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*December*  
**TRESTLE  
BOARD**



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***Regular Communications***

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm

# From the East



## *Goat Riding Anomaly*

The *Scottish Rite Journal*, Sept 91/Southern jurisdiction, has an elegantly written article entitled, "Freemasonry Is A Secret Society To Many Of Its Members" by Ronald C. Radatz 32. In short, the gist of the article is a reference to some of the misconceptions harbored by todays brethren; one in particular referenced the age old cliché Riding The Goat and elaborated how an uninformed brother may lend an unknowing hand in perpetuating an anti-Masonic stereotype.

For those without access to the Journal, according to Brother Radatz:

Originally goats were used in the wildly misplaced belief that some sort of satanism existed in the Craft. In the Burlesque parades some-one parodying as a Brother would attempt to ride a goat which represented the devil. Bro. Radatz further stated: Using this phrase to describe our Ritual is more than unfortunate and derogatory. It trivializes our impressive Initiation ceremony and mocks the very institution we love.

After reflecting, there are numerous instances in which I can recall the use of this cant, most were from aged and well respected brethren, whom I feel after reading the article would cease this perpetuation.

Being thankful for the knowledge gained from this reading, I erased this phrase from my mind and vowed to do my best to enlighten the uninformed. That was until I happened across a copy of the August 1991 Knight Templar magazine page-18 and, to my surprise, discovered an ad offering Riding The Goat prints for sale. What a minds dilemma this posed, I suppose I could take the serious path as Bro. Radatz did and follow my vow of erasure and enlightenment, or I could order one of the prints and hang it as a reminder of that human quest for levity with little regard to its true origin or moral meaning.

—Jeff Cressionnie, Moses Cook #111

See Everyone in Lodge,

*Richard W. LaBaw*

Worshipful Master

# From the West



## Constitution and Laws

### TITLE SEVEN: APPENDIX

#### ARTICLE IV. TRUSTEES

**Section 1.** The Board of Trustees shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be elected at the first annual communication for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter, at each annual election, one Trustee shall be elected for a term of three years.

**Section 2.** A Trustee may also hold an appointive office in the lodge.

**Section 3.** The duties of the Trustees shall be to receive, hold, care for, and invest, under the direction of the lodge, all funds and property committed to their care. They shall promptly report to the lodge in writing each investment made by them. They shall keep themselves informed as to the conditions relating to any security or investment of the lodge funds and shall promptly report to the lodge in writing any matter affecting such investment or security. They shall keep all securities of the lodge in a safe deposit box in the name of the lodge. They shall have general charge and supervision of the lodge room, furniture and property of the lodge and shall see that the same is kept properly insured at all times. They shall render an annual report at the first regular communication in January, giving a full account of all receipts and disbursements and an itemized statement of all investments and property held by them.

**Section 4.** Lodge funds shall be invested only as directed by the lodge and in such investments as may be lawful for funds of savings and fiduciary institutions of the State of New Jersey

Stay Safe Stay Well,

*Arthur S. Pelzer*

Senior Warden

# From the South



## *A Review From The South*

**I**n January, I struggled with the task of writing my first Trestle Board article for Mt. Moriah and endeavored to inspire and instill light from the South as is expected of the Junior Warden. I spent countless hours coming up with a topic and even more effort putting my thoughts into words. The first article was the most difficult and I quickly became overwhelmed with the idea of having to go through this process each month. Would my words bring light to the craft? Would my writings be worthy of the monthly Trestle Board? I spent more time erasing and deleting than writing. My January epiphany for an article was to focus on an inspiring poem entitled, “A Man Can’t Read His Tombstone When He’s Dead.” I wrote of the importance of expressing one’s gratitude to people around him in the moment; for later could be too late.

February’s offering included my insight into who the holy Saints John were, how and why they became important to Masonry, and the symbols in the Lodge that represent their idealisms. In March, I discussed the founding Fathers of Masonry in New Jersey and the important roles they played in the creation of our Country, State and Grand Lodge.

I took an abrupt directional turn in April after reading a fascinating article on Noah and his biblical ties to the beginnings of Masonry, and the study of Geometry and Science. I toiled over this topic for nearly a month pondering which way to go in that there was so much information to be explored regarding Noah’s lineage and the fact that he was mentioned in the ancient manuscripts, such as Regis and Cooke, and the

more current Mackey. My wife and kids thought I was about to join a monastery and become a monk when I began constructing flow charts to understand the lineage of Noah, and the Tower of Babel. Needless to say April wore me out and it was time to lighten things up in my next monthly effort.

Timing was perfect in that May's article was the consequence of a business trip to Texas and a visit to The Alamo, where I unexpectedly attended an EA degree at Alamo Lodge #44 and broadened my bro network in the "Real South." My travels continued to inspire me and in June I relayed my experiences from the Craftsman Club outing to the Garibaldi Lodge in New York City where I saw firsthand how degree and ritual work can differ in other jurisdictions. September's article was actually intended for July, until I was advised that only the Master writes in July and August, which is why my September contribution was entitled "July." This July/September writing told of key individuals who were Masons and the important roles they played in the birth of our young nation.

