

Hightstown Apollo Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons



JULY 2020

From the east

Greetings brethren! As I prepare to draw the plans on a time that is historically dark, I need you all to understand the plans that are laid out before you. It is as directed to me from the Most Worshipful Gregory J. Scott by way of the Rite Worshipful Brian K. Hartel Sr. District Deputy Grand Master of This the 15th Masonic District that all members are urged to complete the personal information portion of Grand View. the site information is here <https://nj.grandview.systems/> In the upper right you will find Member Portal. Brother Secretary Joseph Miczak has offered to assist, and he will have a computer available at the lodge on Thursday nights for all who need assistance with logging in for the first time. I can not impress upon you all how critical this is for our lodge. This update needs to be completed by the end of July. So, it is my order as Worshipful Master of Hightstown Apollo Lodge #41 of Free and Accepted Masons that all members in good standing shall take all steps necessary to complete this task. Furthermore, that any brother that is having difficulty shall contact the Secretary, Wardens or the Worshipful Master for assistance.

Most brethren receive the Trestle Board electronically in your email. Click on the link above.

I echo the writings of your Wardens and welcome you back to HA41, however there will be some changes we will meet safely and whom is more disciplined that a mason.



From the west

Brethren the time has come! After slumbering in the dark shadows of the pandemic lock down we may finally re-ignite the flame of Masonic fellowship and shine the light of our sublime principles for all the world to see.

Your Worshipful Master, officers and devoted brothers have carefully tended the ember and we may now at last fan the flames back to life. We have a lot to do. We must renew the friendships with our brothers. We must welcome the applicants that have been patiently waiting to walk through the door. We must learn and adapt to the changes to our rituals made necessary by the pandemic and endeavor to make those rituals as moving and instructive as they have always been.

These past months of forced separation have underscored the value and importance of gathering as brothers. It is easy to take for granted that Masonry will always be there, but just as our Lodge building itself cannot stand without the care and attention of dedicated Masons, so too our institution stands or falls on the contributions and participation of our membership.

We will continue to gather on Thursday nights for fellowship, mutual support and ritual rehearsal while respecting everyone's personal space and adhering to the guidelines we are all familiar with to assure everyone health and safety. On July second, we will prepare our lodge to accommodate the realities of social distancing. On July ninth we will rehearse our



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ritual; there is a lot of rust to shake off. And on July Tenth we will at last hold a regular Masonic communication.

Every Brother who reads this is needed. Bring your knowledge, your enthusiasm and your curiosity. Whether you have not been to lodge for only these past few months or have not in years this is the time to come back. Masonry does not only subsist on the check we write once a year; yours is the breath and pulse of the fraternity. The life of our institution depends on your participation and leadership.

I look forward to greeting you all in person soon...from a safe distance of course.

Michael Kraus, S. W.

From the south

We're back!!!

Isn't it great to be back and meet the brethren, and having fellowship again? It feels a little bit different but full of enlightenment. Every one of us has this feeling of excitement which makes us more eager to see one another and more interested to do our craft once again. But for some, it's understandably not easy for them to adopt the idea of the "new normal" for so many valid reasons, and I couldn't agree more.

"Good Health and safety is our priority"

Last month, after the Grand Lodge informs us the reopening of the lodges in our state, WM brother Tony Katawick & IPM brother Ron Herzog initiated the

preparation of our lodge with the assistance of the elected officers, Past Masters and other bothers. Cleanliness, disinfection and sanitation, installation of AC unit on the second floor, draining the water system for a recommended time period and organization of the entire lodge were done accordingly. Prepared and absolutely

ready for functions.

Our lodge is prepared and ready; So should we, as members of this lodge be prepared and ready to fulfill our duty, and our obligations as we have promised.

With the faith we have, we will endure every trials, and face every tribulations we encounter.

So let's prepare our hearts and minds, and ready to begin another chapter of our new journey; and this time, stronger and better.

Stay safe and be well my brothers.

S & F,
Ed Villafuerte
Junior Warden

In and about the Apartments

The building and grounds are in glorious form waiting for all who feel personally safe to meet again with the brethren.

Knocking at the doors of the lodge

1. Barry Clark
2. Joseph Bizonos
3. Aidan Mchugh
4. Brian Kleman
5. James Swaray
6. Julian Best MM Dual Membership



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Grand Lodge Calendar Highlights

Visit njmasons.com for detail and information that has been prepared by our Grand Lodge for us. The Grand Master has spread it and you should view it.

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15th District Lodge of Instruction

January	Monday 13 th	Mercer Lodge
February	Wednesday 5 th	Hightstown Apollo
March	Wednesday 4 th	Mercer Lodge
April	Cancelled	
May	Cancelled	
June	Cancelled	

The events are pending currently.

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
Charles Stults III, PGC 1979

Peter McNulty 1980
Francis Conway 1981
Wayne Hetzell 1985
Raj Sudarsanam 1988
George Smith, PGC 1990
Thomas Estelle 1991
Thomas Estelle 1993
William A. Counterman 1994
James Mount, PGC 1995
Robert Hung, PGC 1996
Gerald Fabisch 1997
Gerald Fabisch 1998
Mark Megee, PDDGM 1999
Carlos Rodriguez 2000
James Mount, PGC 2001
Robert Hunh, PGC 2002
Russell Beaulieu 2003
Michael Lakat, PGP 2004
Ronald Mayer 2006, 2010
John Chobrda 2007
Barry Cutler 2008
John Chobrda 2008
Keith Bergmann 2009
Keith Bergmann 2011
Earl Groendyke 2012
Denis de Leon 2013
Robert Sullivan 2014
Alexander Bragat 2015
James Hauck 2016
Ernesto Somera 2017
James Hauck 2018
Ronald Herzog 2019



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Trustees

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

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

Distinguished Brothers

DB David Babcock
DB Steven Romm

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

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

Emeritus Service

RW George Smith

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

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Please send corrections and omissions to me personally.



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2020 Officers

Worshipful Master	Anthony Katawick III
Senior Warden	Michael Kraus
Junior Warden	Edgardo Villafuerte
Treasurer	Steve Romm
Secretary	Joseph Miczak
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 Bragat
Tyler	WB Gerald Fabish
Ritual Instructor	WB Dennis DeLeon

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So long as the work is true, and the first brick is laid solid. The expertise and skill only a Master Mason can perform, will ensure that the cornerstone of the foundation can support the institution. We support the top of the fraternity with what we do in our daily lives.

2020 Regular Communications

Date	Moon
January 10 th	Wolf Moon 1/10
February 14 th	Snow Moon 2/9
March 13 th	Worm Moon 3/9
April 10 th	*Pink Moon 4/7
May 8 th	*Flower Moon 5/7
June 5 th	*Strawberry Moon 6/5
July 10 th	Buck Moon 7/5
August Dark	Sturgeon Moon 8/3
September 4 th	Corn Moon 9/2
October 2 nd	Harvest Moon 10/1
November 6 th	Blue Moon 10/31
December 4 th	Annual Tentative

*Will be determined on video communication no official communication ritual just gathering on the computer.





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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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