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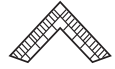
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Regular Communications

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm

From the East



David A. Patriarca · Worshipful Master

Freemasonry. What is it. How many times have you heard this question? Some may call it a secret society and others a satanic cult, but a Freemason knows it too be neither. Although we may have secrets, we are anything but a secret society. Most people know that many of our founding fathers were Freemasons and now with Google search and the history channel the once thought secrets of Freemasonry are more known now than ever before or are they. So, what is Freemasonry? A fraternity, a brotherhood, an organization focused on making a positive impact on others? All the above and more.

One of the obligations of a Freemason is charity. Certainly not a secret but one of the primary obligations that every Freemason has. Charity is one of the greatest contributions a Freemason can demonstrate to others to define what a Freemason is. Charity is not only, and more often not, a monetary contribution.

Take a moment to think of the many kind acts you could do for someone else that would not just make their day better but possibly their lives easier and will cost you nothing but your time. This could be as much as helping someone with a home project they have been putting off because it may have been more than they could do on their own, offering someone a ride they may be in need of or something as little as maybe just taking out or bringing in your neighbor's trash cans, opening a door for someone or giving up your seat for someone.

It's not only the monetary donations we make, but also and probably more noticed, it is the volunteering of ourselves and our acts of kindness that demonstrate the good character of a Freemason to others.

Acts of kindness are something all of us can do and afford and although there may be more to Freemasonry, charity, and the acts of kindness we do for others, is a pretty good example of what Freemasonry is. Thank you, my brothers, and please if you are able please donate blood.

From the West



Michael A. Aladich, Jr. • Senior Warden

As Officers we have always been taught to look ahead and prepare ourselves for our next Chair, so that when the time comes, we are prepared to assume this position. With this notion in mind, I have been doing my research so, if elected, I understand my role and responsibilities as the Worshipful Master according to Constitution and By-Laws. Reading through your authorized powers and role as an officer is extremely important in your ability to execute your duties. I ask that all the Officers read through not just the Officer's Manual handed out to us, but please also refer to Grand Lodge's Constitution and By-Laws for additional light.

Title Four. Article VIII.

Section 1. Worshipful Master's Qualifications.

- Part 1. **Worshipful Master** - The ancient regulation requiring the Master to have served as a Warden shall be strictly enforced in this jurisdiction.
- Part 2. **Qualification** - No Master-elect shall enter upon the duties of his office previous to his having been duly qualified and installed in his own lodge.

Section 2. Powers and Duties Of The Worshipful Master

Part 1. Specific Grants of Authority.

- **Prohibition on Ability to Limit Master's Power** - A lodge may not prescribe the duties of its Master or Wardens.
- **Summons** - The power of summoning the lodge is vested solely in the Master.
- **Accountability for Exercise of Discretion** - The Master cannot be required to give his reasons for the exercise of his discretion.
- **Delegation of Master's Station** - The Master has the right to place either of his Wardens, or a brother from the floor, in the East, and permit him to confer any of the degrees.
- **Adjustment of Minutes** - A Master has the right, before the minutes have been approved, to order the record of any matter of business transacted in the lodge expunged therefrom, for reasons valid in his own conscience, and in the interest of peace and harmony, but he should exercise this right only in extreme cases and with the utmost caution.
- **Disbursements** - The Master may refuse to sign an order for the payment of money if, in his judgment, it is to be improperly applied.
- **Motions** - The Master has the power to postpone action on any motion made before the lodge, but if he uses this power improperly he is amenable to the Grand Lodge for misrule.

Part 2. Appointment and Removal of Officers.

- **Appointment and Removal of Subordinate Officers** - The Master only is authorized to appoint the subordinate officers of his lodge, and to fill any vacancy that may occur among such officers by reason of death, disability, removal or willful abstention from duty.

The Master, however, can only fill such vacancy temporarily, unless such appointee be legally installed. When so installed he becomes a permanent officer.

- **Temporary Replacement of Officers** - A Master has no authority to remove permanently an appointed officer who has been duly installed. He may, however, deprive any appointed officer who is guilty of any misconduct of his functions, and fill the office temporarily at each communication of the lodge.

