

Hightstown Apollo Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons



JANUARY 2020

From the east

My Brethren, I am sure that I speak for all when I thank Worshipful Brother Ron Herzog for his dedication, leadership and light that he has afforded us over the past year. I offer my thanks and appreciation to Ron as his name is being added to the distinguished list of our Past Masters.

I would like to congratulate the elected line and express my appreciation to the brethren who accepted my appointments. With the anticipated dedication I am confident that we will continue to make Hightstown Apollo Lodge #41 F.& A.M. rewarding to the brethren.

Petitions for new candidates will be in the foyer by the kitchen in the bins mounted to the wall as you enter the Hittinger Room. They can be recognized by the blue border of the first page.

I welcome input from the brethren on topics of interest that may be discussed during the year at our communications, if there are topics that the brethren would like to research and present it will be welcomed. This lodge is our lodge and participation are strongly encouraged. I am requesting the members who are not regularly attending the communications to

attend. It would be our pleasure to share with you once again.

The first full moon of 2020 will be January 10th and that is the date of our first regular communication dinner will be served at 6:30 pm and the gavel will sound at 7:30 pm.

Finally, I would like to thank the members who have bestowed their trust in me to ascend to the Oriental Chair. I will do my very best to serve the craft to the best of my ability. I appreciate the promise of support from the lodges of the 15th Masonic District and the officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Tony Katawick, Worshipful Master

From the west

Brethren, One Masonic year has ended and a new one has begun, but the principles and traditions of our great fraternity continue uninterrupted.

The first order of business this year is to look back and remember with gratitude the work and leadership of our previous Worshipful Master, Ron Herzog. His leadership and guidance continued the long heritage established by the men who preceded him as he oversaw the growth of our lodge in numbers, fiscal stability, ritual excellence and fellowship. As a guide and mentor Worshipful



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Brother Herzog has given me more than I could ever thank him for. Hightstown Apollo was lucky to have his steady hand on the helm last year.

This year the gavel has been passed to our new Worshipful Master, Tony Katawick. I can think of no better man to occupy the oriental chair. Worshipful Brother Katawick is a proven leader in business, the community and the fraternity. We have already seen and felt the positive effects of his will and vision for our lodge and its members. Younger Masons will benefit from all he has to offer while more experienced Brothers will be comfortable that even while innovating and moving Hightstown Apollo forward Worshipful Brother Katawick will honor the legacy that has been placed in his care.

Hightstown Apollo is our lodge. More than a building or name it is the men who comprise its membership. As Masons we have a sacred obligation support, admonish when necessary and uplift each other to

further the ultimate goal of Masonry: to make good men better. Guided by the excellent principles of Masonry and the shining example of our new leader we will achieve this goal and more in the coming year.

Michael Kraus, S. W.

From the south

Brethren, I hope that you all have a wonderful, merry and blessed holiday season; and I wish you and your family a prosperous, healthy and a happy new year.

Also, I would like also to take this opportunity to thank each and every brother for giving me the opportunity and trust to sit in the South. It's an honor, pleasure, privilege but most of all, I'm humbled to serve as the Junior Warden of our lodge, to the best of my capacity.

This year is another challenging year for our Lodge, and for all of us as well. Our Lodge is starting to grow again, not just by numbers but also through all the accomplishments we have achieved. We are given another chance this year to continue and make it better for the good of

the craft. Let's show presence, our eagerness to learn, to help and support each other, and most importantly, to always

remember our obligations... and, with the help and guidance of the Almighty Father, we will all find the answers.

Let's hope for another great year of masonry, with the leadership of our new Worshipful Master Tony Katawick. To help and fully support him, as well as to each and every brother.

(Looking well in the South)

S & F,
Ed Villafuerte, Junior Warden



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Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master

Gothic Fraternal Lodge No. 270
W.M. Harry H Barnes III
Monday February 3rd

Amwell Lodge No. 12
W.M. Sean F O'Halloran
Wednesday February 12th

Hightstown Apollo Lodge No. 41
W.M. Anthony Katawick III
Friday March 13th

Trenton Cyrus Lodge No. 5
W.M. Frank David LaBaw
Wednesday February 26th

Mercer Lodge No. 50
Joseph D Pawnall IV
Wednesday February 26th

Horizon Daylight Lodge No. 299
W.M. Barry H Wright
Wednesday March 11th

15th District Lodge of Instruction

January	Monday 13 th	Mercer Lodge
February	Wednesday 5 th	Hightstown Apollo
March	Wednesday 4 th	Mercer Lodge
April	TBD by DDGM	
May	Wednesday 6 th	Gothic Fraternal

June	Wednesday 3 rd	Trenton Cyrus
September	Friday 11 th	Trenton Cyrus
October	Wednesday 4 th	Amwell
November	Wednesday 4 th	Hightstown Apollo
December	Wednesday 2 nd	Gothic Fraternal

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



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Living Past Masters (Cont.)

James Hauck 2016-2018
Ernesto Somera 2017
Ronald Herzog 2019

Trustees

WB James Mount
WB Gary Grub
WB George Smith
WB James Hauck
DB David Babcock

Distinguished Brothers

DB David Babcock
DB Steven Romm

Emeritus Service Award

RW George Smith

The Grand Lodge Of New Jersey

MW Gregory J. Scott, Peninsula Lodge # 99, Grand Master

RW Robert V. Monacelli, AzureMasada Lodge # 22, Deputy Grand Master

RW David L. Tucker, Atlantic Lodge # 221, Senior Grand Warden

RW Gary J. Olsen, Durand Lodge # 179, Junior Grand Warden

RW Robert J. Sheridan, PGM, Atlantic Lodge # 221, Grand Treasurer

RW John S. Ryan, PGM, Livingston Lodge # 11, Grand Secretary

RW Brian K Hartel Sr. District Deputy Grand Master 15th Masonic District, Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee, Grand Marshal 2020 bkhartelsr@gmail.com

RW John Pownall District Ritual Instructor 15th Masonic District hoops622@gmail.com

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2020 Officers

Worshipful Master	Anthony Katawick III
Senior Warden	Michael Kraus
Junior Warden	Edgardo Villafuerte
Treasurer	Steve Romm
Secretary	Joseph Mitzak
Chaplain	Christopher Aiello
Senior Deacon	Matthew Beltran
Junior Deacon	Dennis Quan
Senior M.C.	Ryan Bennett
Junior M.C.	Alex Ovejas
Senior Stewart	Paul Zeszotarski
Junior Stewart	Joe Giminaro
Marshal	John Hamilton
Historian	WB Alex Braget
Tyler	WB Gerald Fabish



2020 Regular Communications

- January 10th
- February 14th
- March 13th
- April 10th
- May 8th
- June 5th
- July Dark
- August Dark
- September 4th
- October 2nd
- November 6th
- December 4th Annual Tentative

2020 Installation



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understands two."*

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*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

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