



**December
2019**

*Please send correspondence to PO Box 127 Stratford NJ
08084*

*Address of Laurel Lodge
629 Stone Road Laurel Springs, NJ 08021
Constituted May 25th 1922*

Communications for December 2019

**You are cordially and fraternally requested to attend the
following communications of Laurel Lodge
No. 237, F&AM**

Friday December 6th 7:45PM

**Enjoy Masonic Light with Birthdays, Brotherhood,
Officer Elections, Regular Business and Refreshment's
after Lodge.**

Tuesday December 17th 7:00PM

Installation Practice

Saturday December 21st 2:00PM

**Laurel Lodge #237 Open Installation &
Installation Dinner**

**Open Installation Ceremony - Laurel Lodge #237 F&AM
Saturday December 21st Note: Our Regularly Scheduled
Meeting Friday December 20th will not be held.**

**Open Installation Dinner - Saturday December 21st
5:30PM-9:30PM \$50.00 per person with open bar
Where: Paris Caterers 281 Cross Keys Road
Berlin NJ.**

**It's important to RSVP by Wednesday December 11th to
Brother SW Bill Roche 12 Valley Drive Pine Hill NJ 08021
609-314-0505 – wshay62@comcast.net**

***By Order of*
WB Edward S. Bohi
*Worshipful Master***

***Attest*
WB Robert A. Taylor, PM
*Secretary***

Worshipful Masters Message

Brethren,

It's hard to imagine this is my last trestle board message. I have enjoyed this year and truly appreciate the assistance and brotherhood received from the members and Past Masters. No one person can do much but many hands make for light work. There is still much going on at the lodge despite preparing for the installation of the new master and officers.

We still need some officers with volunteer speaking parts during degree work to fill out our officer line. It is a great way to learn more about the craft and get involved with a great group of men.

Tickets to the installation are now available. See our SW Brother Bill Roche to purchase them. Refer to the trestle board for specific time and dates but a discount is available if your tickets are purchased in advance. Two tickets can be purchased for \$90.00 or you can pay \$100.00 at the door.

Our children's Christmas party is scheduled Saturday, December 14th, at 11:00 am. There is a list in the lodge or you can contact me or Bro Bill Roche to let us know your child/grandchild will be there. We need their age, gender, and general interests to purchase an appropriate gift. There will be decorative cupcake making, crafts and a visit from the Big Guy.

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Worshipful Masters Message Continued

Our lodge has \$25.00 coupon books for sale from the Master's and Warden's organization as a fundraiser. There are hundreds of dollars in coupons for Acme, Dick's, Modell's, car maintenance, bowling, and many area restaurants. They will be at the lodge next meeting. Many have been sold but I still have a few available. The lodge has paid for them and we are looking to reimburse the lodge.

I want to thank the brethren who brought in food for our holiday food baskets. SW Bro Bill Roche and Bro Russell VanZyl have been working on the baskets and logistics with the local government of Laurel Springs to distribute the baskets to families in our area in need this Holiday Season.

One last Thank you for all who assisted me throughout my year as Worshipful Master and I look forward to seeing you all congratulate and welcome our SW Brother Bill Roche as Worshipful Master for 2020.

***Sincerely and Fraternally,
Edward S. Bohi
Worshipful Master***

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Installation Schedule

(see flyers in *This Month's 18th District Events* section for additional details)