Next, a quote by Albert Pike, "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us, what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal" caused me to reflect on the way I conduct my daily life and inner actions with others, and therefore, became the inspiration for my October Trestle Board contribution. November was a sad article I wrote after receiving a letter from a new dear friend at Alamo Lodge who relayed the story of the resolve of terminally ill Brother Monroe who wished to be raised before his death. The resolution of his will and the determination of his lodge had a profound impact on me that I wanted to share with my brothers.

And now it is December and once again I struggle to find the words fitting for my last article from the South. Over the course of the year, I have written about the history of Masons from biblical times to present, Patron Saints of Masonry, Masons who played important roles in the

founding of our Country, the virtues of Masonry, and the giving of one's self for the benefit of others. I have written about how rewarding it can be to travel as a Mason and experience the craft and its ways in other states and jurisdictions. My journey in the South has truly been broadened by the knowledge I sought and the words I gathered to contribute monthly and I am much better for it. In closing, it has been an honor and privilege to serve my lodge these past twelve months as your Junior Warden, and I hope that one or more of my articles has challenged you to be a better person and Mason.

Act by the Plumb,

*Michael J Galati*

Junior Warden



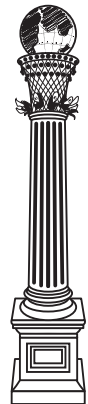
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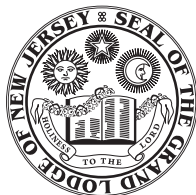
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**Master Mason Exam**

*Ronak Uday Trivedi*



# Grand Lodge of NJ 2018 Winter Seminar



***Saturday, January 27th 9am-2pm***

at the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple  
100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ

**\$20 per Person · Master Masons Only**

Dress Code: Business Casual (Pants & Collared Shirt–No Jeans)

**RSVP by January 24th**

***Seating is limited to the first 300 to register***

Order by Credit Card through:

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Mohamad Yatim  
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[www.NewJerseyGrandLodge.com](http://www.NewJerseyGrandLodge.com)

*This event is brought to you by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey  
Masonic Education and Services Committee*

## *List of Speakers*

### **FROM ENGLAND: BROTHER RIC BERMAN Foundations, The Prestonian Lecture**

Bro. Berman is the 2016 UGLE's Prestonian Lecturer. In continuation of our celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the premier Grand Lodge in England, Bro. Berman will explore the evolution of Freemasonry from the mid-fourteenth century through to the creation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717. Bro. Berman challenges old Masonic myths, explains the interconnections between Freemasonry, Grand Lodge and Britain's new Hanoverian government, and outlines how and why its leaders positioned the Craft as a bastion against the Jacobite followers of James Stuart - "the king over the water".

### **FROM NEW YORK: R.W. PIERS VAUGHAN The Journey in Esoteric Societies**

R.W. Vaughan is a Mason of 40 years' standing and has served in various leadership positions in the Fraternity. A few years ago he decided to use the skills acquired lecturing around the United States and across the world and began a new career in his retirement as an author. His first project was a new Royal Arch Monitor called the Capitular Development Course, now used across the States and several other countries. His next endeavor was Renaissance Man & Mason, a collection of talks given over the past 20 years. Most recently he has published a translation of Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin's book *Of Errors & Truth*.

### **FROM NEW JERSEY: R.W. MICHAEL S. NEUBERGER 12 GUILTY MEN: A LESSON IN REPENTANCE**

R.W. Neuberger is the current Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. R.W. Neuberger is an outstanding speaker who travels around the state presenting various thought provoking lectures on Masonic philosophies and ideas. His lecture will focus on the guilt of the 12 walking craftsmen. What was their crime? Who are the ruffians that they seek? Can repentance wash away the stain of sin? Is there such a thing as being beyond redemption? How do the three monotheistic faiths practice repentance?

### **FROM MASSACHUSETTS: SIS. MICHELLE SNYDER Symbology: Leadership & Power**

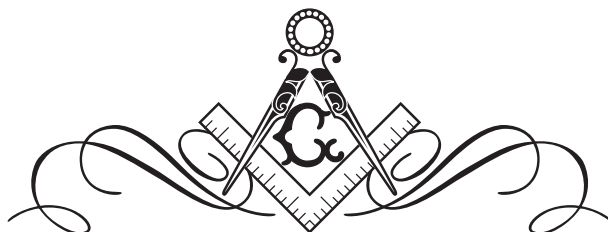
Symbologist Michelle Snyder and White Knight Studio present a unique and enlightening presentation on the mysterious world of symbols. Humankind attaches associations to objects such as a crown and scepter, a gavel, or a prophet's staff.

Depictions of powerful or divine persons, whether in religious iconography or cultural imagery, include attributes - objects which help to identify the person or their status. These symbols of power and leadership have developed over millennia and evolve with the cultures that use them. When we follow these symbols back in context of time and place, their origins reveal to us meanings long forgotten.



