

**NEXT REGULAR
COMMUNICATION
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH**

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

No official Rehearsal on
Thursday April 18th

15th District DLI

Wednesday May 1st

Amwell lodge #12

Regular Communication May
24th.



Ron Herzog WM 2019

**Hightstown- Apollo #41 F&AM,
Trestleboard April, 2019**

April Message 2019

Greetings Brethren,

This month you're Past Masters and the top three elected officers will cast their votes at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. You have put your faith in us not only to preside over our own

Lodge but to help determine the future of Freemasonry in the entire state.

Some voting will involve legislation; some may just be needed to do some "housekeeping" like moving a comma or changing a word or correcting a typo in the current Grand Lodge Constitution or bylaws. Importantly we must decide who is the best fit in our Fraternity to manage our Charity Foundation as Trustees and the individual who will become the Junior Grand Warden to join the line of succession to become Grand Master of New Jersey.

In this day of instant gratification, immediate news releases, and real time communication we will be challenged to decide what changes may or may not benefit the craft. We all like "tradition" and there is defiantly a place for it. Many of us like change which is also beneficial for meaningful growth. Those who are satisfied with the status quo may reject any change, while the newer generations may reject the status quo. Herein Brethren lies the dilemma.

A society or organization who rejects all change is destined to become extinct. We must reach within our hearts and souls to search for the answer, not only to satisfy our own wants or desires but to satisfy the needs of the Brethren who are in our midst. We are reminded of this in our ritual, "who best can work and best agree".

So Brethren, in closing I invite those who can, come to the Annual Grand Lodge Communication and join the gathering of your fellow Masons. I myself am ever awed by seeing over a thousand men assembled and representing their Blue Lodge and will never forget the sound of those men at the culmination of the opening reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance in one unified thunderous roar.

It is times like this that make me proud to be a Mason, proud to be an American, and proud to represent Hightstown Apollo #41 as their Worshipful Master.

Fraternally yours,

Brother Ron WM 2019



Attending Central Jersey Candidates Night

PM Denis deLeon, WM Ronald Herzoh, JW Michael Kraus

From the West

My brothers as many are waiting to see what winter brings, spring is upon us. Change is but days away for our glorious fraternity and, once again the leadership of great men will be passed on with honor. The struggle of right and wrong continues in our world and as we do our very best to live our lives as true masons and children of god. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage my brethren to continue to support our great fraternity and each other. Times can be trying and people need support. Masonry is the foundation of support and our members are the bricks and mortar that raise it to the great institution that it is. Reach out to the brethren that are missing, travel when you are able, and be mindful that not only the brethren need your support so do your friends and family. It can extend further and it is our time to support humanity. One gesture, a kind word or action is all it takes to start. Most importantly let's take care of each other as we are also family.

Fraternally yours,

Tony Katawick SW

From the South

April 2019

Brethren, the third Theological Virtue is Charity. Charity is of particular importance to Masons. From the very initiation of our Masonic journey we are given lessons in charity and are reminded of our duty to contribute to all, especially our brethren, so far as their needs may seem to require and our ability to give will permit. We do. We contribute to Masonic charities, other local and global institutions and quietly by acts known only to ourselves to those in our lives whose needs we try to meet. But this is not all that is meant by charity.

The greatest gift of charity ever performed was that of our Creator in the making of the universe, placing us in it and enduing us with the competency of His divine wisdom to be able to perceive, reason and understand. This gift, beyond all value, has been given to us unconditionally. No thanks were ever required and no amount of thanksgiving will ever be enough.

And there is more. The Grand Architect of the Universe has made a place for each of us in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. It is simply up to us to walk through the narrow gate knowing we have dedicated and devoted our lives to His service. Walking through the inner door is a courageous act of our own free wills and accords. May we all know the courage and confidence to walk through that narrow gate.

Michael Kraus, J.W.



Guest Speaker: Rainbow Girls at the 15th district DLI Hightstown-Apollo #41

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a Masonic youth service organization which teaches leadership training through community service. Young women learn about the value of charity and service through their work and involvement with their annual local and Grand service projects.

**Left out of last month by mistake,*

In our January Meeting the W.M. was recognized by his head being covered by a "suitable covering". Our Lodge being a Moon Lodge, and our Native Americans considering January's full moon to be a "Wolf Moon" as well as a Super Moon coinciding with an eclipse, the WM wore an authentic pelt as his hat for the night. A wolf pelt could not be located but his cousin the coyote was available and put to use.

Brother Marty Tobin is gaining a gunslinger reputation in Florida as he has placed second in "fast draw" competition in his first two outings. Glad to see him enjoying retirement in the Sunshine State.

Our next meeting is 3/22. We will have an emergent communication on Thursday 3/28. This will be an official visit by the DDGM. Please help us fill the lodge and welcome him.

Candidate's night for Grand Lodge positions will be on April 3 at the Ramada Plaza on Forestages Drive Jamesburg/ Cranbury, Next to the Turnpike 8A entrance. \$50.00 pp.

Deadline for reservations for the Knife and Fork dinner in A/C is April 8th. 50/50 will resume at our next communication. The inaugural 'feed the goat' will commence. Details to follow at the meeting. Several Ballots will be spread for reinstatements and any other items as necessary.

Thank you to Brothers Kraus, Somera, and Bennett for representing us at the Masonic Home

Wheelchair push.

Thank you to the Brothers who attended this months DLI at Mercer 50.

Lastly I apologize for the lateness of this month Trestleboard. As one of our Presidents said ' "The buck stops here" !

WM Ron,



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

Upcoming DLI Dates

Wednesday May 1, 2019

Amwell Lodge No.12

Wednesday June 5, 2019

Trenton Cyrus Lodge No.5

Tuesday June 18, 2019

Host Lodge #6 in Highbridge, NJ

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, PM James Hauck 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 Chobrda 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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