The chair that separated the men from the boys was the Sr. Deacon’s chair. If you couldn’t perform well in that chair, you did not move to the South, and were invited to sit in the sidelines. I saw this happen

only once and it was not a pleasant experience for anyone. The reason I think it only happened once is that the two Ritual Instructors we had were perfectionists, and had a way of making you want to learn to work, and learn it well. You can see their pictures on the wall of the Hittinger room.

All of this has changed in from that time 27 years ago, and today. We no longer required ritual work of the officers as we did back then. As a result, we have not done the second section of Master Mason with just Hightstown-Apollo brethren in several years. I know the past gets better as we age, and we no longer have the two perfectionist ritual instructors; nor do we have ritual instructors who can be at every rehearsal, so the officers have to be self-motivating, and spend time during the week to learn their esoteric work.

Perhaps we will never achieve the level of work that I witnessed again, but let’s try for it. You will feel a sense of pride when you can do an excellent job. To paraphrase our President, “Let’s make Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41 great again”!

RW GEORGE SMITH PGC

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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
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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

TRUSTEES

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

DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS

DB David Babcock
DB Steven M. Romm

CANDIDATES CORNER:

AWAITING FC

Milton Panama, Alex Ovejas, Adolphus Gorgbahn

AWAITING EA DEGREE:

Louis Apuzzio, Francis Hackett, Joseph Giminaro, John Nogol, Jeremy Somera, Edgardo Villafuerte, Alfred Farrel, Edward Lerman

AWAITING BALLOTING:

Matthew Walker, William Duffy, Edward Clark

CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July/August	Lodge goes dark the rest of summer except for emergents and special events. See below.
Thu, Jul 20 7pm	HA41 Lodge Baseball Outing Trenton Thunder vs New Hampshire Fisher Cats
Sat, Jul 22 8am	Emergent Communication EA Degree
Sat, Jul 22 12noon - dusk	HA41 Family & Friends Picnic Lodge backyard garden

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 6	DLI at Gothic Fraternal #270
Sep 8	Regular Communication
Sep 23	Emergent EA Degree (TBD)
Sep 30	Town Yard Sale
Oct 4	DLI at Trenton Cyrus #5
Oct 6	Regular Communication
Oct 7	Hightstown Harvest Fair & Duckie Derby
Oct 8	Wheelchair Push
Nov 1	DLI at Amwell
Nov 7	Election Day - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
Nov 10	Regular Communication
Dec 6	DLI at Trenton Cyrus #5
Dec 8	Annual Communication & Election of Officers
Dec 9	Feast of Saints John (TBD)
Dec 10	Emergent - Installation of 2018 officers (TBD)

Grand Lodge and other Announcements:



MW Dieter B. Hees
Grand Master

300th Anniversary Gala Committee

My Dear Brothers,

In 2017, New Jersey Freemasonry will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England. One of the widely anticipated events will be a gala dinner to be held on September 17th at Liberty House in Jersey City which overlooks the Freedom Tower, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. In preparation of that commemorative event, we are soliciting advertisements for an ad book that will be published and widely distributed for the Gala Dinner.

Proceeds from the ad book will go towards supporting one of our principal charities which is the construction of the US Coast Guard Memorial to be erected at the Coast Guard Base in Cape May, New Jersey. Our role in supporting this much needed and long overdue memorial requires collective support.

The ads for the booklet will be full page only and the donation for the ad is \$150. Checks for your tax deductible donation made payable to the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey and **MUST** be mailed to Michael Neuberger, 28 Ormont Road, Chatham, NJ 07928. Please include a notation on your check that reads Coast Guard Memorial. All artwork (PDFs or jpg files) for your ad should be sent to GL2017Artwork@gmail.com

With fraternal thanks and regards,

M.W. Dieter B. Hees
Grand Master



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An Appeal for Action

My Dear Brothers,

One of our highlight events this year centers on celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England. In support of that, please solicit and direct funds for an ad book that will be published and widely distributed at that gala dinner. Proceeds from the ad book will go towards one of our principal charities which is the construction of the US Coast Guard Memorial.

Ads may be Masonic or business related.

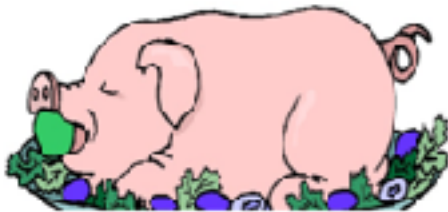
Though our Lodges are "dark" for summer, the deadline for the ads is September 1st. The ads for the booklet are full page only and the donation for the ad is \$150. Checks for the tax deductible donation can be made payable to the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey and **MUST** be mailed to Michael Neuberger, 28 Ormont Road, Chatham, NJ 07928. Please include a notation in your check that reads Coast Guard Memorial. All artwork (PDFs or jpg files) for your ad should be sent to GL2017Artwork@gmail.com

With fraternal thanks and regards,

M.W. Dieter B. Hees
Grand Master



JULY 22, 2017
AT HIGH TWELVE



PICNIC WITH THE BRETHREN, THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT THE LODGE

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN

It's a
Picnic

ROAST PIG
AND
BARBEQUE

More fun
and
surprises
await
everyone

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FAMILY PICNIC
JULY 22 @ HIGH TWELVE

The Brothers, their family, friends and prospective Masons are welcome to join the fun. Roast Pig, Hot Dogs, Pork or Chicken Barbeque-on-a-Stick, and a lot more for everyone.

Commemorative glasses will be available at reasonable price.

HSVF : Ernie Somers YOM (ernie@thesomers.com)

John Hamilton, Secretary (jth62@aol.com)

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161st YEAR OF
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