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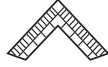
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Regular Communications

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm

From the East



All-Seeing Eye

An important symbol of the Supreme Being, borrowed by the Freemasons from the nations of antiquity. Both the Hebrews and the Egyptians appear to have derived its use from the natural inclination of figurative minds to select an organ as the symbol of the function which it is intended peculiarly to discharge. Thus, the foot was often adopted as the symbol of swiftness, the arm of strength, and the hand of fidelity. On the same principle, the open eye was selected as the symbol of watchfulness, and the eye of God as the symbol of Divine watchfulness and care of the universe. The use of the symbol in this sense is repeatedly to be found in the Hebrew writers. Thus, the Psalmist says, Psalm xxxiv, 15: "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry," which explains a subsequent passage (Psalm cxxi, 4), in which it is said: "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." In the Apocryphal Book of the Conversation of God with Moses on Mount Sinai, translated by the Rev. W. Cureton from an Arabic manuscript of the fifteenth century, and published by the Philobiblon Society of London, the idea of the eternal watchfulness of God is thus beautifully allegorized: "Then Moses said to the Lord, O Lord, dost thou sleep or not? The Lord said unto Moses, I never sleep: but take a cup and fill it with water. Then Moses took a cup and filled it with water, as the Lord commanded him. Then the Lord cast into the heart of Moses the breath of slumber; so he slept, and the cup fell from his hand, and the water which was therein was spilled. Then Moses awoke from his sleep. Then said God to Moses, I declare by my power, and by my glory, that if I were to withdraw my providence from the heavens and the earth, for no longer a space of time than thou hast slept, they would at once fall to ruin and confusion, like as the cup fell from thy hand." On the same principle, the Egyptians represented Osiris, their chief deity, by the symbol of an open eye, and placed this hieroglyphic of him in all their temples. His symbolic name, on the monuments, was represented by the eye accompanying a throne, to which was sometimes added an

abbreviated figure of the god, and sometimes what has been called a hatchet, but which may as correctly be supposed to be a representation of a square. The All-Seeing Eye may then be considered as a symbol of God manifested in his omnipresence—his guardian and preserving character—to which Solomon alludes in the Book of Proverbs (xv, 3), where he says: "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding (or, as in the Revised Version, keeping watch upon) the evil and the good." It is a symbol of the Omnipresent Deity.

Brethren, while we cannot be present of mind and sight every moment as we would like to and strive for, unlike the all-seeing eye of god, we must try to be watchful and vigilant as often as possible. This will allow for us to be diligent in all our actions and aware of world that surrounds us.

See Everyone in Lodge,

Richard W. LaBaw

Worshipful Master

From the West



Constitution and Laws

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS & RESTRICTIONS

Part 1. Legitimate or "Regular" Mason. All persons made Masons under the authority of a warrant issued by the Grand Lodge and in accordance with the Landmarks of the Fraternity are legally made Masons.

Part 2. Lodge Membership. When raised to the degree of Master Mason, one becomes thereby a member of the lodge in which he was elected, whether he signed the by-laws or not.

Part 3. Protection of Civil Rights. A lodge cannot deprive a brother of his civil rights, such as a resort to courts of justice for the redress of injuries, nor compel him to first submit his complaint to the lodge for its action.

Part 4. Attendance by Non-Master Masons. Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Masons may attend any meeting of their lodge when it is working on a degree they have already taken, but they shall not vote on any business brought before the lodge.

Part 5. Membership Cards & Traveling Certificates.

(a) *Regulation Cards.* All membership cards, whether for regular, honorary or life membership, shall be confined to the regulation blue membership card.

(b) *Issuance by Grand Lodge.* Lodges do not have authority to issue lodge or life membership cards, other than those authorized and furnished by the Grand Lodge.

(c) *Traveling Certificates.* Members of lodges in good standing are entitled to certificates for traveling purposes. An affirmative vote of the lodge is not requisite to its issue. Its validity will terminate at a fixed date, stamped thereon, not later than two years from the date of issue. A traveling certificate does not deprive the brother holding it of his membership in the lodge, nor relieve him from liability for dues. Its return, therefore, is not necessary to enable him to exercise and enjoy all his rights as a member.

(d) *Right to Card & Certificates.* All members in good standing are to be provided with such certificate, prepared by the Grand Secretary and furnished to the lodges at actual cost of printing and distribution. When a brother hold dual membership, the blue card receipt should so state.

Part 6. Deceased Brethren. Records affecting the standing of a brother cannot be altered after his death.

Stay Safe Stay Well,

Arthur A. Pelzer

Senior Warden

From the South



Who are the Holy Saints John?

In about 300 A.D., the Catholic Church began to dedicate popular pagan feast days to the Saints John, celebrating the summer and winter solstice. Among American Masons, we still honor the Saints with celebrations during the masonic year. One during the summer solstice on June 24th, for John the Baptist, and one during the winter solstice on December 27th, for John the Evangelist. So why would ancient Freemasonry pick St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist to be their patrons?

Our first patron, St. John the Baptist, being a humble man, steadfast in his beliefs and obligations to God, preached repentance, virtue and humiliation. Therefore, he was an excellent choice by the early Masons.

It wasn't until after the 16 century that St. John the Evangelist was also adopted as a patron. The "Old Charges" of freemasonry speak of St. John the Evangelist as "St. John of The Craft." He is the patron saint of love, loyalty, and friendship. Of all the gospels, the Gospel of St. John is the most Masonic, as the central theme is love, friendship and light.

