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Grand Master's Message



We are about to gather at our annual communication of the Grand Lodge. I wish to thank my staff for their exemplary performance through two difficult years. It has been quite a challenge and, for the most part, each of you has risen to the occasion.

We must now perform the most important duty of each member of the Grand Lodge and that is to elect our leadership for the next year. You are faced with many interesting and challenging choices for a variety of elected offices. You will hear the candidates speak of their qualifications and plans for their term of office. Listen carefully and judge each candidate by his qualifications, experience and vision and not by the fact that he might be your friend or that you belong to the same appendant body or organization. All of these brothers are outstanding masons and we are honored that they are willing to share their talents with the Grand Lodge.

I wish to thank each of you for your support throughout my five and one half years on the elected line and my forty seven years in Freemasonry. It has been a wonderful journey filled with a multitude of smiles mixed in with a few tears. I must thank my wife Joyce for her support and patience during my tenure on the Elected Line.

I ask you to remember that when the campaigning is over and the elections are decided that, win or lose, we are brothers, Freemasons and gentlemen of a higher calling. May God bless you and keep you and yours in the bosom of his love.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert V. Monacelli
 Grand Master

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There are endless possibilities for the development of Masonry and of Masons. Technology gives us access to information. Modern transportation facilitates our ability to quickly visit people and places that inspire us. If Masonry is properly presented in our society, good men will be intrigued and can easily seek out our company. If Masonry is properly presented in our Lodges, good men will stay for the value.

For this, we need Masonic Leadership. When men knock on our door, they are not there to lead. When men knock on our door, they are there because they believe we have something of value to them. When men knock on our door, they are seeking to be lead. They believe we have something special that they do not have, and they want access to it. They have every right to expect they will receive something of value on the other side of that door. They deserve the leadership they are seeking, and we must provide it.

I have a vision for this Fraternity. I have participated in many years of Lodge meetings across the State of New Jersey; of reading countless Masonic writings; of writing dozens of Masonic papers; of traveling to other states and other countries for Masonic experiences; of speaking at Masonic Education Seminars; of speaking at Masonic Leadership Conferences - and I have a very considered and developed sense of what Masonry was yesterday and what it needs to be tomorrow. With a well-planned organizational discipline - and only with your participation - we will be on a sure path to a better place in Masonry. It will get better only through our efforts. I look forward with a vision toward our opportunities. Bring on 2023. We are ready, my Brothers. It will be a good year.

Fraternally,

David Tucker
Deputy Grand Master

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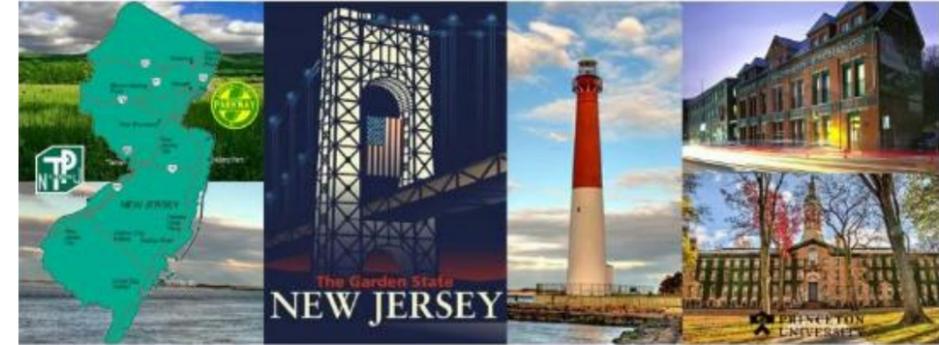
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The Masonic Secretaries Association
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*Meetings are held three times a year
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The next meeting of the Masonic
Secretary Treasurer Association will
be a Zoom meeting at 9:00 AM on

Saturday, JANUARY 21, 2023

Join your fellow Brethren and share
in discussing issues and concerns
of Lodge Secretaries.

For further information contact:
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Brethren, I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy.

With all the stressors presented to each of us, our Society needs Freemasonry now more than ever.

Our Grand Lodge committees on Membership, Education, and Technology are working harder than ever to meet the needs of our membership, and by extension, Society at large. We are at a crossroads where our decisions of today affect our future growth and development. We have many committees in this Grand Jurisdiction and that is where the bulk of the work gets accomplished. If you feel you have talents and skills which could be of assistance, reach out to our leadership and make us aware of your interest and ability.

Education, Involvement and Personal Connection. Three important areas of focus which drive me to continue doing the very best that I can and moving forward in a positive direction. I look forward to visiting with you soon and continue to build our Fraternity.

I am All In with Heart and Soul.
Fraternally,



R.W. Len Vander Horn, JGW
Junior Grand Warden

IMPORTANT GRAND LODGE ELECTIONS COMING: Listen Carefully to the Candidates. Make Your Voice Heard!

Submitted by RW Ricardo J. Fernandez, PGC

As we approach the November Grand Lodge elections, we are all well aware of the many adversities that NJ Freemasonry has faced. Not only this last year with the many unpleasant disagreements among our fraternity's leadership, not only through two difficult COVID years, but also during the past decades, with persistently falling membership despite our repetitive efforts; despite Masonry's great potential for providing personal and spiritual development as well as virtues that seem so pertinent and necessary in our modern society.

As we approach this year's important election, it will be foremost that we enter the interval with a proper mindset. A mindset that will lead us to frank discussions which are civil and apolitical; where brethren can have open and genuine discourse regarding the many issues that presently burden and endanger our fraternity.

This November, with an enlightened and awakened mind, our Masters, Wardens and PM's have the potential to select capable future leaders for our fraternity. Men who are interested in serving just to SERVE the fraternity. Brethren who are wholeheartedly invested in returning our fraternity to the prominence it once held in our society, in our state; That we avoid selecting men solely because of allegiance and fealty. That we seek men who are knowledgeable and capable; men who can bring the Craft together to work for the greater good. We should seek *Hiram* within our midst.

We should strive to select men who have viable plans and viable strategies; wise men who can see the forest **AND** the trees; men who believe in teamwork, willing to work with those in front and behind them in the grand elected line for the greater good of our N.J. Craft. We know that in the one-year term of a Grand Master so little of long-lasting significance can be accomplished. *We need to select team players but, more equally important, team LEADERS.* This year's elections are a keystone to our institution's future.

This year, of all years, it is essential that all brethren attend AT LEAST one Candidates' Night.

Ask all your questions within the Masonic parameters of civility. Be diligent, prudent, temperate and discreet, as advised in our Closing Charge, but *make your voice heard.* Ask your questions and listen to the answers; listen to our candidates for office. Vote in November, *well informed and mindfully.* It is YOUR fraternity!

Make the most informed, enlightened and awakened choice you can. Elect brethren with direction, vision, strategies, dedication and commitment to *serve the fraternity*, not themselves. You earned your esteemed vote from your years of hard labor in the Masonic quarries. Use that hallowed vote wisely for the future of the Craft you love; YOUR NJ Freemasonry.

Carpe Diem, my brothers.

So mote it be.



The Historic Trenton Masonic Temple located on Barracks Street is across the street from the Old Barracks and sits on ground where the battle of Trenton was fought. The small fieldstone building next to it is the first Masonic Temple built in New Jersey erected in 1793.

In preserving any historic building for future generation, restoration work is an ongoing process. Such is true for both the old and new Trenton Temples. Through the generosity and effort of the New Jersey Freemasons, we have been able to preserve our heritage and will continue work to keep both the old and new Trenton Masonic Temples alive and well for many years to come.



On May 8, 1926 ground was broken to start the erection of the new Masonic Temple. After five months work had progressed enough to have a cornerstone laying ceremony on October 9, 1926. Brother James Morris a member of Trenton Lodge #5 was awarded the contract to construct the new temple. His proposal was to furnish "all labor and materials required for the construction, complete, of the Masonic Temple Building...for the sum of: six hundred ten thousand one hundred eleven dollars".

Inside the large foyer has walls and arches of Botticino marble which "typify the age and solidity of the Masonic order." The floor is of Travertine marble inset with brass symbols of Masonry. The walls are plaster decorated with faux painting to represent Caen stone and marble. Throughout the Temple interior one can find emblems of the Fraternity decorating the rooms. Numerous hand painted murals adorn the walls depicting the tenets of Freemasonry such as Justice, Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance and Brotherly Love.



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**Registration Procedure for Electronic Balloting
Deadline Sunday, October 30**

FOR WORSHIPFUL MASTERS AND WARDENS

You may cast the vote pertaining to your office only in Atlantic City. To cast this vote, please go to the Balloting Room and present your dues card. You will receive further instructions at that time. There is no need to preregister for the vote you receive pertaining to your elected office.

However, if you are also a Past Master, you must register separately for that vote in one of the ways listed below.

FOR PAST MASTERS

To Vote in Atlantic City:

If you have access to your email and a web browser while in Atlantic City, we **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** you to pre-register, and then vote from that device (desktop, tablet, mobile) via a link that you will be sent in an email when voting begins. You can then **avoid the lines** when voting opens at approximately 12 noon on Wednesday, November 9th. If you pre-register in order to vote via your own electronic device, you will NOT be able to vote via the computers in the Balloting Room.

Alternatively, you may also register in the Balloting Room and be given your credentials. You must have a 2021 or 2022 dues card in order to register. **DO NOT PRE-REGISTER.**

To Vote Off-Site:

You MUST REQUEST AN OFF-SITE BALLOT by PRE-REGISTERING.

To pre-register, you must send an email **by 11:59pm Eastern Time, Sunday, October 30, 2022** to GLNJVOTING@GMAIL.COM containing:

- Your Title/Full Name - Your email address
- Your Member Number - NJ Lodge Name/Number
- Whether you will be voting off-site (not in Atlantic City) – YES/NO

Once your eligibility is verified, you will receive a confirmation email stating that you have successfully registered. Then, on the morning of Wednesday, November 9th, you will receive an email with an encrypted link that will take you to the appropriate webpage to vote. This email will also contain additional information and instructions. Remember, **registration for off-site voting will close at 11:59pm Eastern Time on Sunday, October 30, 2022.**

Balloting will be open from approximately 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 9th until sometime between 9:00am and 10:00am Thursday, November 10th (all times Eastern). Once balloting starts, an email will be sent to those who have registered reminding them that the ballot is now open. Your offsite vote may be cast at ANY TIME while balloting is open in Atlantic City. Please note that the times for the start and end of off-site voting are variable depending on when the Grand Master starts and stops balloting on-site. Off-site balloting will end at the same time as on-site balloting. **Please do not take a chance and wait until the last minute – vote as soon as it opens.**

You may request an off-site ballot if you are a PM of any lodge in a recognized jurisdiction **and** a member in good standing of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, F&AM. Please note that the WM, SW and JW must cast the vote assigned to their office on-site (per C&L). If the WM, SW or JW is also a PM (previous year) and they are not able to attend the Annual Communication, they may only cast their PM vote off-site and must follow the procedure above to register for that ballot. Proxy voting will be allowed on site only if NONE of the top three officers are present.

Please address all questions regarding this procedure to GLNJVoting@gmail.com.



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Nominations for Grand Lodge Office 2022-2023

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David L. Tucker, Atlantic Lodge No. 221, District 23
218 Lincoln Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037-1253

Deputy Grand Master

Leonard Vander Horn, Clifton Lodge No. 203, District 4
4 Brittany Road, Succasunna, NJ 07876-2036

Senior Grand Warden (Vote for 1)

J. Eugene Margroff, Wyckoff Lodge No. 287, District 2 **William J. VonDerHeide IV**, Musconetcong Lodge No.42, District 1
12-36 Eastern Drive, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410-2303 101 Sharpe Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0766

Junior Grand Warden (Vote for 1)

Mark E. Megee, Hightstown Apollo Lodge No. 41, District 15 **Omar S. Morris**, Peninsula Lodge No. 99, District 5
P.O. Box 966, Hightstown, NJ 08520-0966 113 Lefferts Place, Brooklyn, NY 11238-2805

Grand Treasurer

Douglas R. Policastro, Ocean Lodge No. 89, District 17
18 Provence Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759-6159

Grand Secretary

Roger B. Quintana, Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric No. 35, District 5 **John S. Ryan**, Livingston Lodge No. 11, District 8
702 Foothill Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807-1847 1 Killdeer Glen, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-3029

Grand Lodge Trustee - (Vote for 3)

Larry Alcime, Alpha Lodge No. 116, District 8 **Kenneth F. Carpenter, Jr.**, Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101, District 18
3 Summit Street, West Orange, NJ 07052-1501 3140 Bay Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226-2235

Yoel Lee, Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric Lodge No. 35, District 5 **Richard F. Schmidt**, Fulton Friendship Lodge No. 102, District 3
2211 Grand Avenue, North Bergen, NJ 07047-2016 23852 Samuel Adams Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966-8206

Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee (Vote for 1)

Jose V. Bermudez, Sons of Liberty Lodge No. 301, District 10 **Andrew G. Churney**, Mount Holly Lodge No. 14, District 19
1121 73rd Street, North Bergen, NJ 07047-3919 41 Bridge Road, Lumberton, NJ 108048-4304

Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee (Vote for 3)

Bruce S. Graham, Cape Island Lodge No. 30, District 24 **Brian K. Mandel**, Cincinnati Lodge No. 3, District 11
310 Route 47 S, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210-2531 7 Darnay Road, Morristown, NJ 07960-6352

Edwin J. Pearson, Jr., Burlington Lodge No. 32, District 19 **Donald R. Tuttle**, Mantua Lodge No. 95, District 21
61 Cypress Point Road, Westampton, NJ 08060-4745 1071 Bonnie Blue Circle, Williamstown, NJ 08094-3581



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David L. Tucker
Atlantic Lodge No. 221
23rd District



Deputy Grand Master
Leonard Vander Horn
Clifton Lodge No. 203
4th District



Grand Treasurer
Douglas R. Policastro
Ocean Lodge No. 89
17th District

Nominees for Senior Grand Warden (Vote for 1)

R.W. John Eugene “Gene” Margroff



30 years in the second largest supermarket chain globally.

