
Hightstown- Apollo #41

F&AM, Trestleboard

February 2019

NEXT REGULAR COMMUNICATION FRIDAY, FEB 22ND

Please join us for our next
regular communication.
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Open

Emergent Communication

March 28 Our Official Visit of
DDGM Brian Hartel Senior

15th District DLI

Wednesday March 6th

Mercer Lodge No. 50

Regular Communication
March 22nd.

Volume 1 / Issue 1

Brethren,

The excitement of the holidays and the tradition of bringing in the "New Year" is now behind us.

We may have begun this year with good intentions or new resolutions but how often are these quickly forgotten or ignored. We are now in the doldrums of winter. A time of shortened daylight hours, chilly temperatures and less activity.

We may find ourselves in a somewhat vegetative state, a bit of a slump so to speak. So how can you invigorate yourself and contribute to the wellbeing of your fellow Brothers. I offer you a simple solution... come to lodge! Yes your lodge. That building where you learned to appreciate the values of Masonary. Where you joined a unique fraternity. Where you promised and took your oath on that "good book". A place where you realized you belonged..

The presence of a Masonic Lodge in a community is an asset. The teachings of our fraternity do not stop when one of us leaves the building. We carry them with us in our minds and hearts back into the community of which we are part. We cannot accomplish this without first returning to our lodge.

If a chair is empty at a communication whether it be an officer's place or one on the sidelines it beckons to be filled by a missing brother. Is that you?

So my brothers as your master I invite you to return to fill the seats, enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie before and after rehearsals and communications., then return to your homes and community refreshed and recharged. Spread our values and teachings by your good example and do the job you were meant to do, "make good men better".

Fraternally,

Ron Herzog W.M. 2019





A Masonic Education opportunity...

Bro. David Brearley

Signer of the U.S. Constitution | New Jersey Chief Justice
Revolutionary War Hero | First Grandmaster of NJ Freemasons

The Most Important Founding Father That We Don't Know

A presentation by Bro. T.H. Pyle, Mercer Lodge No. 50

Includes new material about his RevWar service, epic legal decrees, invention of the Electoral College, Masonic leadership (including "The Brearley Charge"), cause of death, and curious step-daughter Harriet Luttrell.

Invite Tom to your lodge or dinner for this fascinating talk!
More info: thpyle@gmail.com



Our next regular communication will feature Bro. T.H. Pyle on Feb 22nd.

From the South

February 2019

Brethren, at the last DLI I had the privilege of sitting in the South of one of the magnificent Lodge rooms of the Historic Temple in Trenton. Looking to the East, behind the Worshipful Master, was the depiction of Faith, Hope and Charity: the three theological virtues.

As Masons we are first and foremost men of Faith. Faith is at the foundation of the system of morality to which we have pledged our oath and influences every decision we make. Although Masons come from every religion, Faith is the common thread from which the fabric of our fraternity is woven.

We travel our Masonic journey in search of light; the light of God's revelation of His presence in our lives now and in the life to come. Cast aside the false idols that will lead you astray. Let Faith be the rule and compass that guides you and the path will be straight and wide and level.

Junior Warden — Michael Kraus

Welcome Home

Abstract: I was not sure I would submit this article to the WM for the Trestleboard so I filed it away and began another article. Then an event happened in my life which was a stark reminder that for all we achieve we always travel in a circle from start to finish. I suppose my writing this article was a bit prescient.

I am one of those people who frequent Disney World. Whenever I travel to Orlando Florida I make it a point to stay at a Disney hotel. For me it's taking a break from the everyday world to be immersed in a fantasy world of cartoon characters and childhood fantasies with a sprinkling of the amazing and curious thrown in. If any of you have stayed at a Disney hotel perhaps you can remember upon checking in that the first thing reception says is "Welcome Home".

There is one moment in each of my degrees that remains etched in my memory. It's the same moment in all three degrees and many of you should be able to recall the moment that I am speaking about. The moment takes place at the altar during the obligations. During my EA degree I remember being told that I received 'light'. Upon receiving my FC degree I was told I received 'more light'. Then came my MM degree and I was told that I received 'all the light'. Each time, I wondered where the 'light' was shining and I believed I had to join the higher degrees to find out.