## Our Living Past Masters

1965	Joseph Varga, P.J.G.D.	2001	James F. Anderson
1966	Edgar N. Pepler, P.G.M.	2002	Charles V. Anderson
1977	John McCoy	2003	Richard F. LaBaw, Jr., P.G.S.B.
1980	Ronald R. Meadows	2004	William D. Pigott
1982	Robert W. Alpaugh	2005	Henry P. Fratz, P.D.D.G.M.
1983	Harry S. Forman, Jr.	2006	Roger K. Fisher
1985	Michael Grenz, P.G.C., P.G.Mar.	2007	David S. Blew
1991	Dean R. V. Allen	2008	Ned A. Koble
1992	Thomas V. Petito	2009	Joseph B. Varga
1993	Joseph R. Shields, Jr.	2010	P. Brian Sis, P.G.C.
1994	Holmes L. Hay	2011	William J. Morelli, P.G.C.
1995	William F. Walling, P.G.C.	2012	Dean J. Buhner
1996	F. Gerry Spence, P.D.D.G.M.	2013	George A. Chidley, P.G.C.
1997	Carl H. Doan, P.G.C.	2014	Robert J. Pigott
1999	Mark Dempsy	2015	Jose G. Gonzalez
		2016	Ted M. D'Annunzio, Sr.



## Our Affiliated Living Past Masters

1981	Robert E. Petersen (Warren Lodge)	1997	Dennis R. Bator (Palestine Lodge)
1988	Frank L. Blades (Woodstown Lodge)	1997	Ronald R. Meadows (South Pine Lodge)
1990	William J. Booher (Pyramid Lodge)	2003	Scott Wiese (Princeton)
1994	John R. Parke (Gothic Fraternal Lodge)	2016	Lawrence W. Craver (Amwell Lodge)
1997	Michael A. Ramirez (Mariner's Lodge)	2016	Scott W. Daily (Beverly-Riverside Lodge)

# Our Lodge Trustees

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## Our Lodge Committees

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# Craftsman Club News



## Meals Followed by Meeting

**Breakfast: 8am-Noon on November 19th**

**Dinner: 5:30pm on Sunday, December 17th**

*Open to Mount Moriah Lodge #28 Members,  
their Families, & Friends*

**Great opportunity to have a fine meal  
and fellowship at a modest price,  
\$10 per person.**

**All tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets at the door.**

Tickets are available in advance of each dinner at our

regular communications, or by contacting

Nicholas Manocchio at (609) 775-5536 or

Bro. Mike Onofri at (609) 298-8163

# In and About the Temple

Brethren, you and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to participate in the following Masonic events:

## December

- ~ Dec. 2      **5:00pm:**    Annual Feast of St. John. (*RSVP period closed.*)
- ~ Dec. 5      **6:15pm:**    Hedding Methodist Choir Cantana, directed by Dave Blew. Arrive at 6:15pm; concert at 7:00pm.
- ~ Dec. 13     **5:30pm:**    Dinner.  
**6:30pm:**    Annual Lodge Memorial Service  
**7:00pm:**    ***Closed Annual Communication and Installation of Officers.***
- ~ Dec. 17     **1:15pm:**    Grand Lodge Holiday Concert, Chapel at Masonic Village. Arrive at 1:15pm, concert at 2:00pm.
- ~ Dec. 17     **5:30pm:**    Craftsman Club Dinner. (*See ad.*) Roast Beef. ***Toys for Tots donations .***
- ~ Dec. 19     **4:00pm:**    Masonic Home Caroling & Christmas Social.
- ~ Dec. 24     **9:00am:**    Bagels & Coffee, followed by  
**9:30, 10:45am:**    Sunday Services, Wheelchair Push at the Masonic Home. All are welcome! Our residents rely on us to fill this need. We start helping our family members at 9:00am, so come early and have time to socialize with your Brothers. Park in the Foundation parking lot across from the Chapel and come into the Chapel entrance to sign in.
- ~ Dec. 24     **6:00pm:**    Christmas Eve Service, Chapel at Masonic Village. Arrive at 6:00pm, service starts at 7:00pm.

## January

- ~ Jan. 2      **7:00pm:**    District Lodge of Instruction, hosted by Mount Holly Lodge #14, 15 Garden Street, Mount Holly, NJ. ***All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are encouraged to attend.***
- ~ Jan. 7      **7:00pm:**    Entered Apprentice Degree Rehearsal. ***All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are welcome to attend.***
- ~ Jan. 10     **7:30pm:**    Regular Communication. Guest Speaker.
- ~ Jan. 14     **6:00pm:**    Officers Meeting.  
**7:00pm:**    Entered Apprentice Degree Rehearsal. ***All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are welcome to attend.***

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# REMINDER



## Annual Communication and Closed Installation of Officers



**5:30PM - DINNER**  
**6:30 PM ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**7:00PM ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**



## ALL MEMBERS

*of Mount Moriah Lodge #28 are encouraged to attend and participate in our memorial service, election of officers, and installation of the new Worshipful Master and Lodge Officers.*