DATE / LODGE	DETAILS
Monday, December 2nd LAZARUS Lodge No. 303 @ Haddonfield Temple	CLOSED — Lodge Opens @ 5:30 PM, Social & Dinner @ 6:00 PM, RSVP by 11/25 bigspankie@aol.com Installation @ 7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 3rd Logia Campana de Libertad @ Merchantville Temple	OPEN — Social & Dinner @ 6:00 PM, no charge, no RSVP necessary, Installation @ 7:30 PM
Thursday, December 5th USS NEW JERSEY Lodge No. 62 @ Merchantville Temple	OPEN — Dinner @ 6:00 PM, RSVP secretary@ussnjlodge62.org, Qualification @ 7:00 PM, Installation @ 7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 10th COLLINGSWOOD-CLOUD No. 101 @ Audubon Temple	CLOSED — Social & Dinner @ 5:30 PM @ The Kove Restaurant, \$30, RSVP by 12/3 fshindle@juno.com, Installation @ 7:30 PM
Friday, December 13th MERCHANTVILLE Lodge No. 119 @ Merchantville Temple	OPEN — Dinner @ 6:30 PM, donation accepted, RSVP by 12/7 merchantvillelodge@gmail.com, Installation @ 7:30 PM
Saturday, December 14th RISING SUN Lodge No. 15 @ Haddonfield Temple	OPEN — Social @ 4:30 PM, Dinner @ 5:30 PM, \$30, RSVP markfriedrich54@gmail.com, Installation @ 6:30 PM
Sunday, December 15th MOZART Lodge No. 121 @ Audubon Temple	OPEN — Qualification @ 1:45 PM, Installation @ 2:00 PM, Banquet to follow @ Pennsauken Country Club, \$35, RSVP by 12/10 Mozart.sec@gmail.com
Monday, December 16th AUDUBON-PARKSIDE No. 218 @ Audubon Temple	OPEN — Masonic Dinner @ 6:00 PM, Doors Open to the Public @ 7:00 PM, Installation @ 7:30 PM
Saturday, December 21st LAUREL Lodge No. 237 @ Laurel Temple	OPEN — Qualification @ 1:45 PM, Installation @ 2:00 PM, Dinner @ 5:30 PM @ Paris Caterers, \$50, RSVP by 12/11 wshay62@comcast.net

Laurel Lodge Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 14th 2:00PM

Bring the kids and grandkids to Laurel Lodge #237 for a fun afternoon. The Lodge will be providing entertainment, food and presents for all children. We are also expecting a visit from a special guest.

**Celebrate Christmas cheer with Laurel Lodge!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Peace on earth
and good will to men!**

Santa Clause will be providing Christmas Gifts for all the Good Girls and Boy's. Please let Bro. Bill Roche know age, Boy or Girl, and Child's interest.

**RSVP to Brother Bill Roche, Senior Warden
Please specify ages, gender & number of children attending
by Saturday 12/7/2019.**

**RSVP: Bill Roche 12 Valley Drive Pine Hill NJ 08021
609-314-0505 – wshay62@comcast.net**



Building Fund Benefactors for 2019

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<u>Brethren,</u>	<u>Thank you!</u>

18th Masonic District
District Lodge of Instruction Dates for 2019

Brethren, new dates will be provided January 2020

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 Night Before Christmas, Down At the Lodge

'Twas the Night before Christmas, and down at the Lodge, not a gavel was stirring, and in the hodge-podge of aprons and jewels and chairs East and West you could savor the silence, most gladly divest.

All metal and mineral, it mattered not, since Christmas was nigh and the coals were still hot. In the hearth of your homestead, all Masons abed, as visions of trestle boards danced in their head; when up on the roof there arose such a clatter, our Tiler jumped up to see what was the matter!

He picked up his sword and ran fast to the door, three knocks shook the panels - he wondered 'What for? He answered the knocking with raps of his own and once the door opened he saw, with a moan of delight it was Santa, all jolly and red except for one notable feature instead. Upon his finger he wore what we knew was a compass and square on a background of blue!

'Why Santa!' he shouted and lowered his blade 'I see you're a Mason!' the Tiler relayed. He looked toward the Master's most dignified chair and said, voice near trembling, Worshipful Master there's a Gentleman properly clothed at the gate!' The Master replied, 'Let's allow him in - but wait!

You tell me a Gentleman, but I don't see His Apron beneath that red suit, can it be our visitor hasn't been properly raised? Must we offer a test that is suitably phrased? 'I do beg your pardon,' old' Santa said quick, as he pulled up his coat and displayed not a stick but a cane with, engraving, two globes did appear and oh, what an apron, he wore and held dear!