I am a lifelong resident of Bergen County, residing in Fair Lawn since 1985 with my loving partner Mary; Father/Stepfather of 5, Christopher 34, Jacqueline 33, Madelyn 33, Grace 31, Leo 29. My pastimes include a love of music, fishing, and I always enjoy meeting people, especially the company of brothers. I am a Cancer Survivor and offer counsel to current patients in need.

Education:

Graduated Ramapo Regional High School where I excelled in math & science as well as football and wrestling. Attended Montclair State University, William Paterson University and Ramapo College majoring in Business Administration and minoring in Psychology.

Personal:

I have a long track record of professional success in my career spanning 42 years. Currently I am a Center Store Operations Manager for over

Masonic Resume:

Wyckoff Lodge No. 287, 2nd Masonic District

- Raised November 23, 1984
- 38 Year Member
- 7 Time Past Master
- Worshipful Master 1993, 2007, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2017
- Treasurer 2018 to present

Dual Memberships:

Sons of Liberty No. 301, 6th Masonic District

- 2007 to Present
- Trustee 2014 to Present

Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric Lodge No. 35, 5th Masonic District

Inspiratus Lodge No. 357, 25th Masonic District

- Charter Member 2014 to Present
- Worshipful Master 2018
- Secretary 2019-2020
- Treasurer 2021 to Present

Honorary Memberships:

- Fidelity Lodge No. 113, 2nd Masonic District
- Dom Pedro Lodge No. 322, 6th Masonic District
- Salomon Lodge No. 306, 6th Masonic District
- Esperanza Lodge No. 317, 6th Masonic District

Grand Staff Appointments:

- District Ritual Instructor, 2nd District 2011, 2012
- Marshal Corp 2012–2015
- The Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge 2015
- District Deputy Grand Master, 2nd District 2017 to 2020

Elected Office:

- Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee
- Board Member 2016 to 2019
 - Finance Committee
 - Oversight Committee

Awards:

- Award of Merit
- Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric Lodge No. 35 2010
- Meritorious Service Award 2015
- Grand Lecturer’s Award of Ritual Excellence 2009

Groups:

- North Jersey Past Masters Masonic Association 1994 to Present
 - 2nd Vice President 2012
 - 1st Vice President 2013
 - President 2014
- North Jersey Masonic Charity Ball Committee 2016 to Present
 - Chairman 2019, 2020-2022
 - ARC Walk of Bergen & Passaic Counties Liaison
- 2nd Masonic District Book Club & Discussion Group

Nominees for Senior Grand Warden (Vote for 1)

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R.W. John Eugene “Gene” Margroff

Degree Teams:

- Masonic Kilties of New Jersey 2007 to Present
 - President 2015, 2016
 - 32° Scottish Rite Degree Team Northern Valley

Guest Lecturer:

- 47th Problem of Euclid
- New Jersey Lodges History and why lodges fail
- History of the Masonic Kilties of New Jersey

Grand Lodge Committees:

- Grand Lodge Committee on Ritual 2016, 2021, 2022
- Masonic Leadership Conference 2017
- Masonic Education Committee 2017
- Masonic Awareness Committee 2009–2014

Appendant & Concordant Bodies: York Rite:

- Adelpic Chapter No. 33 Royal Arch Masons 1988 to Present
- Ark of The Covenant Chapter No. 11 Royal Arch Masons 2021 to Present
- Kane Council No. 2 Royal & Select Masters 1989 to Present
- Hugh De Payens No. 1 Knights Templar 1989 to Present (Melita No. 13)
- Alexandria Council No. 478 A.M.D. Charter member 2009 to Present
- Daniel Coxe Council no. 479 A.M.D.
 - Sovereign Master 2014, 2015
- Order of Red Branch of Eri and Royal Order of the Cork
- Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders 2016 to Present:
- St Joseph’s Conclave No. 1
 - Puissant Sovereign 2021

Scottish Rite:

- AASR Valley of Northern New Jersey 2015 to Present
 - Sublime Prince 32°

Ancient Egyptian Order of the SCIOTS:

- Pyramid 3

DeMolay:

- Supporter of Ethan Allen Chapter in my district

Statement:

My name is J. Eugene Margroff, I am a candidate for the office of Senior Grand Warden. On November 23, 1984, precisely

thirty-eight years ago, I began my Masonic journey. Upon my being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, I immediately took an active role in my lodge serving as a line officer in both elected and appointed positions. At the end of my eighth year of service to my lodge, I, through the suffrages of my brethren, was given the distinct honor of being elected to serve as Worshipful Master in December 1992 for the ensuing Masonic year. Upon completion of my first year in the East, I would go on to serve my lodge for six non-consecutive years. To this day, I recall those years as being some of the most formative and rewarding. I’ll never forget the sense of enjoyment I received having successfully navigated my lodge through what was essentially some of its most challenging times.

After lending years of support to my lodge, I began to focus my efforts on servicing my district. From social activities to serving as a guest lecturer on a variety of Masonic topics, to re-envisioning the 2nd District Charity Ball as a multi-district event which is now the North Jersey Charity Ball, I became completely immersed in the social and cultural landscape of my district. In fact, it was as a result of my active involvement and participation in lodge social activities, district-level events, and guest speaking, that I came to fully appreciate and take a vested interest in the need for Masonic education.

More to the point, it was for this very reason that when I was presented with the opportunity to serve my district as District Ritual Instructor, I immediately said yes. I eagerly embraced the role with a clear understanding that it would play to my strengths and afford me the ability to contribute to the fraternity both as a mentor and educational instructor in Masonry.

Thinking back upon my years of service to the fraternity as District Ritual Instructor, there are many aspects of the office that mirror the successful managerial career I’ve held for 32 years. For instance, in Masonry as in the workplace, I’ve always held to the need for transparency, the need to have clear and distinct goals, and the need for

compliance to guidelines and regulations. Additionally, in Masonry, as well as in the workplace, I’ve had the honor of guiding lodge members, as well as center store employees, to reach their full potential and watch them thrive under my tutelage. Apart from the success I have achieved in developing talent, my skill set also includes managing both up and down the management team. It is for this reason that I am recognized as a strong mentor in the Masonic fraternity, as well as in the workplace.

Reflecting on my experience as both an elected and appointed officer, it is my firm belief that I am uniquely qualified and prepared to hold the position of Senior Grand Warden. As elected leaders, we must take great strides to improve Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction while never forgetting that the purpose for the Grand Lodge is to serve the membership.

Many volunteer organizations are struggling, and our dwindling membership and participation is not unique. We must revitalize our Beloved Craft from the ground up. Only through supporting each individual lodge directly, can Masonry return as a Beacon of Light in our communities.

Our fraternity faces similar challenges: officer burnout, pushing new members through the chairs, communities ignorant about Freemasonry, resistance to change, lack of communication, and much more.

Our Future is Bright, and we have the talent and the determination to continue to move our Craft forward. We must restore balance by returning to the principal tenets of Masonry; Brother Love, Relief, and Truth.

Let us remember Joseph Fort Newton’s quote:

“Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them, leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles, love of God and love of man.”

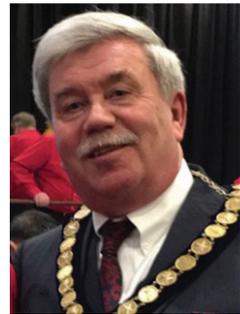
Respectfully submitted,

Gene



Nominees for Senior Grand Warden (Vote for 1)

R.W. William J. VonDerHeide IV



Personal:

Married to Dianne VonDerHeide and living in Hopatcong, N.J. We have four children and six grandchildren. I am a member of Grace Church on the Mount, Netcong, N.J., an

Eagle Scout, a certified scuba diver, and a novice golfer.

Education:

Graduate of Rutgers School of Law (1991) with High Honors; recipient of the Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes award; admitted to the Order of the Coif honor society Graduate of William Paterson College with an MA in Urban Education Graduate of Montclair State College with a BA in History and K-12 teaching certification Graduate of the Essex County Police Academy

Professional:

I began my career as a police officer in the City of East Orange, and later in Mt. Arlington (Morris County) where I was promoted to Detective and Juvenile Officer. I am a past Vice President of PBA 149; and I negotiated the first collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Borough of Mt. Arlington Police Department with the Town Council.

While attending law school, I was employed full-time with two multi-national corporations: Schering Plough Corporation (pharmaceutical) and American International Group (insurance). Working in these heavily regulated industries, I had responsibilities in the areas of risk management, security, contract administration and interpretation, compliance with federal regulations, and litigation management.

My first position out of law school was as a litigation attorney with the Lowenstein Sandler law firm in Roseland. Later, I was associated with Porzio, Bromberg in Morristown. My practice areas included commercial litigation, mass tort, insurance coverage, and family law. At present, I practice criminal defense and family law with the Law Office of Sara Sencer McArdle LLC in Parsippany.

In addition, I was General Counsel to The Hartshorn Group, a staffing and recruiting company, for twelve years. I was also an adjunct faculty member at Centenary College for two years teaching American Economic History and related subjects.

I am licensed to practice law in the State Courts of New York and New Jersey; and before the United States Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, as well as the District of New Jersey. I am also admitted to practice before the Third

Circuit Court of Appeals.

Masonic History and Affiliations

- I am the son and grandson of Masons
- Trustee of the Masonic Charity Foundation 2019 to present
- Chaired four Masonic Charity Foundation Subcommittees
- District Deputy Grand Master - 1st District - 2018 to present
- District Ritual Instructor - 1st District - 2017
- Grand Chaplain 2016
- Member - Grand Lodge Committees on Jurisprudence and Trial of Charges
- Worshipful Master of Musconetcong Lodge No. 42 - 2014
- Trustee of Musconetcong Lodge No. 42 - 2015 - 2018; 2021 - present
- A.A.S.R. - Northern Valley 32°; Most Wise Master of the Rose Croix line 2022
- Masonic Leadership Conference - presenter 2019 and 2021
- Salaam Shrine; Society of Saints John
- New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research and Education No. 1786
- North Jersey Past Masters Association

Community Service:

My past community and pro bono service has included:

- Past board member of the Essex County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
- Past volunteer attorney for the Jersey Battered Women's Service
- Trained by, and accepted assignments from, the New Jersey Crime Victim's Law Center which provides legal assistance to crime victims, including direct representation in the criminal justice system
- While at Lowenstein Sandler, I completed a six-month assignment to Essex-Newark Legal Services (ENLS), which is a private non-profit organization providing free legal assistance in civil matters to very low income residents of Essex County, New Jersey
- Former member of the Juvenile Conference Committee for Hopatcong
- Served as Deacon for the First Baptist Church of Morristown

Statement:

My platform is simple. Blue Lodges first! The Blue Lodges are the heart of our Fraternity. They pump power and energy into our Fraternity, just like our hearts pump blood and life into our bodies.

Putting Blue Lodges first requires the Grand Lodge to empower them. This means giving each Lodge the encouragement, tools, and authority to define their unique Masonic culture within the guidelines of our Landmarks, Constitution, and By-laws. Can you imagine the power and the energy that would be unleashed if we had 120+ Lodges which were laboratories for developing the Masonic experience?

Our Constitution and By-Laws provide the Rules of Law which are the foundation of our Fraternity. All of us, whether we are elected officers or White Apron Brothers,

must govern ourselves accordingly and obey them, even when we disagree with them or when they conflict with our individual interests.

I believe that our Constitution and By-laws create a presumption which favors the liberty of our Blue Lodges, favors communication and transparency over secrecy, and disfavors arbitrary action. While emergent circumstances will periodically require our leaders to have the latitude to act quickly and decisively to preserve the Craft, such extreme circumstances will always be the exception and not the rule. Liberty, transparency, and thoughtful decisions based on objective facts should be the rule.

As I wrote this position statement, I looked back at the statements of past candidates and reflected on the conversations I have had with Brothers throughout the State. I identified some recurring themes in those statements and conversations. The themes included the need rebuild trust through better communication between the Grand Lodge and the Blue Lodges, as well as an overwhelming desire that our dwindling financial resources be preserved and directed to do the most good for the greatest number of Brothers.

These issues need to be directly addressed by our Grand Line and Grand Lodge members. Despite their obvious value, technical solutions, such as the introduction of Grandview and the Scottish Rite's program to identify candidates for membership, cannot by themselves solve these problems or turn the tide of indifference that is threatening to destroy our Fraternity. We need change, change that brings us back to our core values.

Vince Lombardi used to start each training camp the same way. He would raise a football in the air and say, "Gentlemen, this is a football." Lombardi knew that success was waiting for those who excelled in the basics - blocking and tackling.

We need to get back to basics too. We need to recommit to core Masonic values - like meeting on the level and, whenever possible, giving each other the benefit of the most charitable judgment. Success is waiting for us when we turn our eyes from the color of aprons, titles, and medals and refocus on who can best work and who can best agree.