From the South



David W. King • Junior Warden

Why is the North a place of darkness?

The north is Masonically called a Place of Darkness. The sun in its progress through the ecliptic never reaches farther than 23° 28' north of the equator. A wall being erected on any part of the earth farther north than that, will therefore, at meridian, receive the rays of the sun only on its south side, while the north will be entirely in shadow at the hour of meridian. This is done by describing the orientation of King Solomon's Temple. Even among the people of England there existed a desire not to be buried on the north side of a church indicating an aversion to the north.

The Graham Manuscript, a Masonic catechism published in 1726, provides some additional insight. It contains the following questions and answers:

Q. How stood your lodge at your entering

A. East west and south

Q. Why not north also

A. In regard we dwell at the north part of the world we burie no dead at the north side of our churches so we carry a Vacancey at the north side of our Lodges

Early religious buildings were built in an east-west fashion. This design was desired as the east was considered the source of light and power, related to the sun rising in the east. This exposed the building and the workmen to as much light as possible, providing the necessary light to work by for as long as possible.

In the sixth-century extracanonical Ethiopic text *The Conflict of Adam and Eve with Satan* (also known as *The Book of Adam and Eve*), we are told of a sea of water created by God to the North of the Garden of Eden.

“When God made Adam go out of the garden, He did not place him on the border of it northward, lest he should draw near to the sea of water, and he and Eve wash themselves in it, be cleansed from their sins, forget the transgression they had committed, and be no longer reminded of it in the thought of their punishment.”

(S.C. Malan, trans)

We then follow Adam and Eve into the Cave of Treasures, where they live after the Almighty has cast them out of the Garden. God sends the Angels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael to bring Adam and Eve golden rods from the Indian sea, incense from the East border of the Garden and myrrh from the Western border. These were placed in the south, east and west respectively. “For the mouth of the cave was on the north side” (S.C. Malan, trans). One could draw an inference from the layout of the cave to the design of a modern Lodge and the symbolism therein connected to parts of modern ritual.

As Masonry moved from the operative to the speculative, it was natural that the north would continue to symbolically represent the darkness of the working structures. As such, the north represents the profane world and symbolizes ignorance, as study and examination are not possible in darkness. So, it is fitting that this symbol is presented to the Entered Apprentice during his initiation. The candidate thus begins to dedicate himself to improvement morally and searching for a better relationship with his Divine Creator. He then leaves behind the darkness of ignorance and seeks enlightenment. As Masons we should remember our continued quest for self-development and personal growth. In our travels from the West to the East, we should linger for a moment in the darkness of the North and contemplate our Masonic journey. We will find, with the assistance of our brethren, a more brilliant illumination of the East. Quoting from *The Conflict*, “little of darkness now remains... daylight will soon appear.” (S.C. Malan, trans).

SOURCES

The Ashlar Company – Masonic Encyclopedia entry of the North

The Masonic Trowel – The Masonic North

The Grahm Manuscript – 1726

The Conflict of Adam and Eve with Satan (also known as *The Book of Adam and Eve*) Translated into English by S.C. Malan



Mason's Progress



Awaiting Master Mason Exam

Bro. Connal Cornelius Eget

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

Clifton Lodge No. 203

Cordially invites you to attend the official reception of

M.W. Leonard Vander Horn

Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

and Masonic Charity Foundation Chairman

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

Social Hour 5:00 p.m. · Dinner 6:00 p.m. · Reception 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Center 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 08016

\$70 per person

Deadline: March 8, 2024

Questions? Contact R.W. Bill Anderson at wja134@gmail.com

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds
like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly
Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God,
Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.*



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*The Grand Lodge
of New Jersey*

www.newjerseygrandlodge.org



Save the Date
Legendary Mt. Moriah No. 28

TABLE LODGE



October 23, 2024

6:30pm

Crescent Shrine

700 Highland Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060

\$55 per Ticket

**For tickets, contact the Worshipful Master and Lodge Officers
at the numbers provided in the Trestle Board.**

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 28



Fabulous Corned Beef Dinner



RESCHEDULED

March 18th at 6:00pm

Featuring corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes,
hot and cold beverages, with cake for dessert