Adorned like the Master' complete with a sign Of "Lodge Number One, the North Pole". Now let man enter," the Master declared and once in the Lodge room the Brethren all stared, For Santa was wearing a jewel not seen for many a century - there in between the fur of his coat and the splendid red collar gleamed two golden reindeer that shone like a dollar!

It's Donner and Blitzen, who, I must confess are actually images brought from the West by my Warden, a craftsman like none in the world!" And with a great laugh from his bag he unfurled an ear of fine corn and some oil from the east, my friend I have plenty, tonight we will feast on all that is good! We are Masons, kind sir! A murmur went throughout the Lodge, quite a stir, as presents and promises flew from his sack, this Santa, a Mason, showed he had a knack for making this Christmas the best you could glean and soon even Deacons were laughing, they'd seen on this very night only happiness reigned! This jolly Saint Nicholas quickly explained that only a Mason could be so inclined to make all kids happy, make all people find a Christmas so special, yes, Santa was right! Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237
*** Deceased # Served another Lodge**

1922	Albert C. Stack *	1961	John P. Steffan*
1923	Harry A. Beck *	1962	Harold H. Croom*
1923	William S. Martin # *	1963	Charles F. Yost *
1924	Arthur Scrimshaw *	1963	Benjamin Foster, PGC #
1925	Benjamin Forrest *	1964	Charles W. Engler, Jr.*
1926	Elmer F. Giffin *	1965	Daniel A. Mullen, III *
1927	Charles B. Giffin *	1965	Carl H. Gamp # *
1928	John T. Reif *	1966	Edgar N. Peppler PGM
1929	Charles V. Osborne, Sr. *	1966	Albert L. Hann, PJGD
1930	Samuel G. Garrison, Jr.*	1967	Henry Baumert *
1931	Charles P. Mills # *	1968	Robert E. Walsh, Jr.*
1932	William R. Cannon *	1969	George E. Carpenter *
1933	Noah C. Bender *	1970	Henry Sannipolli, PDDGM *
1934	F. Maurice Goodwin *	1971	Leonard O. Beebe *
1935	Michael Balent, Jr. *	1972	Robert D. Rowand *
1936	Enos J. Jarvis *	1973	Louis W. Bradley, PGT*
1937	Robert F. Ranken *	1974	Robert W. Bates, PSGD
1938	John H. Fisher, Sr. *	1975	Frederick W. Knox
1939	Oscar M. Hansen *	1976	Leroy See *
1940	Albert F Neidinger PGP*	1976	John J. Eitel # *
1941	Lawrence E. Gardiner *	1977	Roy F. Gutshall, Jr.*
1942	B. Franklin Cope *	1978	John R. Beetle
1943	Fred Humphrey *	1978	James J. Golley #
1944	Charles. S. Schenick *	1979	Charles W. Bell
1945	Ora L. Wooster, Sr. *	1980	Benjamin H. Read, Jr.*
1946	Carl C. Caldwell *	1981	Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM
1947	Benjamin A. Glatz *	1982	Warren E. Rival, PGC *
1948	Joseph H. Matthews *	1982	Ronald A. Rocco #
1949	Ralph E. Husted *	1983	Hugh C. Williams *
1950	Thomas Milne *	1984	Walter C. Knett *
1951	Ferdinand Herbst *	1984	Charles E. Oppido, Jr. # *
1952	Charles Mannice *	1984	Larry S Plasket, PGM, #
1953	Robert C. Osborne, PGC*	1985	Frank A. Applegate, Sr.*
1954	Earl B. Hallowell *	1985	Henry Bubacz # *
1955	Harry M. Ireland *	1986	Wilfred E. Wilson *
1956	John M. Fisher, Jr.*	1986	Donald L. Keppen Sr. #
1957	Albert C. Stack, Jr.*	1987	Robert F. Butler *
1958	Whitney H. Myers *	1988	William E. Hand *
1959	George F. McCann *	1989	Edwin W. Griffiths, Jr.
1960	Harold T. Wolf*	1990	Benjamin Foster, PGC #