Brothers, I am asking for your vote. As your Senior Grand Warden, my goal will be to restore confidence and build trust between the Grand Lodge and the Blue Lodges through better communication and predictable decisions based on our Constitution and laws. I promise you that I will work collaboratively with the other members of the elected line to empower each Blue Lodge to become a center of growth and innovation by defining its own unique Masonic experience. I promise to work tirelessly to return to basic Masonic values at all levels of our Fraternity. This is the Path to Success and I want to lead you on it.

Nominees for Junior Grand Warden (Vote for 1)



R.W. and III. Mark E. Megee, P.D.D.G.M. 33°, MSA



Personal:

My name is Mark E. Megee, and I am running to be your next Junior Grand Warden. I live in East Windsor, NJ, near my mother Lodge, Hightstown Apollo Lodge No. 41, where I have been a member for 27 years and served as Worshipful Master in 1999. I have five children, Jordan Valerie, Sean Patric, Jordan Elizabeth, Samantha Anne, and Shannon Irene. I have two adorable grandchildren, Amelia and Emily and one on the way.

I have served this Grand Jurisdiction as District Ritual Instructor, District Deputy Grand Master, member of the Leadership Conference Committee, as well as serving in the Grand East of several York Rite bodies. In the Scottish Rite, I served as the Grand Prior of Supreme Council NMJ and as the Deputy's Representative for the Central Valley of New Jersey. Professionally, I earned my Bachelor's Degree in International Business / Russian from La Salle University, where I was active in the Army ROTC program. I received my Master's Degree in International Business Studies / Vietnamese from La Salle University, graduated and was ordained from Community of Christ seminary, and have several post graduate certifications from Harvard (Leadership and Development, Comparative World Religions) and the Wharton School of Business (Business Leadership). I served as President of Brunswick Bank (\$350MM+ in assets) and have held several C-level positions (Chief Lender Officer, Chief Credit Officer) throughout my professional career at various organizations spanning 35 years.

I have a black belt in Six Sigma (set of techniques and tools for process improvements) and have been certified in various project management and leadership techniques (AGILE, SCRUM, Seven Habits of a Successful Leader Instructor, and Lean Management). Furthermore, I served the Woodbury Community Christ Church as a Pastor, then furthermore regionally in the Mid-Atlantic Mission Center as Chief Financial Officer for 13 congregations. I also represented the Church on International Committees on World Finance, on the Ecumenical Relations Committee and headed the Audit Committee.

From all of my Masonic, professional, and ecclesiastical positions of leadership, the greatest lesson I have learned is the importance of well-informed decision making and execution. Discussing ideas and brainstorming are all great, but what is far more important is to execute and bring to fruition these

plans. I believe that our fraternity not only needs a leader who has served in the quarries and understands the issues our Grand Lodge faces today, but it needs a leader with strong organizational and proven C-Suite professional leadership skills who can execute on many sound and important decisions related to our fraternity. My extensive Masonic resume can speak for my services in all the apartments of the temple: Blue Lodge, Grand Lodge, York Rite and Scottish Rite. However, I am soliciting your vote because I possess the experience, financial expertise, and professional leadership that is needed at our Grand Lodge. My 35+ years' experience while serving in a C Level Executive position has provided the necessary lessons to recognize inefficiencies, and address the problems properly to bear the fiduciary responsibility of safeguarding the assets of others. My brethren, if elected as your Junior Grand Warden, and eventually if I am given the honor to serve you as Grand Master, I will bring to you a unique combination of strong fundamental experience of how businesses must be run, accompanied with a deep understanding of Freemasonry as a fraternal organization dedicated to the improvement of its members spiritually and morally, and as a result, elevate the communities we serve in and the world we live in.

Brethren, the time to move our fraternity forward is **now**. We need to cherish and learn from our past, without being mired in it. We should be excited about what the future brings, and never be fretful of change. We need to heal and mend what divides us, and remember that great mystic chain of union that binds us together. I ask you to trust in my professional experiences as a leader of successful multi-million dollar organizations, to believe in my love and care for the fraternity that I have served and continue to serve with joy in my heart for almost three decades, and allow me to bring my pride and passion to the practices of Freemasonry in New Jersey. I have the skills needed and the experiences necessary to move us forward. I have done it professionally in my career, in my church, and in Freemasonry through the positions that I have held. I humbly ask for your support, and I invite you to join with me, so that **together, we can move our Fraternity Forward**.

Lodges:

- Hightstown Apollo Lodge No. 41, (USA-NJ)
- Lodge of the Holy Land, (Israel), No. 50

Hightstown Lodge No. 41:

- Past Master 1999
- Member, since 1995

Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

- Past DRI of the 15th Masonic District, past DDGM of the 15th Masonic District, past Necrology Committee Chairman, past Leadership Conference Committee member
- Society of King Solomon, Level 3
- Trenton Museum of Masonic Culture Committee member

York Rite:

- Three times Three Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; past Excellent High Priest, 2011
- Scott Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, member
- Haggai Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Senior Warden
- Gebal Council No. 3 of Royal and Select Masters, past Thrice Illustrious Master
- Scott Council No. 1 of Royal and Select Masters, member
- St. Andrews's Council No. 18 of Royal and Select Masters, Honorary member,
- Crusade Commandery No. 23 KT, past Eminent Commander
- Palestine Commandery - Prelate
- Sinclair Commandery No. 33, member
- Jerusalem Commandery No. 32, member
- Troyes Commandery No. 34, Founding Member, 2019
- St Bernard's Commandery No. 2, past Commander

Grand College of Rites of the United States, member

General Royal Arch Chapter International, Lifetime member
General Cryptic Council International, Lifetime member, Permanent member, past General Grand Council Steward, General Grand Council, Finance Committee, Companion of the Secret Vault, General Grand Conductor of the Council Cryptic Masons University, Associates Degree

Cryptic Masons Medical Research, Gold level (2015)
Zerubbabel Society of New Jersey, Charter Member, Gold Level
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Grand Commander's Club
Knight Mason, Council No. 10, Member
Knight Mason, Council No. 107, Senior Warden

Archum Collegium, Cryptic Research Lodge, Charter member
Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, Sea of Galilee - VI, Pillar IV
NJ Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Scribe NJ Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, past Most Illustrious Grand Master 2016-2017
NJ Grand Commandery, past Right Eminent Grand Commander, 2018-2019

The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist; Saint Stephen's Conclave, past Puissant Sovereign

York Rite Sovereign College, Trenton No. 18, Companion Adept of the Temple Award, Governor
Knight Preceptor, NJ, member
Knight of the York Rite Cross of Honor (KYCH), Shrewsbury Priory No. 4, Sentinel Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honor (KYGCH), NJ, Purple Quadrant, White Quadrant
NJ Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, Degree Team, Thrice Illustrious Master



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NJ Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests, Chaplain
Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civatibus Foederatis (NJ) Member, VIII°, Degree Master

Scottish Rite:

Mercer Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, Master of Ceremonies
Trenton Chapter of Rose Croix, past Most Wise Master
Trenton Consistory, past Commander in Chief
Valley of Central Jersey – Deputy’s Representative,
Valley of Central Jersey – Valley Hospitaller
Valley of Central Jersey, Director of the Work, Director General
WSB Club, SMJ, member
Scottish Rite Research Society, life member
Scottish Rite Master III
Guthrie College of the Consistory, Honorary Most Venerable Master, Honorary Wise Master, Honorary Commander of the Council of Knights Kadosh, College of the Consistory, Student
NJ Council Of Deliberation, Chaplain, Ritual Chairman, Necrology Committee
NJ Society of Thirty Thirds, Chaplain
Valley Abbott Scholarship, Chairman
Valley JROTC/ROTC Awards Presenter
Supreme Council of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ, Grand Prior
Supreme Council of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Pathfinder Advisory Board member
Scottish Rite, NMJ Commanders Circle
Scottish Rite Haut Grades Academy, graduate, Level 3 Reviewer

John J. Gourgas Library, Vice President
Knight of St Andrews, Honorary Member
Thirty Third Degree recipient

Shrine:

Crescent Shrine, member, 100 Million Dollar Club, member

Appendant Bodies:

De Molay, Capital Chapter, DAD Advisor, former Chairman, Lamp of Knowledge
Chivalric Knights of the Holy Order of the Fellow Soldiers of Jacques DeMolay, Phillip LeDoux Priory; Charter Honorary member, Frank S. Land Fellow I and II, Kingdom of DeMolay – Moderator, Legion of Honor Honorary, 1919 Club Member
MOVPER, Simba Grotto member, Chamberlain
Masonic Order of Athelstan, Veritas Council No. 112, past Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Eminent Prior
The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Assoc., Platinum Member
High Twelve, Union Club, \$100,000 Club member, past President
International Police Square Club, member
Tall Cedars of Lebanon No. 4, past Senior Grand Tall, Life member
Masonic Society, Charter member
National Association of Masonic Scouters, Charter member
Masonic Kilties of New Jersey, Life Member
Harold Gronning No. 83, Allied Masonic Degrees, past Sovereign Master
Royal Order of Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord, Preferred; Court of Assistants
Oxford Lodge of Ark Mariners, No. 1, member
Royal Order of Scotland – member
Society of Saints John, member

R.W. Omar S. Morris



Personal:

My name is Omar S. Morris and I am a candidate for the office of Junior Grand Warden. I am seeking this position because I believe my professional,

masonic, and personal experiences can help address the systemic challenges our fraternity faces.

I am the proud son of Lenora and James Morris and the youngest of 10 children. At the young age of 10, my father’s life was taken, so God saw it fit that I should be

raised by a strong amazing woman and a real-life fraternity of brothers and sisters. Because of this, the concept of being “My Brother’s Keeper” is not a catch phrase or the punchline to a joke, nor is it used to simply make people think I care. It is the foundation of who I am, how people know me, and more importantly, who I will always be.

I grew up in Brooklyn, NY and attended St. John’s University where I became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Incorporated and, again, learned the true value and meaning of Brotherhood. My dedication to that organization allowed me to serve as its Northeastern Province Membership Chairman responsible for recruitment and membership intake from Maine to Delaware, and Germany. I lived in

Masonic Order of the Bath, member

Research Societies:

Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865, Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research, Iowa Research Lodge No. 2, N.J. Lodge of Research and Education No. 1786, Maine Lodge of Research, Masonic Society, Charter Member, Missouri Lodge of Research, Philalethes Research Society, Texas Lodge of Research, Southern California Research Lodge F & A.M., South Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research, Utah Research Lodge, Vermont Lodge of Research, No. 110, F & A.M., Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218

Awards/Recognitions:

David Brearley Society member; Norman Metzler Eagle Scout Masonic Recognition Medal; Philalethes Masonic Leadership Course Graduate; NJ Grand Lodge Charity Endowment Fund member; Scottish Rite Master Craftsmen I; Scottish Rite Master Craftsmen II, Scottish Rite Master Craftsmen III; Frank S. Land De Molay Fellow Award (Level I and II); Godfrey Pittus Award/Ish Sodi Award; Honorary Past Venerable Master (SMJ); Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award, MSA; Companion Adept of the Temple; Honorary Wise Master (SMJ); Thirty Third Degree; AASR; Knight Commander of the Temple; Knight Commander of Eri; KTEF Crusader Cross, DeMolay Legion of Honor, Honorary; Scottish Rite, NMJ NY Course, Graduate; Companion of the Secret Vault (GGCMD); Ish Sodi; Haute Grade Academy Graduate/Reviewer

Membership:

National Association of Masonic Libraries and Museums

Brooklyn until I moved to Somerset, NJ in 1998. I then moved to Rutherford Township a few years later where I welcomed the birth of my beautiful daughter Alexis Morris. Alexis was born in Teaneck Hospital and is now 22 years old and in her last year of college at Massachusetts College of Art and Design. In 2007, when my mother became ill and could no longer care for herself, I moved back to Brooklyn, NY to care for her until her passing in 2017. Many of you know that I am blessed to have the support of my better half, Stephanie, not just in my personal and professional life but, thankfully, in my Masonic life as well.

I have worked in Education and Youth Services for over 30 years. I’ve held positions such as School Counselor, Life Skills Teacher, Assistant Principal of Operations at a Bronx

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High School, and Assistant Dean of Admissions at Hofstra University. Currently, I serve as Director of College Access Services where I supervise, train, and support high school principals and their staff in New York, NY, Buffalo, NY, Los Angeles, CA, Las Vegas, NV, Baltimore, MD, and Wilmington, NC. Simply put, in this role I manage and support teams of people who analyze and assess the challenges of our schools and create solutions to fix those problems. Some of these issues include, but are not limited to, recruitment, fundraising, retention, professional/compliance development, safety/security, performance improvement plans, leadership development, and organizational growth plans. These areas of challenge/growth are almost identical to those we face in Masonry. Although the fraternity has tried to address these needs over the years, we can no longer continue to use traditional methods to solve these critical issues in these changing times.

With this in mind, we need to develop creative solutions for addressing the root causes for these areas of improvement. For example, we cannot address recruitment by simply bringing in more people. A broken pitcher will not hold water, no matter how much you pour into it. We should first examine why we are losing brothers in the first place and address the cause of that. Similarly, we cannot fix lodge leadership by increasing expectations and threatening to reprimand without providing better training and mentoring programs. We have to acknowledge, prepare and properly support brothers rising through the lodge officer ranks and becoming Wardens or Worshipful Masters within 4 years. This is our current reality and we have to address it. Furthermore, we cannot simply address budget issues by moving directly into raising dues. Brothers do not understand why our membership continues to shrink but Grand Lodge spending continues to grow. We should provide opportunities for educating the brothers on the budget and Grand Lodge spending so that we cut waste and improve brothers’ understanding of what is needed to run Grand Lodge. These opportunities could also lead to our members increasing their understanding of budgeting and spending on the Blue Lodge level and further promote fiscal responsibility as a whole. Finally, we cannot carelessly elect some people to run our fraternity and trustee boards, who do not have the experience and skills to do so, then later complain

when there are issues. We need to create opportunities for brothers across the state to showcase their skills and experiences. This will allow us to create a pool of good candidates to select our leadership from and not just rely on the promoting or appointing of friends. This will enable us to wisely exercise our right to vote and ensure that we are electing qualified people whose decisions determine the future and longevity of this fraternity.