I traveled east. Then I traveled west. Then I traveled east again. Yet in all my wanderings from east to west there was one thing that remained static – the Lodge wherein I was raised. You see, we all may travel from east to west and from west to east, back and forth searching for 'light' or whatever we are looking for in Freemasonry. Sometimes we find our light and sometimes we do not but our Lodge is where we will always remain.

Our Lodge is where we are raised, where our starting line and finish line remains in Freemasonry. Everything in-between is our travels to get from here to there. The 'there' is our Lodge. You see, we were given 'light' in Freemasonry yet we didn't see it because we didn't know what to look for. At the end of the day our Lodge is where we hear the words: 'Welcome Home'.

Peace,

Denis de Leon

PM, Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41 - 2013

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TO: All Lodge Secretaries

RE: GRAND LODGE BANQUET - ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The following is to be published in your Trestleboard and read at every regular communication of the lodge between now and the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in April.

Most Worshipful Roger B. Quintana, Grand Master extends a cordial invitation to our Brethren and their Ladies to attend the Grand Lodge Banquet at the 232nd Annual Communication in Atlantic City. Details are as follows:

Place: Traymore A & B, 6th Floor, Bally's Hotel & Casino
Park Place and the Boardwalk

Date: **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

Time: **Social Hour – 6:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)**

Dinner – 7:00 P.M.

Price: **\$ 80.00 per Person**
Entertainment

For tickets, please forward your check made payable to the **Grand Lodge of New Jersey** for the number of tickets needed along with a **self-addressed stamped envelope**, to Arnold "Butch Elliott, 38 Main Street, Flanders, NJ 07836. The **DEADLINE** for reservations is **Friday, March 29, 2019**. **Tables of 10 can be reserved. We must have the name of every person for whom a ticket is purchased.**

To pay by credit card, please call Butch Elliott at (201) 390-3415.

Thank you for your interest and support. We look forward to breaking bread and sharing an evening of Masonic fun and fellowship with you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Larry S. Plasket, P.G.M.
Acting Grand Secretary

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Nominations for Grand Lodge Offices 2019-2020

Grand Master

Gregory J. Scott, Peninsula Lodge #99, 5th District
362 Avenue A, Bayonne, NJ 07002

Deputy Grand Master

Robert V. Monacelli, AsureMasada Lodge #22, 10th District
327 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Senior Grand Warden

David L. Tucker, Atlantic Lodge #221, 23rd District
218 Lincoln Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037

Junior Grand Warden

(Vote for 1)

Gary J. Olsen, Durand Lodge #179, 17th District
340 Newtons Comer Road, Howell, NJ 07731

David I. Steiner, Alpine Tilden Tenakill Lodge #77, 3rd District
260 Hamilton Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666

Grand Treasurer

Robert Sheridan, Atlantic Lodge #221, 23rd District
403 Breaker Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205

Grand Secretary

(Vote for 1)

Roger Quintana, Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric Lodge #35, 5th District
75 Cameo Place, Colonia, NJ 07067

John S. Ryan, Livingston Lodge #11, 8th District
1 Killdeer Glen, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Grand Lodge Trustee
(Vote for 2)

Daniel Nemcek, Medford Lodge #178, 19th District
126 Stone Hedge Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753

Joseph H. Rival, Laurel Lodge #237, 18th District
333 Francis Ave, Chesilhurst, NJ 08089

Richard F. Schmidt, Fulton Friendship Lodge #102, 3rd District
23852 Samuel Adams Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966

Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee
(Vote for 2)

George A. Chidley, Mt Moriah Lodge #28, 19th District
21 Ticonderoga Drive, Bordentown, NJ 08505

Keith Graser, Gothic Fraternal Lodge # 270, 15th District
86 Tudor Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08690

Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee
(Vote for 3)

Bruce S. Graham, Cape Island Lodge #30, 24th District
310 S. Delsea Drive, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Brian K. Mandel, Cincinnati Lodge #3, 11th District
7 Darnay Road, Morristown, NJ 07960

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PO Box 766 101 Sharp Ave, Hopatcong, NJ 07843

Frank M. Williams, Fidelity Lodge #113, 2nd District
10 Sleepy Hollow Road, Kinnelon, NJ 07405