Lodges were dedicated to the Holy Saints John and early Masons were called "St. John's Masons," or "St. John's Men." It matters not whether the two Saints John were actually members of the Craft, but that they have been called the patrons of the fraternity down through the ages because they exemplified the principles of Freemasonry in their daily lives by their deeds and words. These two men did not engage in any of the pomp and glory of the world. Because Masonry regards the character and integrity of a man, not his appearance or station in life, it is fitting to call these two men true Patrons of the Fraternity.

Operative Freemasonry was first developed when Roman Catholicism was the prevailing religion, and these feast days continued under the Church of England. It was common for the guilds and other trade groups to adopt a patron saint celebrating their saint days with feasts. Curiously, even though Freemasonry today is non-denominational and non-sectarian, American Masons have retained these customs of old. Our ritual says that Masons come from the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem. And a representation of the symbolism of the Holy Saints John can be found in

almost every lodge, in the form of a point within a circle with two parallel lines left and right representing the Holy Saints John.

Act by the Plumb,

Michael J Galati

Junior Warden



Mason's Progress

Awaiting Fellow Craft Degree

Bro. E.A. Robert William Carr, Jr.

Bro. E.A. William Walters

Bro. E.A. Harold R. Hutton

Bro. E.A. Nicholas A. Manocchio, Jr.

Bro. E.A. Stephen A. Galullo



Craftsman Club News



Meals Followed by Meeting

8AM-NOON BREAKFAST/BRUNCH

February 19, May 28, August 13, November 19

6PM DINNER

March 13, October 16, December 18

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My Dear Brothers,

In 2017, New Jersey Freemasonry will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England. To help commemorate this event, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has contracted with PCI, a company that will be publishing a high end “Yearbook” to be sold/distributed late in the 2017/2018 Masonic year.

This letter is to advise you that all New Jersey Freemasons will be contacted by PCI directly via the mail for information that each Mason may wish to submit as part of that yearbook. Each of you will be able to provide up to 300 words for individual biographies and there is an opportunity for you to provide a personal picture.

I look forward to celebrating this historic event with you, and appreciate your support and cooperation.

With fraternal thanks and regards,

Dieter B. Hees

Deputy Grand Master

Our Lodge Trustees

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W.B. Jose G. Gonzalez (to 2021)

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R.W. Richard F. LaBaw, Jr., *Chair*

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R.W. William F. Walling

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R.W. William J. Morelli

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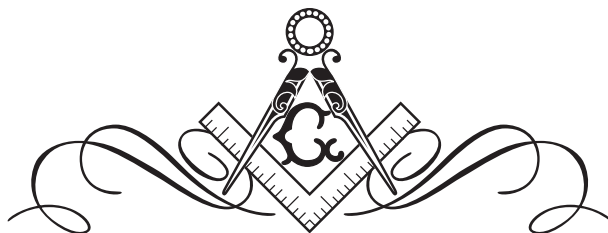
Bro. William E. Wentzien

Liason to Eastern Star

Bro. Robert B. McCormick

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 Sisz, P.G.C., G.L. Trustee
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 Dempsky	2015	Jose G. Gonzalez
		2016	Ted M. D'Annunzio, Sr.



Our Affiliated Living Past Masters

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

In and About the Temple

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

February

- ~ **Feb. 5** **7:00pm:** Fellow Craft Degree Rehearsal. *All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are welcome to attend.*
- ~ **Feb. 7** **7:00pm:** District Lodge of Instruction, hosted by Mount Moriah No. 28. *All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are encouraged to attend.*
- ~ **Feb. 8** **7:30pm:** Regular Communication and official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master. *All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are encouraged to attend and welcome our guest.*
- ~ **Feb. 12** **9:00am:** Bagels & Coffee
 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.
- ~ **Feb. 12** **7:00pm:** Fellow Craft Degree Rehearsal. *All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are welcome to attend.*
- ~ **Feb. 19** **11:00am:** Craftsman Club Breakfast/Brunch. *(See ad) attend and all Brothers are welcome to attend.*
- ~ **Feb. 19** **7:00pm:** Fellow Craft Degree Rehearsal. *All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are welcome to attend.*
- ~ **Feb. 22** **7:00pm:** Regular Communication and Fellow Craft Degree. *All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are encouraged to attend.*
- ~ **Feb. 23** **7:30pm:** “Poker Night” at Lewis Parker Room. *(See ad)*
- ~ **Feb. 25** **6:00pm:** Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray. *(See ad)*
- ~ **Feb. 26** **7:00pm:** Master Mason Degree Rehearsal. *All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are welcome to attend.*

March

- ~ **Mar. 1** **7:30pm:** *Master Mason Night* hosted by Bordentown Chapter 257, Eastern Star. *All Master Masons welcome.*

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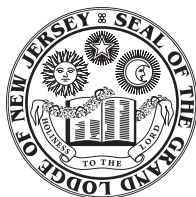
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Special Events

Grand Lodge of New Jersey



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Event	Date(s)
Chairman's Ball	3/18
Brotherhood Night	3/31
Grand Marshal's Reception	4/7
Annual Communication	4/18 to 4/20
Grand Master's Reception	4/29
Junior Grand Warden's Reception	10/7
Feast of St. John	12/2

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