Brethren, this is the greatest fraternity in the world and I personally owe it every effort to give back to it 10-fold of what it has provided me. I believe in improving the overall Masonic experience which includes Masonic education, mentoring, leadership development, integrity, and overall brotherhood. If given the opportunity to serve as your Junior Grand Warden, it will be my responsibility to do everything in my power to advance the growth and vitality of our fraternity, even when the path to do so is not easy. But, first, it will be your responsibility to wisely select the leadership of this great fraternity, while keeping in mind that “Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge”.
Fraternally, Omar S. Morris

Masonic Resume

Blue Lodge:

- Peninsula Lodge No. 99
 - Initiated, Passed, and Raised 2009
 - Worshipful Master 2015
 - Peninsula Lodge trustee – Secretary - 2020, Chairman - 2021, 2022
 - Alpha Lodge Trustee, 2020-2021
 - Lodge ritual instructor 2021, 2022
- Dual member Inspiratus Lodge No. 357, Alpha Lodge No. 116, Euclid Lodge No. 136, Horizon-Daylight No. 299, BSMTMD No. 35
- Honorary Member Salomon Lodge No. 306, Honorary Member Woodstown Lodge No. 138
- 5th district masters and wardens Vice President 2013, President 2014
- Hudson County Past Masters Association 1st Vice President 2016, Scholarship Committee 2019 – 2022
- Masonic Kilties of New Jersey - 2nd Vice President 2021, 1st Vice President 2022
- North Jersey Past Masters association, South Jersey Past Masters Association, Central Jersey Past Masters association
- Lyndhurst Masonic club

Grand Lodge:

- Grand Tyler 2016
- Grand Marshal Corp 2016 - 2018
- Grand Marshal 2019 - 2020 (19 Months)

- Daniel Coxe Medal recipient 2020
- Grand Lodge Education committee 2018
- Conference of Grand Masters 2018, 2020
- Grand Lodge of New Jersey Strategic Planning Committee 2018, 2019
- Grand Lodge of NJ Leadership conference facilitator 2018 and 2019
- Leadership conference Vice Chairman 2018 - 2019
- Grand Lodge Representative to Chile 2017
- Reclamation Committee Vice Chairman 2019 - 2020
- Speaker’s Bureau Grand Lodge of New Jersey
- Grand Lodge Mentoring Committee Co-Chairman 2018 - 2020
- Mentoring Sub-committee- Co-Chair 2020, 2021, 2022
- Grand Lodge Mentor Training Facilitator 2018 - 2022

Appendant Bodies/Masonic related:

- Scottish Rite Northern Valley 32 Degree
- Scottish Rite mentoring committee northern valley
- Scottish Rite degree team – Valleys of Northern and Central New Jersey
- Salaam Shrine
- Shriners Hospital Boston, Associate Member of Board of Governors,
 - Strategic Planning Committee 2021
 - Donor Development committee 2021, 2022
 - Finance Committee 2021, 2022
- Washington Association of Masons of New Jersey
- York Rite - Arch of the Covenant No. 11 2022
- Demolay Dad 2013/14
- Order of the Eastern Star, Atlas Chapter 2022
- Order of the Q 2022
- Society of Saints John
- The Masonic Society

Non Masonic:

- VP Education Long Island University Toastmasters 2016-2019
- Membership intake Chairman, North eastern province, Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Incorporated (years)
- Assistant Dean of Admission, Hofstra University
- Program Officer, New Visions for public school
- CEO First Class Fairs
- Director, Student Leadership Network
- Columbia University Leadership training
- Membership Intake Chairman, Kappa Alpha Psi 2003 - 2010 - Northeastern Province (Maine-DELAWARE, and Germany)



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M.W. Roger Quintana, PGM



Masonic Resume:
MOTHER LODGE
Blue Stone Mystic
Tie Malta Doric
No. 35

- Initiated, Passed & Raised - 1993
- Master - 2004
- Secretary - 2006 to Present

Grand Chaplain 2006
District Deputy Grand Master - 2013, 2014
Junior Grand Warden - 2015
Senior Grand Warden - 2016
Deputy Grand Master - 2017
Grand Master - 2018
Honoary Past Grand Master - Grand Lodge Of Portugal
Meritorius Medal Awarded - 2010
33rd Degree - 2017
2019 Conference Of Grand Masters - Planning Committee

Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee - 2009 - Present
Vice President B 2013 & 2014, Chairman 2018

- Pensions and Benefits Committee - 2009 - 2012
- Strategic Planning Committee - (Chairman) 2010 to 2018
- Hospice Advisory Committee - (Chairman) 2009 B 2010
- Facilities Committee (Chairman) 2013 - 2018
- Executive Committee B 2013 - Present
- Home Ops Committee (Chairman) 2013 - 2014

Dual Lodge Affiliations:

Secaucus Hudson No. 72 - Master B 2003
Sons of Liberty No. 301 - Secretary - 2005, Trustee B 2008 - 2014 (HM)
Atlas Pythagoras No. 10
Navesink Lodge No. 9
Congdon Overlook Lodge No. 163
Inspiratus Lodge No. 357 - Junior Warden 2021 & 2022
Mount Zion Lodge No. 135 - Honorary Member
Enterprise Lodge No. 31 - Honorary Member
Dom Pedro Lodge No. 322
Esperanza Lodge No. 317
Salomon Lodge No. 306

Grand Lodge of New York - Affiliated Member
La Fraternidad Lodge No. 387

Affiliations:

Valley of Northern New Jersey B Scottish

Rite as of 2000
MSA Awarded - 2013
Children's Learning Centers - Scotch Plains Campus
Board of Governors 2011 - 2014
Vice Chairman 2012 - 2014
Crescent A.A.O.N.M.S & Salaam A.A.O.N.M.S.
Council of Royal & Select Masters of New Jersey
Adoniram Council No. 9 & Corinthian Chapter No. 57
Commandery of Knights Templar of New Jersey

Trinity Commander No. 17 - Treasurer
York Rite College
Garden State College
Northern NJ Council No. 10 Knight Masons
Member as of 2003
The Red Cross of Constantine
St. Joseph's Conclave
AMD - Coxe Council No. 479 - Founding Member
Sovereign Master 2012
The Masonic Order of Athelstan, Provincial Court of the USA
New Jersey College Societas Rosicruciana
National Sojourners No. 438
The Masonic Society - Founding Member
Knight Masons - Northern NJ Council
Serpentine Barrens Quarry
Tall Cedars - Elizabeth Forest No. 6
Masonic Kilties of New Jersey
Simba Grotto
Society of St Johns
NJ Demolay Advisor 2003 B 2005
DeMolay Legion of Honor - 2016
Honorary Member International Congress - 2018
Rainbow For Girls
Grand Cross of Colors awarded - 2018
Order Of The Eastern Star Of New Jersey
Atlas Chapter
5th District Past Master'S & Warden's Association
Past President, Past Secretary & Past President
North Jersey Past Masters Association
South Jersey Past Master Association

Business Activities:
Financial Consultant since 1990 - 2011
County of Hudson Investigator 1990 to 2009
County of Hudson Personnel Officer (Dir. Human Resources) 2009 - Present
AFSCME Local 2306 President 2005 till 2009
Weehawken Township B Director of Community Affairs 1985 - 89
Weehawken Township B Chairman Rent Leveling Board 1985 - 1995

U.S. Dept. of Commerce - Director of North East Operations 1985 - 1990

Business Activities:
State University of New York B Purchase Bachelor of Arts - 1981
State University of New York B Purchase - Master's in Psychology - 1983
Rutgers University Certificate in Labor Relations - 2007
Registered by the FINRA in Securities B Investments Advisor 2000 - 2011
State Licensed in all Major Insurance Line Licenses 2000 - 2011

Statement:
My brother,
Allow me to begin by thanking you for electing me and placing your trust in me to serve as your Grand Master in 2018. The support you have given me throughout my service on the elected line, and more specifically as Grand Master, is an honor that I will forever be in your gratitude.
I joined Freemasonry to become a better person; to provide help to those in need; to be involved and assist in my community; and to be a part of a Fraternity that was so rooted in its traditions and customs that it allowed it to withstand the test of time and trials. I have served our fraternity with honor and zeal from the day I joined. My drive to continue to serve you is still there, and that is why I am asking for your support once again in electing me as your Grand Secretary. As Grand Secretary, I will not forget that I am in office to serve you and your lodges and making your needs as my number one priority. I will also provide support to our elected line as they deliver on their projects and plans.
When serving you on the elected line and as Grand Master, you have firsthand knowledge of me as a Brother who strives for perfection, for thinking outside of the box and for putting lodges and their needs first. As Grand Master, I introduced many new initiatives to our Grand Lodge, including Grand View, Almoner's office, allowing lodges to open and conduct business on any degree and perform ritual in foreign language, encouraging the use of chambers of reflection, and participate in the many educational programs such as the Society of King Solomon, and the various seminars we hosted for our membership to promote Masonic Light and build on leadership skills. To address our membership's decline and advance regular Freemasonry in New Jersey, we constituted five new Lodges in our jurisdiction that are composed of dedicated



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Masons who, four years later, are still energized to prosper and grow under our Grand Lodge oversight. Together, we have accomplished many great things and it was certainly a team effort.

The ideas that I have implemented in my term as Grand Master have been generated through many conversations and brain storming sessions that I have held with you

as I was traveling the state. When I ran for the office of JGW, I promised you that I will deliver on your thoughts, and put in motion your ideas as well as address your concerns. Today, as I continue to travel the grand jurisdiction, I know what your and your lodge's administrative concerns and needs are. I have served as my lodge secretary for 18 (eighteen) years and I know what your expectations are from the Office of the Grand Secretary. Therefore, I am once again,

making the promise to be there for you and to move us forward.

My brother, in closing, I do not seek the office of Grand Secretary for honors or titles. You have known me to be a worker in the quarries. If elected as Grand Secretary, I will work diligently on your behalf to make sure that your needs and concerns are prioritized and that the Grand Master and elected line are given the proper support they need to succeed in their duties.

M.W. John S. Ryan, PGM



Personal Information:

Date of Birth: May 12, 1943
University of Miami: BS Degree
Fairleigh Dickinson University: Additional credits

International Business Machines (IBM): Computer Program Degree

Business Information:

Publishers Distribution Group, Inc. www.pdgmags.com CEO 1977 - Present
Founded company to distribute and market special interest periodicals to the newsstand in North America.

Purchased Annas International, Inc. www.annasint.com in 2004 to export North American periodicals to all foreign countries that sell English language periodicals.

Founded Metro Publishing Limited in 1996 and published "Coastal Cruising" and "Italian Food Wine & Travel" magazines.

Masonic Information:

Master Mason Degree: January 23, 1985, Livingston Lodge No. 11
Worshipful Master: 1990
Grand Chaplain Grand Lodge of New Jersey: 1997 - 1998
East Orange Veterans Hospital Representative: 1987 - 1997
New Jersey State Coordinator Masonic Service Association: 1997 - 2003
District Deputy Grand Master 8th Masonic District: 1998 - 2003
Masonic Charity Board of Trustees: 2003 - 2010
Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge: 2003 - 2004
President of Masonic Charity Foundation: 2003 - 2004
Junior Grand Warden: Elected 2004

Grand Master of New Jersey: 2007 - 2008
33 Degree Scottish Rite, Norther Jurisdiction: 2009
Chairman, Masonic Charity Foundation: 2007 - 2008
Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee
Past Chairman & Founder of Essex Chapter DeMolay
Past Chairman, Grand Lodge Committee on USS New Jersey Battleship Fund
Past Chairman, Children's Learning Center, Newark, NJ
Past Sovereign Master, Harold V.B. Voorhis Council No. 20, AMD of USA
Past Excellent Chief, Knight Masons Council No. 10

Past Toparc, Ancient Order of Sciots
Past Sovereign Master AMD
Past Puissant Sovereign, St. Josephs Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Board of Directors, George Washington Masonic Memorial
Member of Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, M.M.M.'s
The Masonic Society, Inc.
Grand College of Rites
Salaam Shriners

Concordant and Appendant Bodies:

New Jersey Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
New Jersey Council of Deliberation AASR
Grand Council Royal & Select Masters
Grand Royal Arch Chapter
Grand Commandery Knights Templar
Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
Tall Cedars of Lebanon
High Twelve
Ancient Order of Sciots
New Jersey College S.R.I.C.F.
Society of Saints John
New Jersey DeMolay Legion of Honor
New Jersey DeMolay Alumni Association
New Jersey Past Masters Association
Royal Order of Red Branch Eri
Garden State York Rite College No. 122
Past Vice President National Sojourners

Chapter No. 42
Haggai Lodge of Mark Master Masons
The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey
Veritas Court No. 112 Masonic Order of Athelstan, Senior Warden

Other Lodge Memberships:

Alexander-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Virginia
Honorary Membership: Musconetcong No. 42, Kittatinny No. 164, Penns Grove-Excelsior No. 54, CondonOverlook No. 163, Nutley No. 25, Essex No. 7, Harmony No. 8, AzureMasada No. 22, Alpha No. 116, Eclipse No. 259, Host No. 6

Other Affiliations:

Past President Board of Trustees, USS New Jersey Battleship
Board member of USS New Jersey

Statement:

The Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge Office are two vital components within our Masonic Fraternity which handle the administration of all corporate business matters and fraternal communication within our jurisdiction and throughout the Free & Accepted Masonic world. The Constitution and Laws of this jurisdiction state eight important duties of the Grand Secretary, which must be maintained and administered on time and with completion. Key responsibilities include: maintaining all records of Grand Lodge including all aspects of the Annual Communication, publishing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, maintaining an open line of communication with the Lodge Secretaries and the Brethren, and fulfilling the Grand Master's directives.