Larry S. Plasket, PGM
Acting Grand Secretary

Grand Marshal / Secretary to the Grand Master Reception



Mount Moriah Lodge #28

and

Clifton Lodge #203

Cordially invite you

To attend the Official Visit of

Most Worshipful Roger B. Quintana,

Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

Chairman, Masonic Charity Foundation

for the Open Reception in Honor of

R.W. Henry P. Fratz, Grand Marshal

&

R.W. Leonard Vander Horn, Secretary to the Grand Master

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Fellowship Center
1114 Oxmead Road
Burlington, NJ 08016

Social Hour (Open Bar) 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM, Reception 7:30
PM

Mail To: RW Butch Elliott, 38 Main St. - Flanders, NJ 07836

Questions? Contact RW Butch Elliott at (201) 390-3415

Deadline: May 28, 2019

Checks Payable to: "Clifton Lodge #203"

No tickets will be issued

I would like _____ Reservations @ \$60 each Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please write the names of any additional attendees included in this reservation on the back of this form.

NAME: _____ GUEST: _____

DISTRICT: _____ LODGE: _____ TITLE: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____



Please support the lodge with purchasing ShopRite gift cards, 5% of all money will go back to our lodge.

Contact W.M. Ronald Herzog for more information 609-557-6607



Happy Valentine's Day!!!

On February 14th our Thursday night rehearsal is canceled! Enjoy the evening with your loved one.

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January 15, 2019

TO: All Lodges
RE: Room reservation info Annual Communication

Brethren:

Room reservations are now open at Bally's for the Annual Communication. You may book by phone or online using the following information,

Room Reservations: 888-516-2215 (8am-2am EST seven days a week)
Group name: Grand Lodge of New Jersey Free and Accepted Masons
Group code: SB04GL9
All callers will be asked for this code, but can also book by saying "**Grand Lodge**")

ON-LINE BOOKINGS:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/sb04gl9>

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry S. Plasket".

Larry S. Plasket, PGM
Acting Grand Secretary

New Jersey Grand Master 2019



Gregory & Nancy Scott

Invite You to Join Them

*As they sail away
July 26 -
August 3, 2019*



*8 Night Cruise
Aboard
Royal Caribbean
Cruise Line*

Adventure of the Seas



Destination: Bahamas

Departure Port: Cape Liberty, NJ

Ports of Call: Kings Wharf, Bermuda;

Nassau, Bahamas; Cococay, Bahamas

Don't be left at the Dock!

For More information or to book your reservation:

Four Seasons Travel

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923 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ 07002

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Lodge Officers

*The elected and appointed officers of Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41 F&AM for
the 2019 Masonic year are:*

Worshipful Master — Ronald Herzog

Senior Warden — Anthony Katawick III

Junior Warden — Michael Kraus

Treasurer — Steven Romm

Secretary — Joseph Y. Miczak

Grand Lodge Proxy PM James Hauck —

Senior Deacon — Lito Araneta

Junior Deacon — Matthew Beltran

Senior Master of Ceremonies — Edgardo Villafuerte

Junior Master of Ceremonies — Denis Cuan

Chaplain — Eduard Lerman

Marshal — John Hamilton

Senior Steward — Rey Alonzo

Junior Steward — Sal Montore

Organist — Ed Clarke

Historian — Alexander Bragat, PM

Tyler — Gerald Fabisch, PM

Trustees

James Mount, Gary Grub 2019

George Smith, Ernesto Somera 2020

DB David Babcock

2021

Distinguished Brothers

DB David Babcock

DB Steven Romm

Living Past Masters

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

William A. Counterman 1994

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 Choborda 2007

Barry Cutler 2008

Keith Bergmann 2009, 2011

Earl Groendyke 2012

Denis deLeon 2013

Robert Sullivan 2014

Alexander Bragat 2015

James Hauck 2016-2018

Ernesto Somera 2017



Freemasonry is an institution founded on eternal reason and truth; whose deep basis is the civilization of mankind, and whose everlasting glory it is to have the immovable support of those two mighty pillars, science and morality.

Dr. John Dove

"A wise man hears one word and understands two."

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