

**May
2020**

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

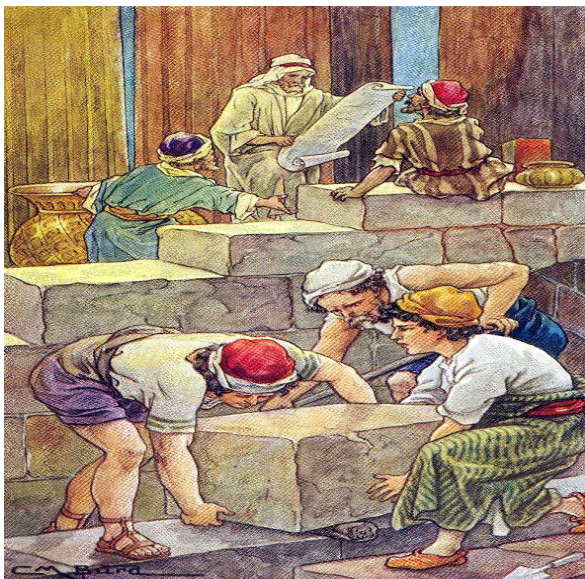
Communications for May 2020

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

Friday May 1st 7:45PM
Scheduled meeting is cancelled

Friday May 15th 7:45PM
Scheduled meeting is cancelled

**Brethren, many hands make lighter work. Let's continue to work
towards building a stronger Masonic Temple.**



***By Order of
WB William Roche
Worshipful Master***

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

Worshipful Masters Message

Greetings to all my Brothers, another month has passed in a year that none of us will soon forget. I've spent these last several weeks staying in contact with many of you who are trying to cope with this situation and to make everyone know that they are not alone. The conversation always seems to be the same, attempting to understand it all. Many have different feelings on the way the authorities have handled these events or the next course of action to be taken and I'm glad that I am not part of that process. Being quarantined and having so much control being forced upon us and liberties taken away is not something that we, as Americans, are used to. None of us in our lifetime have ever experienced anything of this caliber and many of us are beginning to get impatient. I can't believe that anyone feels comfortable making the decision on how and when to restart the economy, but that time is definitely drawing near and I ask God to guide them and steer them in the right direction. In this difficult time and patience on our part is extremely important. We talk on the phone, send texts and e-mails and generally have way too much time on our hands to bring up negative things. We all need to change our way of thinking and start to prepare for when it begins to improve, which I believe is right around the corner.

Finding upbeat and positive things to convey in the monthly message has been difficult over the last several months but that is going to change. My messages, for the remainder of this year will take on a different twist. Gone will be the talk of pandemics and quarantine's. I will concentrate on putting this dreadful part of the year behind us and start to plan the return of Lodge meetings and look forward to spend some quality time with our Brothers. Over the next several weeks, I believe there's going to be significant changes that will begin to make everyone much happier campers. Each time another restriction is lifted, we will all feel a whole lot better. This pandemic has hurt many people in many ways. Instead of focusing on negative issues, I truly believe it would be better to look in a positive direction. Count your blessings, think positive and prepare to re-establish putting our daily lives back on track. I believe we all have a bright future to look forward to. Everyone has had it bad but some worse than others. Reach out to as many people that you can and continue to communicate with them.

Worshipful Masters Message Continued

Sometimes just a conversation means the world to a family member, friend or a Brother. Spreading positive thoughts and feelings can have a real impact on some one's life. Please remember, you can still meet with someone as long as the guidelines are kept for social distancing. A little quality time in someone's backyard with one or two others can brighten anyone's spirit. Combined with a good cigar and a drink of your choice; can have amazing results.

Commitment and dedication, is something I have written about in past Trestle Board's and that message will not change. We are stronger together and must remain committed and dedicated to the Fraternity our Lodge and ourselves. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel and I look forward to getting back to normal and meeting again. God bless you all and stay focused, strong and healthy. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Laurel very soon.

*Sincerely and Fraternally,
William Roche Worshipful Master*

Masonic History

PRESIDENT RAISES TWO SONS ON THE SAME NIGHT

On November 7, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt attended the meeting of Architect Lodge No. 519 in New York and raised two of his sons, James and Franklin D., Jr. An honorary membership certificate was presented to the President by the Lodge.

A BIT OF JOHN HANCOCK

John Hancock was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts. He was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence. He wrote in a bold flourishing style. When asked why his signature was so large, he replied: "So that George III may read it without putting on his spectacles."

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND FREEMASONRY

The famous Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A. Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with masonic ceremonies on August 5, 1885.

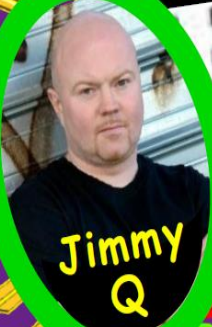
THE SQUARE AND COMPASS BRAND

Montana's first livestock brand was the square and compass; it is still in use. No one knows when it was first used; but it was before May 25, 1872, when it became necessary to date and register brands then in use. It was first owned by Poindexter T. Orr of Beaverhead County, Montana Territory.