These are but a few of many required responsibilities of the Grand Secretary. I believe I have proven my capability and more than fulfilled these duties during the past six Masonic Years and, with your support, will serve you as your Grand Secretary in 2023.



Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote for 3)

R.W. Larry Alcime



Personal:
Originally from Brooklyn, NY. My wife Janelle and I (married 12 yrs) decided to move to Northern New Jersey in 2009, where we made a home for ourselves and our 3 wonderful children (Kaia, Lincoln & Lance) in West Orange, NJ since 2012.

Education:
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, with a Minor in Safety Science and Technology from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Professional:
Detailed oriented Leader in Compliance and Operations Management for over 17 years. Experienced in all aspects of data analysis, audits, project management, operations and finance within the aviation, financial and healthcare services industry. Particularly, in financial trend analysis and implementing or streamlining standard operational procedures (SOBs). At the rise of the COVID Pandemic, I made the concise decision to transfer my skill set and become a franchise owner within a multi-billion-dollar pest/mosquito control industry. My franchise proudly provides services to hundreds of customers within the Bergen County community.

Masonic History:
Blue Lodge:
Initiated (1/22/14), Passed (5/21/14), Raised (9/24/14) in "Historic" Alpha Lodge No. 116 Served as Worshipful Master in 2019
Lodge Trustee - 2020 - Present
New Membership Mentor
Fundraiser Committee Chair
By-laws Committee
Dual Membership: Inspiratus Lodge No. 357 (Traditional Observance Lodge)

Grand Lodge:
District Ritual Instructor: 8th District (2021 - present) Education Committee (since 2021)
• New Member/Candidate Mentoring Committee
Fellow of Society of King Solomon (2022)

Masonic Appendant Bodies:
Royal Arch Masons:
Exalted 2015 in Alpha Chapter No. 62
Served as Excellent High Priest in 2020 Chapter Trustee (2020-2023)

Grand Chapter of RAM:
Grand Chaplin: 6th Capitular District (2021 - 2022)

Grand Representative to Mexico (2021), France (2022)

Cryptic Masons:
Charter Member of St. Andrew's Council No. 18 (2016 - present)

Knights Templar:
Knighted 2016 in Jerusalem Commandery No. 32
Officer Line (Captain General 2022)

Scottish Rite Masons:
(Northern Masonic Jurisdiction - AASR)
• Member of Northern Valley 2015 - Present
• Lodge of Perfection Officer 2020 - Present
• Master Mason Degree Team - Present
• Degree Team Cast Member - Present
• Benjamin Franklin Award Committee - Present
• Scholarships Committee - Present
• Service Group (Membership Expansion)
• Blue Cap Recipient - 2021

Shriners International:
• Active member of Salaam Shrine No. 86 - 2020 - Present
• Past Masters Committee

Order of Knight Masons:
• Member of Northern New Jersey Council No. 10 - 2020 - Present

Allied Masonic Degrees:
• Member of Daniel Coxe Council No. 479 - 2021 - Present

Order of Free Gardeners:
• Member of Hibiscus Lotus Lodge - Present

The Worshipful Society of Free Masons (The Operatives):
• Serpentine Barrens Quarry Assemblage - Present

Other Masonic Affiliations:
North Jersey Past Masters Association (President 2022 - 2023)
Lyndhurst Masonic Club
Order of Easter Stars (Alpha Chapter No. 288* - *Worthy Patron 2017*)

Non-Masonic Affiliations:
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated Initiated 1993 - Active Membership
• New Membership Training Committee
• Undergraduate Advisory Committee
• Youth Mentoring (Kappa League Advisor)
• Fundraising Committee
• Membership Expansion Committee
• Held several Executive Officer positions

Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
Father's Auxiliary - Active - (2019 - Present)
• Youth/Teen mentoring

Community Involvement:
Member of St. James A.M.E Church
Volunteer in Food Pantries/Feed the Homeless Programs

Backpack/School Supply Give Aways
Clothing drives for Veteran Homes and Homeless Shelters

Statement:
Brethren my name is Larry Alcime, and I am running for the position of Grand Lodge Trustee for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. For all intents and purposes, the Grand Lodge is an organization created to promote enlightenment and education to those who are in search of a higher meaning or calling, and to unite likeminded men in the bond of Fraternity. The Grand Lodge is also a non-profit organization (corporation) that must operate and adhere to the rules and regulations of the State of New Jersey. Therefore, for 14,500 members of this Grand Jurisdiction to enjoy the fraternal ties and privileges associated with membership, a select few are elected to handle the business of the Fraternity to ensure its existence in the foreseeable future. The primary responsibility of a Trustee or Board of Trustees is to oversee the operation of the organization, uphold the fiduciary duty of protecting the organization's assets and funds and to ensure the organization's conformance with the law. These very principles are reinforced in *Title 4, Article 2, Section B* of the Grand Lodge By-laws "**The Trustees shall have the responsibility to manage the business affairs of the Grand Lodge....**"

If elected, my primary focus would be to utilize my skill sets to assist the Trustee Committee in making sound and concise decisions to streamline spending, increase revenue, sustain assets, and uphold accountability. Professionally I have overseen and participated in projects that generated over 100 million dollars in weekly revenue, while adhering to all regulatory guidelines and procedures to ensure success. Over the past 30 years I have had the opportunity to serve as a trustee member for a variety of fraternal, masonic and professional organizations where I was tasked with the responsibility to restore and maintain the financial sustainability of these organizations. Recently I attended an open Grand Lodge Trustees meeting to gain a better understanding of the some of the challenges our Grand Lodge currently faces financially. I truly believe that with my experience gained in Operations Management, Compliance, and Audits throughout my career has prepared me to be a viable candidate for the role of Grand Lodge Trustee.



Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote for 3)

R.W. Kenneth F. Carpenter, Jr.



District Ritual Instructor
18th Masonic District
Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101
Retired Software and Product Development

Executive (retired 12/31/2021) 36 years of experience leading and managing large groups of software development engineers and product development, deployment and quality assurance teams.

Experience in managing annual corporate budgets up to \$20,000,000.

Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101
Initiated June 17, 2003
Passed September 17, 2003
Raised October 21, 2003

Past Master 2008
Lodge Secretary 2009 - Present

Other Masonic Affiliations:
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Excelsior Consistory, Valley of Southern New Jersey
Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobels of the Mystic Shrine, Crescent Shrine
Royal Arch, Zerubbabel Chapter No. 63

R.W. Yoel Lee, DDGM-6



Personal:
Born in Cuba on June 9th, 1971.
Came to the United States in 1996.
Currently resides in North Bergen, Hudson County.
Married to Sulma

Calderin for 18 years. Has one daughter, Alexandra who is a Registered Nurse.

Professional:
Owner of Lee Mechanical, LLC since 1998, which is a company dedicated to the design, installation, construction, replacement, service, repair, alteration, or modification of all plumbing for commercial and residential properties in Northern and Central New Jersey.

Masonic Information
Blue Lodge:
Raised in 2005 at Blue Stone-Mystic Tie Malta Doric Lodge No. 35 (Past Master 2012, 2018)
Sons of Liberty Lodge No. 301 (Past Master 2009, 2017) - Dual Member
Secaucus-Hudson Lodge No. 72 - Dual Member
Salomon Lodge No. 306 - Honorary Member
Esperanza Lodge No. 317 - Honorary Member
Dom Pedro Lodge No. 322 - Honorary Member

Grand Lodge Appointments:
2012 - Grand Chaplain

2018 - Grand Tyler
2018 to Present - District Deputy Grand Master, 6th District
2014 - Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of El Salvador
2018 - Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Cuba

Grand Lodge Awards:
2018 - Grand Lodge Meritorious Service Award

Appendant and Concordant Bodies:
Valley of Northern NJ, A.A.S.R.
Ark of the Covenant No. 11 of Royal Arch Masons
Zabud Council No. 5 of Royal and Select Masters
Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots, New Jersey Pyramid No. 1 (merged with No. 3) - Past Toparch 2010

Other Masonic Affiliations:
Hudson County Past Masters and Wardens Association
North Jersey Past Masters Association

Non-Masonic Affiliations:
President of the Cuban Heritage Parade of New Jersey
President of Hijos y Amigos de Fomento Cuban Association of New Jersey
Committee Member of the New Jersey Hispanic State Parade

Hobbies:
Martial Arts (Black Belt in Judo), Fishing,

Swimming, Travelling & Dancing

Statement:
My dear brothers, today I come to you expressing my desire to be one of your Grand Lodge Trustees. Throughout my personal, professional, and Masonic life, one of the most important things for me is to serve my brothers, friends, family, and community. Our Grand Lodge is very near and dear to me, and I know how important it is for us to maintain a strong and fiscally responsible entity as indicated in our Constitution and By-Laws. As Grand Lodge Trustees we must make sure this is done the best way possible so that New Jersey Freemasonry can continue to flourish for years to come. My dear brothers, I am up for the challenge, and I can assure you that you will not be disappointed. I am committed to our beloved fraternity; I am ready to do the work and assume the responsibility you have given me. Many of you know my love for Freemasonry and my labors throughout the state in years past. That is why I am asking for your support, allow me to continue my Masonic labors and work for YOU, as it has always been my mission, to serve my brothers. Remember that the best recognition in this, our beloved fraternity, is the love we spread amongst each other. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you all, may Brotherly Love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

R.W. Richard F. Schmidt



Personal:
Resident of Millsboro, DE; previously 30 years in Basking Ridge, NJ. Widowed in 2017 after 44 years of marriage. One married son; Masonic family

including son, father (PM), and both grandfathers.

Education:
BBA in Finance, Summa cum Laude - Pace University
MBA in Finance, with honors - Fairleigh Dickinson University
Both while working full time

Employment:
Retired Executive VP, Chief Financial Officer, and Board Member - Independent Fiduciary

Services (now Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors) investment consultants to large pension funds.
Assistant Treasurer - BASF Corporation
U.S. Army Security Agency

Masonic:
Grand Lodge Trustee 2019 - 22 (President 2022)
MCF Trustee 2009 - 18 (President 2017 - 18)
District Deputy Grand Master Third District 1990 - 93
Past Master Burk Lodge 1986; Congdon-Overlook Lodge 2010



Nominees for Grand Lodge Trustee (Vote for 3)

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R.W. Richard F. Schmidt

Lodge Treasurer Congdon-Overlook
Grand Lodge Award of Merit 2016
Valley of Northern NJ.AASR (Medal for Masonic Service)
Salaam Temple Shrine
National Sojourners
North Jersey Past Masters Association
Senior DeMolay – Active Legion of Honor

Statement:

Voting for Grand Lodge Trustee might seem to be secondary to selecting the future Grand Master. However, the Board of Trustees is of equivalent importance to Grand Lodge in managing the corporation. While the voters should carefully consider the qualifications of the individual candidates, building a cohesive team with complementary skills and experience is of paramount importance.

The Trustees are the financial watchdogs of the organization. Both New Jersey and Federal tax law define the need for, and the responsibilities of, a Board of Trustees. The Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act requires the Trustees to act as fiduciaries – persons assigned the responsibility to invest money owned by others. The N.J. Nonprofit Corporation Act defines the Board as “the group of persons vested with management of the business and affairs of the corporation”. The Internal Revenue Code’s requirement for the 501(c)(10) tax exemption assigns similar responsibilities and considers the Trustees to be the “governing body” of the organization.

The Trustees have the responsibility under law to conduct fiduciary oversight over the business affairs of the Grand Lodge, assuring the designated committees and individuals properly fulfill their requirements. This position entails devoting time, effort, and talents to activities that can have significant financial and organizational consequences – both positive and negative. We do not make the decisions; we assure that the decisions are prudent, lawful, and affordable.

This year we need to elect three of the five trustees. As you look at my skills and experience, and compare them to those of the other candidates, take into consideration what each of us brings in technical, organizational, and leadership skills to the tasks of the trustee team. The ideal goal is to assemble a board that will, along with the two continuing trustees, provide a

complementary group covering the majority of the skills needed to do the work of overseeing all Grand Lodge’s business activities.

Over the past three years I have had the opportunity to provide a strong leadership role on the Board. Our meetings are now focused, efficient, productive, and short. I conceived and implemented many of the improvements and expansions of board oversight processes we have incorporated, including:

I provided copies of books describing the duties, responsibilities, standards of conduct, and areas of potential liability affecting board trustees, significantly advancing the level of board member qualifications.

We conduct a regular monthly review of every invoice paid and check written. I worked closely with our outside bookkeeper/controller to design and distribute monthly easy to understand, cash basis management reports. These enable the Grand Treasurer and the trustees to always know how much we have in cash and investments, how much has been received and paid year to date, and how much is expected to flow through the accounts for the entire year. We want no more end of year surprise deficits.

We hold preliminary working meetings several days prior to the monthly formal meetings, to identify issues, set the agenda, designate presenters, and work through details so that we generally avoid surprises during formal sessions.