Tickets

Advance Purchase Only—No Tickets at the Door

\$20 per Person

For tickets, contact the Worshipful Master and Lodge Officers
at the numbers provided in the Trestle Board;

W.B. Ted D'Annunzio at (609) 668-7587; or

W.B. Scott Daily at (609) 424-7799

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Bro. Bruce Hill

In and About the Temple

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

March

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| Mar. 5 | 7:00 p.m.: | District Lodge of Instruction, hosted by
Mount Moriah #28. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Mar. 10 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. Open/Close/Ballot and OV.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Mar. 13 | 6:30 p.m.: | Dinner followed by |
| | 7:30 p.m.: | Regular Communication. |
| Mar. 16 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Mar. 18 | 6:00 p.m.: | Fellowship Dinner.
<i>Martin's Famous Corn Beef & Cabbage. See ad.</i> |
| Mar. 23 | 5:00 p.m.: | Grand Master's Reception
hosted by Clifton Lodge No. 203. <i>See ad.</i> |
| Mar. 24 | 10:00 a.m.: | Mentoring Session. |
| Mar. 27 | 6:30 p.m.: | Dinner followed by |
| | 7:30 p.m.: | Regular Communication. |

April

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| April 2 | 6:15 p.m.: | Dinner followed by |
| | 7:00 p.m.: | District Lodge of Instruction, hosted by
Maple Shade-Moorestown #281, 15 North Fellowship
Road, Maple Shade, NJ. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| April 7 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| April 10 | 6:30 p.m.: | Dinner followed by |
| | 7:30 p.m.: | Regular Communication. |
| April 14 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |

Our Living Past Masters

1966	Edgar N. Peppler, P.G.M.	2006	Roger K. Fisher
1982	Robert W. Alpaugh	2007	David S. Blew, G.C.
1983	Harry S. Forman, Jr.	2009	Joseph B. Varga
1985	Michael Grenz, P.G.C., P.G.Mar.	2010	P. Brian Sisz, P.G.C.
1991	Dean R. V. Allen	2011	William J. Morelli, P.G.C.
1992	Thomas V. Petito	2012	Dean J. Buhner
1993	Joseph R. Shields, Jr.	2013	George A. Chidley, P.G.C.
1994	Holmes L. Hay	2014	Robert J. Pigott
1995	William F. Walling, P.G.C.	2015	Jose G. Gonzalez, P.G.C.
1996	F. Gerry Spence, P.D.D.G.M.	2016	Ted M. D'Annunzio, Sr.
1997	Carl H. Doan, P.G.C.	2017	Richard W. LaBaw
1999	Mark J. Dempsy	2018	Arthur S. Pelzer, G.C.
2001	James F. Anderson	2019	Michael J. Galati
2002	Charles V. Anderson	2020	Anand U. Trivedi
2003	Richard F. LaBaw, Jr., D.D.G.M.	2021	Nicholas A. Manocchio, IV
2004	William D. Pigott	2022	Martin C. Ingenbrandt, IV
2005	Henry P. Fratz, P.D.D.G.M.	2023	Charles E. Peterson, III



Our Affiliated Living Past Masters

1992	Hank Pierre (Pyramid Lodge #92)	2003	Scott Wiese (Princeton)
1994	John R. Parke (Gothic Fraternal Lodge)	2004	Hank Pierre (Pyramid Lodge #92)
1997	Michael A. Ramirez (Mariner's Lodge)	2016	Lawrence W. Craver (Amwell Lodge)
1997	Dennis R. Bator (Palestine Lodge)	2016	Scott W. Daily (Beverly-Riverside Lodge)

19th District

BEEFSTEAK

Dinner and Tricky Tray

All You Can Eat

*Filet Mignon, French Fries, Pickles,
Olives, Salad, Pasta, and Dessert!*
{Chicken & Salmon by request only}

Beer, Wine, Soda, and Coffee Included in Cost of Dinner

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Doors Open 5:30

Masonic Fellowship Center
1114 Oxmead Road
Burlington Township, NJ

Tickets are \$50 per Person

Must be 21 or Older to attend

RSVP for Tickets to

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RW Christian Stebbins
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