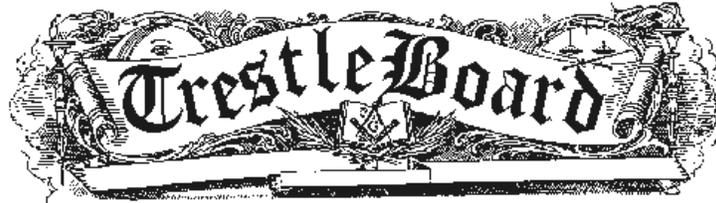


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AUGUST 2020

From the east

As we enjoy the Full Moon of August the Green Corn Moon, it reminds me of the seeds that we plant and tend to, nurture up to maturity. We protect them from much of what would like to harm them. While the seeds want to grow on their own, they need help to be strong. While the want may be inherent it is not until the first step is taken, it is the foundation of the future, the roots, the beginning then upward towards the light, seeking more and more light. Then the second step is reached more strength, more purpose. Very defined in the progress, can almost sustain but we still tend to it. The third step is here at last, it has matured. It now can give back the sustenance and carry on with all the light that it was provided. With gods hand it was provided the desire to take the first step and with the help of the caretaker it has matured to the point of being able to continue on the tradition of planting, nurturing, harvesting repeat. Abandoned fields to not flourish, they do not provide sustenance they wither and are subject to drought and neglect and mother earth takes them back. When we took our first step eyes wide shut, we became planted in our mother lodge, we were shown partial light to work by and with the mentoring and nurturing we were prepared for the second step. Feeling stronger with the light provided to us we learned so much when we reached the guarded door. The significance of many things including corn. As we reached the third step, we found that what is planted will rise.

Brethren in the hours of the green corn moon I request of you all to try and tend to the seeds. The lodge needs your help in many ways to ensure the continued growth and harvest we have enjoyed for so very many years. I understand that traveling may seem difficult and the unknown path ahead may seem treacherous and unnerving. Call or mail a brother that you may have been thinking about. If you feel comfortable to do so come to the lodge and enjoy the fellowship. It can be rewarding following precautions that we all practice in our current lives. Just as we strive to protect our crop, so do we to protect our beloved brethren. If you may have overlooked your dues and your means permit, please fulfill your duties. The Full Sturgeon Moon is also how the August full moon is known it honors the freshwater fish that were so abundant in our lakes and streams.

Our regular opportunities to mix with our neighbors with the fall yard sale and the Ducky Derby at the Hightstown Harvest Fair have been cancelled for this year so we survive additional isolations from our regular activities. Striving to bring normalcy be held our first regular communication since March. We did this with safety protocols in place July was our first Regular Communication while we were traditionally dark and the brethren who attended had sprits lifted with the sense of brotherly love that only Masonry can provide. The Corn Moon shines upon us on August 3rd this night that I draw my designs, and our



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second Regular Communication will bring us light and fellowship on August 7th Our Chaplain will lead us at 6:30 for our meal and the gavel will sound at 7:30. We will open from advanced stations.

Tony Katawick, W.M.

From the west

Brethren, even as the haze of hot summer hangs around us we cannot help noticing the days are already growing shorter. Months away from Lodge and Fraternity should have reminded us that precious time passes and can never be gotten back.

We are all ambitious, energetic men and I am sure we have each found avenues to pursue personal growth, but the work of building a brotherhood, forging bonds with fellow Masons, initiating new men to the craft and writing and listening attentively to lectures that illuminate the eternal truths of Masonry have been, through the fault of no one, allowed to languish.

This month we will be seeing a candidate raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at a one day class. He has waited patiently as administrative details and then the pandemic that disrupted all our lives delayed his elevation to this place among us. His grace and dignity while waiting for this day to come should be an inspiration to every Mason and a reminder that valuable time ticks by whether we use it productively or not.

We are already sensing the end of the Masonic year. There is much still to be done and much more to planned for next year. We should all be excited about

the opportunity to hold Masonic communication again, albeit in modified form. Let's stretch out those muscles that have be underused these past few months and redouble our commitment to our Lodge; attend, participate, contribute.

We are made better by all Masonry has given us. Masonry will be made better by all each of us have to give it.

Michael Kraus, S. W.

From the south

Greetings from the South

Brethren, going back to normal is still far from reality. The situation in our state is still on hold, moving forward to stabilize is a bit slow for so many reasons. Coping up and trying to adjust on every situation is what we are doing right now and on a day to day basis.

Last month, our first regular communication since the pandemic started, I should say a success. In a sense that we complied according to recommendation from CDC and grand lodge specified instructions.

Successful in a sense that everything went so smoothly and accordingly. We had a fair attendance considering the situation, fellowship is a lil' bit different but full of excitement, foods were served as safe as possible as it can be, and the distance between each other didn't bother us much, because



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we knew closeness is within our hearts and it's always there.

This is what we are now...

the new normal as they say.

This month, we are about to start our regular routine with some or so many adjustments. We might probably do some degrees...it means rehearsals were involved and our presence is needed.

Even during this time of uncertainty, we ought to show our concerns and commitment for the betterment of the craft,

as a brother, and as a member of our beloved Hightstown Apollo lodge.

-Stay safe and God bless us all-

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 * One day class August 8th
2. Joseph Bizonos
3. Aidan Mchugh
4. Brian Kleman
5. James Swaray
6. Julian Best MM Dual Membership

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.

Brethren please take the time to update your personal profile in Grandview the site information is here <https://nj.grandview.systems/> In the upper right you will find Member Portal

15th District Lodge of Instruction

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|----------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 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.

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



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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

Trustees

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

Distinguished Brothers

DB David Babcock
DB Steven Romm

Emeritus Service

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



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

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

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| 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 |

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 | Green Corn 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.

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



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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.

I would like to that the Brethren who have registered for Grandview.

Christopher Aiello

Rey Alonzo

Rafael Araneta

Matthew Beltran

Ryan Bennett

Alexander Bragat

Steven Brody

Joseph Cuan

Denis DeLeon

Anthony Dionne

Anthony Katawick

Louis Leigh

Mark Megee

Joseph Miczak

James Mount

Alexander Ovejas

Alan Peters

Steven Romm

George Smith

Ernesto Somera

Rafael Sosa

Charles Stults

Edgardo Villafuerte

Paul Zeszotarski



Happy Birthday to the August born brethren

WB Gerald A. Fabish

Anthony Katawick III

Salvatore Montore

James Mount

WB Ernesto C. Somero

 Rajagopalan Sudarsanam Born and raised in August.

I would like to remind the brethren that if you have not completed this to do so.





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*"A wise man hears one word and
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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