We meet regularly with the Audit Committee and the newly hired audit firm to understand accounting, reporting, and financial control issues. We also communicate regularly with other committees responsible for organizational functions that affect our financial integrity, including Insurance, Tax, Budget, and Temple & Lodge Finance.

We have instituted regular review of the Federal tax returns, as well as being aware of other tax related issues and requirements related to our exempt status.

I continue to advise the board on investment matters, while abstaining on votes to accept my recommendations. In order to facilitate a broader program as well as to assure availability of the next phase of management, I led the

effort to move custody of our \$6 million of investments to a different brokerage firm that can provide advisory services as a fiduciary.

The next few years are critical to enabling the board to continue these improvements and further advance our skills and expertise. As we bring in new, less experienced trustees this year and thereafter, my role will include guidance and mentorship to the new trustees. My experience managing teams and identifying where strengths lie and where additional training and experience are needed will be valuable in later years as they advance to leadership positions.

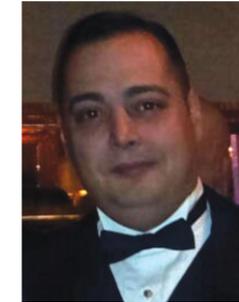
As you prepare to vote for three trustees, look beyond us merely as individuals. Consider how each will complement every other trustee on the team over the next three years and beyond that. When looked at in this way you will likely conclude my being part of the team for the next term is essential to securing Grand Lodge’s financial security.

Thank you for your consideration.



Nominees for HTMT Trustee (Vote for 1)

W.B. Joseph Bermudez



Personal:

Was born on October 10, 1973, in Brooklyn, NY. Both his parents were immigrants, his father from Spain and his mother from Cuba. Currently resides in North Bergen, NJ with his wife

Yanet, his stepson Robinson, his stepdaughter Meladi and his nephew Morpheus. From a previous marriage, he has three daughters, Sarah, Cecilia, and Bianca, along with his son Joseph. After graduating from North Bergen High School and being admitted to Rutgers University, Joseph had to change his plans and move to Spain where he joined the Police Academy and became a Police Officer in Santiago de Compostela. Later, assigned to the National Police at the Airport serving as a translator. After returning to the United States, he began working in construction and at the age of 28, established his first business Freixo Painting, and currently is

the owner of Innova Construction, specializing in all aspects of residential and commercial construction.

Masonic History:

- Member of Sons of Liberty Lodge No. 301 - Worshipful Master 2020
- Dual Member of Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric Lodge No. 35
- Dual Member of Dom Pedro Lodge No. 322

Masonic Affiliations:

- Member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Northern New Jersey
- Member of Ark of the Covenant Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons (MEM Degree)

Community and Civic Organizations:

- Past Treasurer of Hijos y Amigos de Fomento Cuban Association of NJ
- Vice President of the New Jersey Hispanic State Parade
- Founding Member of The BeeHive Philanthropic Organization

Statement:

I know how important the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple is for all New Jersey Masons. It is the symbol here in our Garden State of one of the greatest fraternities enjoyed by men. This edifice must always be preserved

R.W. Andrew George Churney



Personal:

Married 36 years to Lynne and have resided in Lumberton, New Jersey. We have two wonderful children: son, Alexander, and daughter, Aleece.

Education:

Attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick and Glassboro College (now Rowan University) studied Computer Science. MSCE certified.

Masonic History:

- Mount Holly Lodge No. 14 - Worshipful Master 2005
- Treasurer 2006-2007

Masonic Affiliations:

- Valley of Central New Jersey, A.A.S.R., 32°
- A.A.O.N.M.S of Burlington Crescent Shrine
- Society of the Saints John
- 19th District Masonic Association - Past Vice President
- DeMolay Dad Advisor, Legion of Honor
- North Jersey Past Master and Wardens Association
- South Jersey Past Master and Wardens Association

- Board of Governors Verdon R Skipper Children Dyslexia Center - Chairman

Grand Lodge:

- Grand Almoner 2018 - Present
- Grand Lodge Administrator
- Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee - 2019 to Present
- Grand Chaplain 2007
- Secretary to the Grand Master 2013
- Past Grand Lodge Trustee 2009 - 2014
- Col. Daniel Coxe Award for Distinguished Masonic Service 2014

Committees:

New Jersey Freemason, Grand Lodge Website, Grand Lodge Budget Committee, Masonic Leadership Conference, Annual Communication in Atlantic City, Arrangements, Masonic Charity

Community:

- Burlington County C.E.R.T. member
- Lumberton School Board - 9 years - Past President
- Burlington County School Board - 4 years - Past President

- Lumberton Township Recreation - 7 years - Past Coordinator
- Mount Holly Little League Board - 3 years

Masonic Charity Foundation:

- Outreach and Engagement – Director 2016 - Present
- Facility Services - Director 2015 -2016
- Information Services - Director 2003 - 2016

in such a way so that we today and in the future continue to see New Jersey Freemasonry as one of the greatest institutions in our state. My Masonic résumé may not be extensive, but after joining our noble craft I have been able to learn the importance of service, aid, and love to our brothers, and to all. I come to you, asking for your support to become a Historic Trenton Masonic Temple Trustee because I can bring you many years of experience dealing with all aspects of commercial properties, including, and not limited to building, maintaining, and administering these structures. I have worked in several landmark buildings from Cooper Square and including the Grand Lodge of New York. I have also assisted Lodges here in New Jersey with my experience in commercial and residential construction and management. My dear brothers, I want to offer my experience and dedication to you, to our Grand Lodge and to our Historic Trenton Masonic Temple. My sleeves are rolled up, my passion, dedication, ideas, and commitment to work hard in the quarries. With your vote I can assure you that our Historic Trenton Masonic Temple will be well cared for and continue to shine as a beacon of our gentle craft in New Jersey.

Statement:

My first introduction to the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple came during 2007. MW John Ryan & First Lady Mary Jane were traveling across New Jersey to let everyone know about the magnificent building in Trenton and the importance of keep this historic structure in the New Jersey masonic family. Their hard work inspired many of us to get on the bandwagon. Our financial support and the dedication of so many masons thru out the state came to the aid to clean up and repair bring it back to its prior glory.

Since the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple board was formed, it has received a 501c3 status and is on the historic registry. All items to help ensure its preservation and work towards securing funds to maintain itself. Your current board has been able to initiate an invest vehicle from the checking account funds and setup for the building’s future. We have hired a grant writing company to work securing funds for the list of projects on the horizon.

I thank you all for the support we have received to the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple and that I have personally received from my fellow board members and all the New Jersey members of the craft. I ask you for your continuous support once again as I seek to remain your HTMT Board member. *“They don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”* ~Theodore Roosevelt..



Nominees for Masonic Charity Foundation (Vote for 3)

R.W. Bruce S. Graham



Personal:

Born and raised in NJ, originally residing in Bergen County and now in Cape May County. Married to Karen and between us we have four children, two sons & two daughters; as well as six grandchildren.

Professional:

Upon graduating from Lafayette College with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering, I took employment with Van Note-Harvey Associates, a Consulting Engineering firm headquartered in Princeton, NJ. Through various promotions in my career, I progressed to Vice-President and Branch Manager of the Cape May County office of the firm and have served in that capacity for over 25 years. I am a licensed Professional Engineer, as well as a Licensed Professional Planner, Certified Municipal Engineer, Certified Public Works Manager, Zoning Official and Code Enforcement Official. My professional experience includes a strong focus on providing public sector consulting services including but not limited to planning, grant writing, engineering design, environmental controls/remediation, public agency permitting, flood plain management, zoning, municipal financing, project budgeting, construction management and contract negotiations. Over the years, I have served as the appointed Municipal Engineer for various towns in Cape May County and currently serve in that capacity for the Borough of Woodbine.

Masonic History:

- Raised in Cape Island Lodge No. 30 in 1983
- Worshipful Master in 2000 & 2001
- Lodge Trustee (2002 - 2010)
- Lodge Secretary (2002 - Present)
- Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Southern New Jersey
- President of S.J. Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Assoc. (2017 - 2019)
- Crescent Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.
- Cape May County Shrine Club
- Grand Chaplain (2008)
- District Ritual Instructor, 24th Masonic District (2010 - 2012)
- District Deputy Grand Master, 24th Masonic District (2013 - 2016)
- Grand Lodge Continued Excellence Committee (2017)
- Grand Lodge Temple & Finance

Committee (2017)

- Children's Dyslexia Centers of NJ, Northfield Center Board of Governors Member (2016 - Present)
- Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Trustees (2019 - Present), currently serving as Vice-President of the Board
- Masonic Charity Foundation Steering Committee for Selection of New Management Firm (2020 - 2021)
- Grand Lodge District Education Officer (2019 - Present)
- Grand Lodge Strategic Planning Committee (2020 - Present)

Statement:

Over the last 39 years as a Mason, I have worked hard to better myself, my Lodge, and the fraternity as a whole. While my Masonic history speaks for itself, I am particularly proud of my time spent as Worshipful Master of Cape Island Lodge No. 30 in 2000 and 2001. Never expecting to serve in that capacity for two consecutive years, I agreed to serve a second term, when the Senior Warden of the Lodge unexpectedly moved out of the area. At the time, I was applauded by many for my decision to continue for another year. In reality I did it because it was the right thing to do for the Lodge and in the long run for myself. It provided me additional time to complete some of the unfinished goals set forth at the beginning of my first year and provided me with an unexpected opportunity to further improve my leadership skills.

During my time as Worshipful Master, I was instrumental in turning around a Lodge that was in serious trouble, both financially and physically. We struggled to pay our bills and the building was in serious disrepair. At my urging, fundraising efforts were reinstated with the proceeds used to make improvements to the building and a Lodge permanent fund was established to perpetuate the long-term care of the building. That fund started out with an initial investment of approximately \$2,000 and today is worth in excess of \$165,000. We also began making physical improvements to the building mostly through the use of sweat equity from the members. In the end, the combination of increased revenue and projects that the brethren could participate in made us a financially viable and stronger Lodge. Immediately after completing my second term as Master, I took over as Secretary of the Lodge, a position which I still hold some 21 years later, and in that capacity I have helped guide subsequent Masters to continue and improve on the programs that I started. That success is evident today to anyone who visits Cape Island Lodge or

attends one of our meetings.

Over the last 3 years, I have served on the Board of Trustees for the Masonic Charity Foundation and currently hold the position of Vice-President of the Board. When I assumed the Trustee position in 2019, I knew that it would be challenging and that it would involve considerable time on my part. That being said, I could never have anticipated the extent of the challenges that the Foundation would face not the least of which was the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Despite all of that, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the Board, lending my expertise and business skills to the running of the Foundation.

During my time on the Board, the Foundation has had to deal with a multitude of issues including but not limited to refinancing of the debt; replacement of the Masonic Village management company as a result of Ashlar Creative Solutions termination of their contract; various legal issues; staff shortages; new regulations; improving resident occupancy; and the financial implications of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Foundation has and continues to face many challenges at the Masonic Village. The operation of a Retirement Community is a complicated business, beset with many regulatory requirements, and the challenges are not going to end. Prior Boards for the Foundation set us on a new path by expanding the types of services provided and establishing new financial guidelines in order to work towards a sound fiscal reality. I have worked hard during my first term too help implement their vision. There is still much to be done however and I want to continue to be part of that effort.

Brethren, I have spent the last three years on the Board educating myself about the operation of the Masonic Charity Foundation in order to be better enabled to make the right decisions for the future of the Foundation. Attaining that knowledge required a concerted effort and due diligence on my part. It did not come from just attending a meeting once a month. I sincerely want to continue that effort and apply what I have learned during my first term towards making further improvements at the Foundation.

I was once told by a business mentor of mine that if you truly want something, you need to ask for it; so I'm asking for your support to **Re-Elect** me to another three (3) year term as a Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee.

Nominees for Masonic Charity Foundation (Vote for 3)



R.W. Brian K. Mandel



Personal:

Age 62. Born in Bayside, NY. Married Resident of Morris Township 28 years. Two sons, Matthew and Andrew, both graduates of Georgia Tech with Engineering degrees.

Education:

Bachelor in Arts in Economics from City University of New York-Queens College in 1981. MBA in International Finance from St. John's University in 1993.

Professional:

From 2003-2018, I was the principal officer of an independent financial consulting firm advising institutions with a focus on banking and financial services by leveraging my knowledge and extensive experience in portfolio, asset, and risk management. Prior experience includes:

- Chairman of the Board for Recon Capital Partners, ETF Trust Series.
- Director at American Capital Access focusing on long range strategic planning, business growth and risk management while structuring and managing over \$1 billion in securitized transactions.
- Deal Manager for the CIT Group, my transactions generated the highest Return on Assets (ROA) of all operating units in the company for 4 consecutive years. Growth was attained both organically and through acquisitions.
- MBS credit analyst, Duff & Phelps Credit Rating Agency, determining credit levels, working with investment bankers, and publishing my own credit research.

Masonic History:

- Raised in Cincinnati Lodge No. 3,

Morristown, 2010

- Worshipful Master (Cincinnati Lodge No. 3), 2016 and 2017
- President of the 11th District Masters & Wardens, Secretaries and Past Masters Association, 2017
- Grand Chaplain, 2019
- Junior Grand Deacon, 2020 - Present
- Treasurer, Masonic Charity Foundation, 2018 - 2021
- President, Masonic Charity Foundation, 2022 - Present
- Dual Member of Colonial Prospect No. 24, Chester

Masonic Affiliations:

- Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (Valley of Northern NJ), 2017
- North Jersey Past Masters Association
- Society of Saints John

Statement:

I have served the Masonic Charity Foundation for 4 years now, the first three as Treasurer and the past year as President. I am running for re-election for a three-year term. I possess over 26 years of financial and management expertise that I will continue to bring to the MCF Board to achieve its objectives. My professional experience and track record of successful business growth and development, investment, long range strategic planning, and ability to understand regulatory and compliance environments will continue to provide the Board with strong financial skills.