FAMOUS INDIAN MASON

Ely S. Parker, a full-blooded Indian chief, was the grandson of Red Jacket, a close friend of George Washington. He was a Union Brigadier General in the Civil War, and served as General Grant's secretary. He was raised in Batavia Lodge No. 88, Batavia, New York, and later affiliated with Valley Lodge No. 109. He demitted and became a founder and first Worshipful Master of Akron Lodge No. 527 of New York. Ely Parker Lodge No. 1002 of Buffalo, New York is named after him.

Saturday, May 30th
3 COMICS!
7 PM



**Jimmy
Q**



**Mike
Gaffney**



**Mollie
Sperduto**

COMEDY NIGHT

**Ginger Ninjas
PRODUCTIONS** 

REFRESHMENTS !
SOFT DRINKS !

B.Y.O.B.
ADULT BEVERAGES

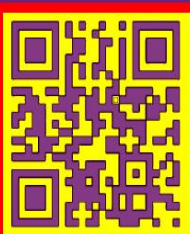
SILENT AUCTION !
UNIQUE GIFT IDEAS !
SPORTS MEMORABILIA
TRIPS !

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425 W. Brooke Avenue
Magnolia, NJ 08049**



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**The Children's Dyslexia
Centers of NJ**

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or contact:

Scott Vicari (856) 952-3459 vicari427@comcast.net

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Tel 856 228 6400 or famimports@yahoo.com

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Managing Director/ CCO

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609/221-9276

Ladies Night DateTBD

Details forthcoming in future
Trestleboard.



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Bro. Anthony Lafferty	
<u>Brethren,</u>	<u>Thank you!</u>

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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18th Masonic District

District Lodge of Instruction Dates for 2020

Mozart Lodge #121 May 13th at Audubon - Cancelled
Merchantville Lodge #119 June 10th at Merchantville
Rising Sun Lodge #15 September 9th Haddonfield
USS NJ Lodge October 14th Merchantville
Qualifications Teams November 11th at Merchantville
Masters & Wardens @6:45PM
DLI Opening @7:30PM

May Masonic Birthdays

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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	John P. Gomen
1991	Stewart D. Walsh *	2017	Scott Vicari #
1991	Ralph S. Hill, Jr. # *	2018	Joseph Abiuso
1991	William H. Berman, PGM	2019	Edward S. Bohi
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, PSGS		
2011	George W. Niessner, PSGS #		
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 #		

Candidate Status

NAME	STATUS	LAST DATE	NEXT STATUS	NEXT DATE
	FC	1/17/20	MM	TBD
	FC	1/17/20	MM	TBD
	EA	N/A	FC	TBD
	EA.	N/A	FC	TBD

Masonic Home Wheelchair Push

**Brethren, thank you in advance for
volunteering at the Masonic Home this year.**

2020 Dates:

June 21st August 30th

November 1st

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

2020 A.D.

Officer Line

2020 A.L.

Worshipful Master

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Junior Warden

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Secretary

**WB Robert A. Taylor, PM – Susan
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Secretary Emeritus

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>	WB Edward S. Bohi, PM – 609-410-6422
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<u>J.M. of Ceremonies</u>	Bro Willie S Halina – 609-575-4336
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<u>Junior Steward</u>	Appointed Position
<u>Marshal</u>	DB Robert S. Outlaw - 609-471-2869
<u>Chaplain</u>	Bro Edward N. Bohi - 609-781-2647
<u>Tyler</u>	Bro William F. Anderson - 609-828-1535
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<u>Proxy to Grand Lodge</u>	WB Edward S. Bohi, PM 609-410-6422
<u>Director of Ritual</u>	RW Brian J. Read PJGS
<u>Webmaster</u>	DB Raymond T. McManus, DB - 856-346-9150
<u>Dir. of Craftsmen</u>	Brother William Gahagan 609-313-0924
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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
<u>Masonic Education</u>	RW Albert L. Hann, PJGD, RW Brian J. Read, PJGS, RW Bernard J. Madgey V DDGM
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<u>Refreshments</u>	By Committee
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<u>Building Trustees</u>	2 Year: WB Joseph Abiuso & WB Fred Knox
<u>Building Trustees</u>	1 Year: WB Michael Owsiak & WB Scott P Vicari
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<u>Financial Trustees</u>	2 Year WB James J. Weisensee, PM
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DB John C. Read Jr. DB Robert S. Outlaw

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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

2020 DUES NOTICE

Please note: Your dues for 2020 were due 12-31-2019. If you know or believe that you haven't paid dues please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

Payments: Laurel Lodge No. 237
P.O. Box 127 Stratford, N.J. 08084

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