Past Masters of Laurel Lodge #237 Continued

*** Deceased # Served another Lodge**

1990	Donald C. Lever, PSGS *	2017	Scott Vicari #
1991	Stewart D. Walsh *	2018	Joseph Abiuso
1991	Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *		
1991	William H. Berman, PGM		
1992	George W. Stott, Jr. *		
1992	Harry H. Wible # *		
1993	Dale A. Lynch, Jr., PDDGM		
1994	Henry J. Rahn, Jr. PSGS		
1994	Charles A Castley PDDGM *		
1995	Russell B. Hoyle, Sr.		
1996	Frazier R. Alburger		
1996	James E. Miller, PGC #		
1997	Raymond B. Kingett		
1997	Jerry R. Barnish #		
1998	Kirk D. Nevius, Jr., PGC *		
1999	Scott D. Cianci		
1999	Frank M. Blizard, III #		
2000	Paul E. Burkhardt		
2001	Robert F. DiOrio		
2001	Donald. C. Sharp Sr. #		
2002	Leonard M. March, PDDGM		
2002	Craig J. Woodruff #		
2003	Eugene J. Applegate		
2004	Eugene O. Bathurst		
2005	Juan A. Caraballo, Jr		
2006	Moses R. Hayes, Jr., PGC		
2007	Richard J. McCunney, II		
2008	Michael E.Owsiak		
2009	Robert F Kunze		
2010	Craig R. Thorpe		
2011	Brian J. Read		
2012	Bernard J. Madgey, V DDGM		
2013	Kevin D. Kloss		
2014	James A. Weisensee		
2015	Robert A. Taylor		
2016	Gene G. Olson		
2016	Eric Erickson #		
2017	John P. Gomen		

Candidate Status

NAME	STATUS	LAST DATE	NEXT STATUS	NEXT DATE
	EA	3/15/19	FC	1/17/20
	EA	5/3/19	FC	1/17/20
	EA	3/15/19	FC	TBD
	EA	3/15/19	FC	TBD
	EA	5/3/19	FC	TBD
	MM	1/1/19	Petition-Affiliation	TBD
	Mr.	11/15/19	Petitioned	TBD
	Mr.	11/19/19	Petitioned	TBD

Masonic Home Wheelchair Push

**Brethren, thank you in advance for
volunteering at the Masonic Home this year.
2020 Dates will be announced**

**Masonic Home Address:
902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ**

**Carpool from the lodge at 7:45
There are two services 9:30AM and 10:45AM.
We finish up about 11:30 AM
Children, family and friends are welcome.**

Contact Status Changes

**Brethren, Please remember to contact the Secretary or
Worshipful Master with regard to changes to your mailing
address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses etc. Our goal is
maintain our membership database as accurate as possible.
Thank you, Worshipful Master**

2019 A.D.

Officer Line

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Worshipful Master

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**Bro William Roche – Patricia
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Junior Warden

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**WB Robert A. Taylor, PM
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RW Louis W. Bradley PGT*

Treasurer Emeritus

**WB Charles W. Bell PM
WB John R. Beetle, PM
WB Whitney H. Myers, PM ***

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



**Please free to bring Libations for Refreshment after Lodge!
Remember Brethren, all in Moderation**

Officer Line Continued

<u>Senior Deacon</u>	Bro Don L. Keppen Jr – 856-371-8675
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<u>Blood Bank Chairman</u>	DB Robert S. Outlaw - 609-471-2869
<u>Photographer</u>	Bro William Roche - 609-314-0505
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MW David A. Dorworth, Grand Master 2013
MW William H. Berman, Grand Master 2009
MW Larry S. Plasket, Grand Master 2002
MW William H. Sackett, Grand Master 1986
MW Edgar N. Pepler, Grand Master 1979
RW Chester H. Clark PGC
RW Benjamin Foster PGC

2019 DUES NOTICE

Please note: Your dues for 2019 were due 12-31-2018. If you know or believe that you haven't paid dues please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

Payments: Laurel Lodge No. 237
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