During my tenure on the board, I have developed a strong understanding of our financial position as well as our operational issues. I have guided staff to produce more meaningful and detailed reporting to allow Board members greater insight and understanding of our finances. In addition to the MCF Board and Committee meetings, I have regular meetings with the Executive Director and members of the financial staff to stay current with items that require immediate attention and those that require Board approval. I have developed and

continued to maintain a very strong relationship with our debt lender, Hamlin, and have been able to work with them to modify existing agreements to benefit the MCF.

As President, we have had a very productive year with our new management team. We have strengthened our financial oversight and brought in an external financial advisor to offer guidance on our debt refinancing and operational issues. We have identified unutilized assets and sought out the best way to monetize those assets to help fund operations and pay down debt.

All of these efforts will better stabilize our financial position thus allowing us to determine the best path to follow in future years. It's always better to operate from a position of strength than weakness. This will allow us to evaluate all possible alternatives and ultimately be in a position to determine our own fate that best serves our Masonic brotherhood.

As president, the MCF has more facts to use for decision-making than ever before. Under my leadership we have made difficult decisions to exit market segments that were not profitable and to focus our efforts on strengthening our financial position. It has been a challenging road but we are now better positioned to make the best choices to preserve value for our organization.

Given the uncertain environment we face with greater market volatility and regulatory oversight, the need for experienced and effective Board management is greater than ever. I believe my financial experience is crucial to support the MCF during this period.

I ask for your votes in 2022 to allow me to continue to serve on the Board of the Masonic Charity Foundation as a Trustee and apply my financial background and experience to further achieve the goals of this truly worthwhile and important organization.

Bro. Edwin J. Pearson, Jr., 32°



Personal:

I was born and raised in Southern New Jersey. My wife, Holly, and I have two daughters and four grandchildren. I have voluntarily served on various Shriners, college, and church

boards. For 10 years I was President of my neighborhood HOA.

Education:

BA - Psychology, Minor - Business & Economics; Muskingum University
MBA - Boston University
Commercial Real Estate Appraisal Courses - The Appraisal Institute

Professional:

My professional career was focused within the commercial real estate industry, specifically financing, acquisitions and sales, appraisals, highest and best use studies, property management and consulting. I have extensive experience with industrial properties, land development, office

buildings, shopping centers, and apartments as a joint venture partner, negotiator for limited partnership acquisition, and life insurance company portfolios. In total, I have been involved in commercial real estate activities of more than \$1.320 billion.

During that career, I managed multi-disciplinary teams of professionals: appraisers, lawyers, due diligence teams, property managers, design professionals, accountants, and auditors while directly reporting to investment committees, boards of directors and clients. Responsibilities included overall project direction, budgetary administration,

Bro. Edwin J. Pearson, Jr., 32°

creation of internal and client reports, marketing, license agreements, leases, and document negotiations.

Masonic History:

- Raised in Burlington Lodge No. 32 in February 2008
- Marshal: 2013
- Senior Deacon: 2014
- Temple Trustee: 2019 - Present

Masonic Affiliations:

- Member of Crescent Shrine.
 - Past Potentate Exec. Aide
 - Past 2nd Ceremonial Master
 - Past Mini Car Unit Secretary
 - Past President of Burlington County Shrine Club (2012)
 - Chairman – Burlington County Shrine Club Annual Golf Outing (11 years)
- Shriners Children's – Philadelphia
 - Philadelphia Hospital Board of Governors - Associate Member (2020 to present)
 - Plant and Facilities Committee
 - Medical Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Marketing and Communication Committee
- Member of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (Valley of Southern New Jersey) since 2010.

Statement:

The Masonic Charity Foundation has made terrific progress with changes that have elevated the Masonic Village at Burlington to a far more competitive position with similar facilities. The renovations at the Masonic Home and construction of the cottages successfully met the demands of the market. Now the Foundation is in the midst of making major decisions regarding its real estate assets. Those decisions will have a long lasting impact on the Foundation's ability to carry on the mission of delivering personalized services and compassionate care, inspired by the spirit, ideals and values of Freemasonry, to promote the highest quality of life for Freemasons, families and others in the community. With 38 years of experience in all aspects of commercial real estate, I believe I have the knowledge and proficiency to be a valuable addition to the Trustees in making the important decisions ahead.

My interest in becoming a Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee emanates from the three rounds of Jacob's ladder: Faith, Hope and Charity, as explained in the Entered Apprentice Degree Lecture. The greatest of these, Charity, is one of the reasons I am a Mason. Shortly after becoming a Mason, it was necessary to relocate my father to the Masonic Home. Though suffering from dementia, my father thrived under the care

he received the years he resided there. Upon his passing, I started an annual donation challenge to my Burlington Lodge Brothers. An incentive to contribute was that my family would match their donations to the Masonic Charity Foundation up to a certain level. This challenge campaign was responsible for \$40,000 in donations from individual Brothers to the Masonic Charity Foundation over 10 years.

I chose to carry out my Masonic obligations by volunteering. I became active at Crescent Shrine, specifically the Mini Car Unit and the Burlington County Shrine Club. During my time as the Shrine Club golf outing chairman, we have achieved net revenues significant enough to make donations of over \$100,000 to Shriners Children's – Philadelphia. The golf outing also made it possible for our club to donate half the funds needed to purchase a new van for transporting patients and families to and from Philadelphia medical facilities.

I have been fortunate to be an Associate Member of Shriners Children's – Philadelphia Board of Governors since 2020 with exposure to all aspects of running a successful organization under Masonic governance. The experience has further enlightened me how Masonic bodies work to carry out their mission. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can bring my experience and knowledge to the Masonic Charity Foundation.

R.W. Donald R. Tuttle



Masonic History: Order of DeMolay:

1980 Initiated
1983 Order of Knighthood,
1984 Master Councilor

Mantua Lodge

No. 95:
EA 5-19-2005
FC 6-16-2005

MM 9-8-2005
Master of Lodge 2011
Lodge Trustee 2012 to Present

Honorary Member:

Mozart Lodge No. 121

Duel Member:

Woodstown Lodge No. 138
Cape Island Lodge No. 30

Other Masonic Groups:

The Society of the Saints John

Past Masters and Wardens (21 Dist.)
Legion of Honor (Active)

Grand Lodge:

Grand Organist 2013 – 2018,
Grand Chaplain 2018 – 2019
Grand Musician 2019 - Present
Committee Chairman – Lodge Security (2016 to Present)
Representative to the Grand Lodge of Road Island - 2016
Award of Merit - 2021

Scottish Rite Southern District:

32° - 2015, 33° Elect (2023)
Council of Deliberation (Organist) 2016 to Present
Meritorious Service Award 2017
Senior Warden
Council Princes of Jerusalem 2022/23

Crescent Shrine No. 65:

Director 2017
Oriental Guide 2018
High Priest and Prophet 2018
Assistant Rabban 2019

Chief Rabban 2020
Potentate 2021
Provost Guard Secretary 2022

Statement:

Greetings Brothers, I started to compose this bio, but I found that it was much longer and wordier than I expected. I never really talk about myself but after starting down this road I had to rewrite it a few times to keep it brief and to the point. It is amazing when you start a bio on yourself what you remember in your past. I would strongly recommend that each brother out there do this as an exercise so you can see your own life accomplishments, you will be amazed at yourself.

I began my Masonic career in 1979 joining DeMolay and I advanced through the ranks to become Master Counselor of my chapter in 1984. After several years when my family was settled, and I had time I petitioned Mantua Masonic Lodge and was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

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I served the brothers of Mantua Lodge as master in 2011 and shortly after my year I was appointed by M.W. David Dorworth as a grand organist which started my grand lodge involvement. I very much enjoyed traveling throughout the state and meeting hundreds of new brothers and friends.

After serving several years as the grand organist I was appointed as a grand chaplain under M.W. Roger Quintana. During that year I was given the opportunity to serve in a different capacity and to attend to my Masonic Family when needed. I found this position very fulfilling in that I was able to aid and comfort those brothers and family members when needed.

After serving as Grand Chaplain for a year, I was then asked to serve as a grand musician and have been serving since then.

I also sit as the chairman of the Masonic Security Committee and have given presentations throughout the state of New Jersey, the Conference of Grand Masters and was invited to speak at the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

I am very active, along with my wife Bonnie with Shriners International. I was honored to serve as the Potentate of Crescent shrine in 2021.

As I previously mentioned, I am married to Bonnie and have been for over 33 years, she is very active in our Masonic family and can be seen with me a just about every Masonic function. We have two children, our oldest Brynn and her fiancée Chris who are parents to Mason and Blakelyn. Jordan our youngest is married to Athena, they are parents to Charlotte and Colton. He is also a Master Mason at Mantua Lodge. How very rewarding it is to see the support my family gives me in my endeavors. It is also a joy to know that I was able to raise my son Jordan as a Master Mason. I have been fortunate enough to travel with our grandson Mason, who is a Patient Ambassador for Shriners Hospitals Philadelphia. Mason, along with my wife Bonnie, actively travel and give presentations about Shriners Hospitals and what Shriners do to make life better for the children under our care. Also, Mason can't wait to join DeMolay!

Now a little about my work history and why I chose to run for the Charity Foundation.

In 1986 I joined the Runnemedede Fire Company and Rescue Squad, became an EMT and later was accepted to paramedic

schooling. Shortly after that I began work as a police officer in the City of Camden rising to the rank of Sergeant. My final assignment was running the technical services section. This encompassed communications, information technology and specialized emergency services such as 911. In this position I have exercised leadership and deployed programs and supervised their implementation.

During my years at the City of Camden Police Department I was elected as the Fraternal order of Police Secretary. I oversaw contractual issues, grievances and represented officers when needed as a union representative. I was involved in a contract negotiation leading up to the signing of it. I enjoyed this position immensely. I served a total of 7 years in until I retired from the position of Secretary.

After retiring in 2011, I started my own company which specialized in emergency communications and command operation centers. After working a few years with numerous public safety agencies, Tactical Public Safety offered me position as a Public Safety Systems Specialist. I continue to work in this field to this day and serve numerous public safety agencies throughout New Jersey offering technical, organizational, and public safety implementations.

From 2016 to 2021 I was on the executive board of Crescent Shriners. Not too many people realize that the 22 hospitals that Shriners run are run by the Shrine Masons. Shriners Hospitals for Children has an annual budget is over \$1 billion. Each Shrine Hospital Executive Board consist of Shrine Masons! This means that the decisions and operation of the hospitals are made by us. This makes it very important that we understand the operations and laws governing 501C (3) and 501C (10) organizations regarding federal law. I have attended classes in Florida and have the experience of daily operations regarding our charity and fraternal operations.

During my tenure as the Potentate of Crescent Shrine, Bonnie and I embarked on a mission of fundraising for the Shrine. Our building was shut down soon after my installation, due to COVID. We lost all revenue and lost fellowship with our Shrine family. When I was elected, I made a commitment to do a few things. Communication, Fraternalism and Fund Raising. When restaurants were reopened, I needed to think outside of the box because the Shrine was still shut down. So, I took

our monthly dinners "On the Road" meeting in different restaurants all around the area that Crescent Shrine covers. Doing this, I was able to bring the Divan to the members and let them know that the Shrine did not forget them during the dark times we were all going through. I also made it a point to inform every member of Crescent Shrine via a weekly newsletter of what was going on, not only with the Shrine, but also any Masonic events and news that were occurring. These messages also include informational and/or fraternal videos. As for my commitment to fundraising, since we had no incoming revenue, I needed to do something. I spoke with First Lady Bonnie, and we came up with a new fundraising campaign for the year. We were able to raise a considerable amount of funds thanks to her tenacity! Although, 2021 was a tough year, with forward thinking, the tenaciousness of Bonnie and the help of all, we were able to survive and move forward. This, along with my work experience and considerable knowledge of the laws governing 501C (3) and 501C (10) makes me qualified as a candidate for Masonic Charity Foundation Trustee

To summarize myself, I am not one to take on responsibilities that are easy, I excel at multifaceted projects, organization and I am no stranger to managing large teams with multimillion dollar budgets. I have worked extensively with both fraternal and charity organizations and my goal, if I were to be elected, would be to listen, gather and make sound decisions based on what is best for the organization and our brother's masonic investment. I also would make it a point to disseminate updates to the brethren of the status of what is occurring at your charity!

I strongly believe we are all one fraternal family and at the end of the day we must all hold this in our hearts and have the willingness to move forward into the future with what is in the best interest of our fraternity.



Proposed Grand Lodge Budget 2023

	15,500	14,000	13,300		Budget	Budget	Proposed
	Budget	Budget	Proposed		2019-2020	2022	2023
	2020-2021	2022	2023				
OPERATING REVENUE							
Grand Lodge per Capita Assessment	\$403,000	\$434,000	\$492,100	GL Events	0	10,000	5,000
Blue Lodge Insurance Assessment	77,500	70,000	74,250	Northeast Conference of Grand Masters	7,500	7,000	6,000
Staff Contribution to				Conference of Grand Masters of N. America	\$25,000	\$25,000	25,000
Annual Communication	55,000	40,000	40,000	Feast of St. John	1,500	16,000	0
Annual Communication MCF	12,500	10,000	10,000	Past Grand Master's Jewel	20,000	20,000	10,000
Sale of Supplies	15,000	15,000	16,000	Awards and Certificates	8,500	9,000	4,000
Investment Fund Income	225,000	175,000	175,000	Cost of Resale Supplies	6,000	5,500	5,000
Freemason Advertising	500	500	500	TOTAL GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES	\$240,500	\$170,500	\$208,000
Feast of St. John	10,000	16,000	0	EDUCATION PROGRAMS			
Grand View (and dues cards)	19,375	17,500	16,625	Ritual Committee	\$500	\$500	\$500
Leadership Conference	22,500	22,000	18,000	District Deputy Grand Masters	500	500	500
Chip Donations	200	200	200	Education & Membership Services	13,500	13,000	13,000
Background Checks	10,000	13,000	13,000	Youth Committee	5,000	3,500	3,000
Contributions	3,000	2,000	1,000	Masonic Leadership Conference	20,000	22,000	18,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	1,000	NJ Freemason Magazine	10,000	14,000	15,000
Interest Income		1,500	1,000	TOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSE	\$49,500	\$53,500	\$50,000
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$854,575	\$817,700	\$858,675	CHARITABLE PROGRAMS			
OPERATING EXPENSES							
PERSONNEL							
Salaries	\$175,000	\$183,750	\$189,263	Veterans Hospital Programs	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Payroll Taxes	18,250	20,213	20,819	Masonic Services Association (donation)	1,000	1,000	1,000
Stipend	4,000	4,000	6,000	CHIP	1,000	1,000	1,000
Maintenance Staff	7,500	8,000	9,000	Wheelchair Track and Field Meet	0	0	0
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$204,750	\$215,963	\$225,081	Masonic Blood Bank	500	500	500
OPERATING EXPENSE							
Audit	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	Donations	0	2,000	2,000
IRS Form 990	18,000	18,000	18,000	TOTAL CHARITABLE PROGRAMS	\$4,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Accounting and Bookkeeping	25,000	33,000	34,000	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$854,575	\$817,700	\$858,675
Investment Advisor	0	0	0	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$855,400	\$815,963	\$855,031
Office Supplies	9,000	7,000	5,000	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-\$825	\$1,738	\$3,644
Social Media	5,500	5,000	5,000	Percent increase in expense		-4.6%	4.8%
Electronic Communications (phone, fax)	6,500	7,000	6,000	PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS REVENUE			
Printing	5,000	4,000	4,000	Masonic Charity Foundation	\$279,000	\$84,000	\$79,800
Postage and UPS	7,000	5,000	5,000	Initiate Fee for MCF (25.00) (300)	10,000	7,500	7,500
GL Collars, Aprons and Tokens	6,000	5,000	4,000	GWNM per Capita (1.00)	15,500	14,000	13,300
Official Expense	65,000	65,000	60,000	Initiate Fee for GWNM (10.00) (300)	5,000	1,500	3,000
Equipment Contract and Leases	3,500	18,000	18,700	HTMT	46,500	42,000	39,900
Legal	5,000	5,000	4,000	DeMolay per Capita (1.00)	15,500	14,000	13,300
GL Insurance	11,000	10,000	11,000	Rainbow per Capita (1.00)	15,500	14,000	13,300
Blue Lodge Insurance	75,000	65,000	74,250	TOTAL PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS	\$387,000	\$177,000	\$170,100
Trenton Temple Rent & Utilities	65,000	65,000	65,000	PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS DISBURSEMENTS			
Administrative Office Expense	3,500	2,500	2,000	Masonic Charity Foundation	\$279,000	\$84,000	\$79,800
Computer Software Grand View	17,150	15,000	15,000	Initiates Contribution to MCF	10,000	7,500	7,500
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	1,000	GWNM Assessment	15,500	14,000	13,300
Public Relations	2,000	2,000	2,000	Initiates Contribution to GWNM	5,000	1,500	3,000
Background Checks	10,000	11,000	13,000	HTMT	46,500	42,000	39,900
Interest Expense	0	8,000	500	DeMolay	15,500	14,000	13,300
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$356,150	\$369,500	\$365,450	Rainbow	15,500	14,000	13,300
GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES							
Annual Communication	\$170,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	TOTAL PASS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS	\$387,000	\$177,000	\$170,100
Emergent Communications	2,000	3,000	3,000	GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,241,575	\$994,700	\$1,028,775
				GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,242,400	\$992,963	\$1,025,131

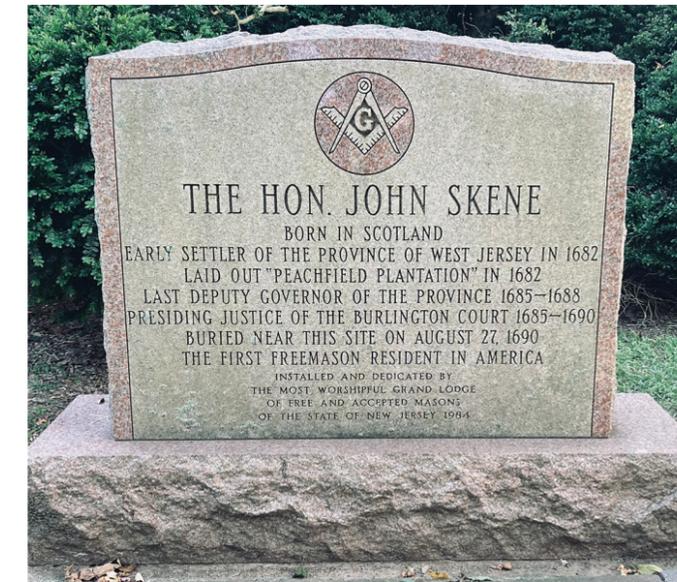


First Mason Remembered at Peachfield

Submitted by RW Robert Howard
Past Grand Historian

Brethren from around New Jersey converged on the Peachfield historic site in Westampton on the afternoon of August 27 to honor the memory of the first Speculative Mason to arrive in North America. The elaborate ceremonies were arranged by RW Bro. Bob Howard, Past Grand Historian, acting on behalf of Eclipse Lodge 67 in Rutherford; Beverly-Riverside Lodge 107 in Riverside; and the Masonic Kilties of New Jersey.

John Skene was made a Mason in his native Aberdeen, Scotland, a fact recorded in the lodge's archives—one of the very few things known of his life—and he emigrated to West Jersey in 1682. What we know today as New Jersey was at that time two English colonies, West Jersey and East Jersey. Burlington was the capital of West Jersey, and it was there where Skene settled. The reasons for his leaving Scotland are not recorded, although he was a Quaker who left religiously inhospitable Scotland and made a home in an area inhabited by many Quaker families, very near the sect's stronghold in Pennsylvania.



"Coming of age when religious turmoil was the norm, John Skene's membership in the Society of Friends provided him anything but the peaceful and pacifist existence that we associate with Quakerism today," said Bro. Erich Huhn, of New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research and Education 1786 and a candidate for a doctorate in history at Drew University. "The Friends were persecuted throughout his childhood, and, as Skene reached adulthood, he held true

to his convictions. As a Quaker, he was persecuted and imprisoned throughout his life in Scotland. In the typical ebbs and flows of seventeenth century religious turmoil, he faced various periods of imprisonment, freedom, house arrest, and discrimination."

Yet, the seventeenth century also was the age of the Accepted Mason, when lodges of operative builders began welcoming men who had no connection either to the art of architecture or to the trade of stone construction. Robert Moray in 1641 and Elias Ashmole in 1646 probably are the best known, but lodge minutes from 1590s Scotland also record the making of Speculative Masons. Skene was initiated into the lodge at Aberdeen approximately in 1670 possibly on account of his being a merchant and a citizen prominent enough to be made a burgess there. His being a Quaker raises the question of his taking a Masonic oath, but again history is silent on details.



Among the distinguished visitors to New Jersey that day was Bro. Robert L.D. Cooper, recently retired as curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland's museum and one who has been frequenting New Jersey lodges this year delivering talks on early Scottish Freemasonry. Cooper said he is aware of correspondence being exchanged between West Jerseyan



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HONORS & AWARDS RECEIVED

Masonic Village Achieves a Five-Star Rating

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily.

The quality rating system gives each nursing home a rating of between 1 and 5 stars. Nursing homes with 5 stars are considered to have much above average quality, and nursing homes with 1 star are considered to have quality much below average.

There is one overall Five-Star rating for each nursing home, and then a separate rating for each of the following three sources of information:

- ★ **Health Inspections** – This rating contains the three most recent health inspections, during which inspectors go onsite and follow a specific process to determine if the facility has met quality requirements.



- ★ **Staffing** – This rating has information about the number of hours of care on average that the facility provides each resident.
- ★ **Quality Measures** – This rating has information on 15 different physical and clinical measures for nursing home residents.

Here are the ratings for Masonic Village:

- ★ **Overall** – Five Stars (much above average)
- ★ **Health Inspections** – Four Stars (above average)
- ★ **Staffing** – Five Stars (much above average)
- ★ **Quality of Resident Care** – Five Stars (much above average)

Nationally, only the top 10% of nursing homes are rated with an overall Five-Star rating. Your support has helped Masonic Village to be one of the very best senior living communities in the country.

Acacia Hospice & Home Care Receives a “We Value Our Veterans” Award



Acacia Hospice & Home Care is honored to be among the recipients of the prestigious New Jersey

Governor’s “We Value Our Veterans” Award. Presented by Governor Philip D. Murphy on November 11, 2021, this award reflects Acacia Hospice & Home Care’s commitment to honoring the sacrifices, patriotism, and bravery displayed by our men and women who have worn the military uniform.

Acacia Hospice & Home Care also participates in the *We Honor Veterans* Program. Established in conjunction with the Veterans Administration, this program seeks to assure that all veterans receive comprehensive hospice and palliative care services wherever they reside. Hospice and palliative care are covered benefits for all enrolled Veterans.

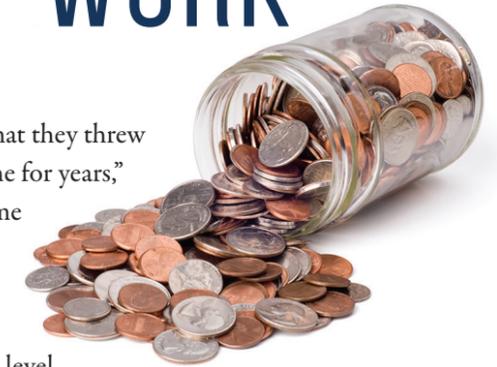


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YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Spare Change Adds Up

Like most of us, Masonic Village residents Bill and Martha Webb had a jar that they threw their spare change into at the end of the day. “It was something that we’d done for years,” Bill says. When they moved into Masonic Village, the jar of spare change came with them. Then one day, Martha said, “I just looked at the jar, and realized that the spare change could be put to work here at the Village.” Bill agreed. Martha took the jar to the Development Office, had the change counted, and made an additional contribution to take their gift to a Donor Gift Club level. The Webbs are pleased to know that their spare change has helped make a difference at their new home.



iN2L Connects Residents



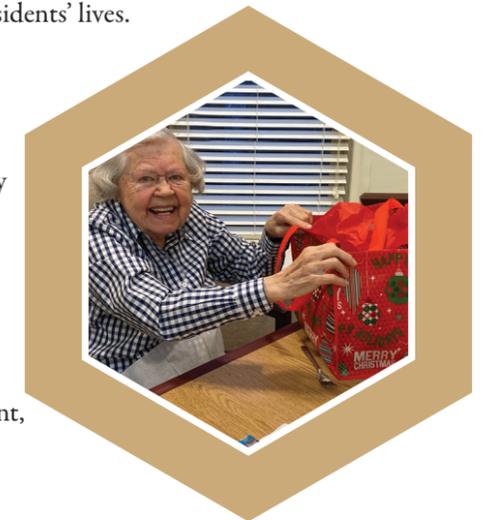
Through a major grant from the New Jersey Department of Health, Masonic Village received seven resident engagement systems from It’s Never Too Late (iN2L). This company’s person-centered technology products use content-driven engagement to create meaningful experiences for older adults by connecting them to the world around them.

The iN2L systems are 23” and 55” flat screen monitors mounted on mobile carts that are connected to a computer, which in turn is connected to extensive online content. The systems facilitate video calls with friends and family, therapy use, group engagement and one-on-one activities. The connections that the iN2L systems create have helped to enrich the residents’ lives.



Fountain of Life Brightens the Holidays

The Fountain of Life Center brought some holiday cheer to Masonic Village by remembering residents with a holiday gift bag. Each bag contained a fleece blanket, a note pad and pen, a crossword puzzle or seek-and-find book, a pack of vanilla cookies, a large plastic candy cane filled with chocolate, a pack of crackers and hand cream. Activities Coordinators delivered the gift bags to the neighborhoods, brightening the residents’ day. The gesture helped remind residents that even though the pandemic may be keeping them physically distant, they are still in the thoughts of many.



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National Sojourners

National Sojourners is an appendant body made of Masons who are Veterans or are still serving in the Military or Uniformed Services. There are two chapters and we are looking to grow a new chapter in South Jersey.

Northern NJ Chapter No. 42 meets 4 times a year in the Mine Hill/Picatinny Arsenal area. They meet the third Thursday of February, May, August and November. The POC for membership questions is Bill Haynes, 570-595-3333 and his email is whhaynes@ptd.net.

The Garden State Chapter No. 438, based out of Atlas-Pythagoras Lodge in Westfield, meets 4 times a year. The POC for membership questions is Chris Sands, 908-868-1347 and his email is chrissands44@aol.com.



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