



Beverly-Riverside Lodge No. 107

Free and Accepted Masons

Established April 2000

Meets Every Third Thursday at 7:30 p.m. except July and August



A.D. 2003

Summer

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From the East

I am very happy to report that after still another delay, the construction of our permanent sign was begun and the sign has been installed. Running and connecting the electric to the sign and landscaping around it are all that remains to be done. Thank you to all of those brothers who took part in this process, which has finally brought this project to fruition. Those who began this endeavor as long as 10 years ago or so, can finally enjoy the satisfaction of having this dream finally materialize.

Congratulations to Bro. Clark on receiving his 50 year pin and Bro. Jordan on receiving his 55 year wreath at our Gold Token Night, which was held on June 19th. I would like to thank all those in attendance that evening and the efforts of those brothers who helped out in the kitchen. A special thanks goes out to Bro. Lou Christou for preparing the evenings fair, which was enjoyed by all.

On Monday, June 23rd the inaugural meeting of the Beverly-Riverside FellowCraft Club took place. This is the resurrection of the old Riverside Craftsman Club. Officers were elected, by-laws adopted, membership application fee and dues were established. The Club has asked the Hall Trustees for permission to refurbish and use the Craftsman's Room for its activities. Those interested in joining should contact newly elected President WB Matt Korang.

Speaking of protecting and beautifying our meeting place, painting day has been rescheduled for Saturday July 19th when we will be painting the exterior of our building. The Hall Trustees will make arrangements for scaffolding as well as paint and supplies. All we need is YOU and your roller handles and sticks (if you have them). If bodies are plentiful, we hope and expect to finish in one day.

Beverly-Riverside Lodge #107 has been scheduled to assist the residents of the Masonic Home to the Chapel for the observance of religious services on Sunday, July 13, 2003. I know that many of us, and our families, are away on vacations in the summer, but if you are in the area please come out and assist our aging brothers. Plan on arriving around 8:45am and you will be done before noon.



Important Dates:

- July 13, 2003 – Wheelchair Push, Masonic Home
- July 19, 2003 – Paint the Hall Day
- September 2, 2003 – DLI, Covenant Lodge
- September 4, 2003 – Rehearsal EA° & Official Visit
- September 11, 2003 – Rehearsal EA° & Official Visit

All Lodge Officers are reminded that the District Lodge of Instruction will be held at Covenant Lodge in Palmyra on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:30pm. All lodge members are welcome and officer attendance is required. In addition, Beverly-Riverside Lodge Officers will be having rehearsals on Thursday September 4th and September 11th for the Entered Apprentice Degree and in preparation for the District Deputy Grand Masters Official Visit.

On September 18th, RWDDGM Russel E. Mitchell, Sr. will be in making his Official Visit to our Lodge. It is likely that the District Deputy will want to see us perform some ritual, therefore the attendance of all elected and appointed Lodge officers is mandatory. If you cannot make it, please contact me ASAP. Hope to see you out to the Lodge.

I hope that you are enjoying the time off with your families and look forward to seeing you in September.

Ronald S. Stubbs, Worshipful Master

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAINT THE HALL DAY – REDUX!!!



Brother – Due to inclement weather the June Paint the Hall Day was cancelled. But our building still needs painting!!! Come out on Saturday July 19, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. to lend a helping hand painting the exterior of our Lodge Building. We will need plenty of hands to help out as we try to finish this task in a single day! We will be grilling lunch for you!



For more info contact any Hall Trustee.

Hold Your Trash!!!!



Due to decreased activity at the Hall, the Dumpster will be locked for July and August.

If you have an event at the Hall during the Summer months, please make arrangements to take your refuse with you when you are through!

Lost & Found

Lost

The Lodge recently lost two white coolers. These coolers were donated to the Lodge and had broken hinges and clasps. If you have these or know who does, please contact a Hall Trustee or just return them to the kitchen area.

Found

Men's Black Blazer – Size 44R With Crescent Shrine Pin, Grand Staff Pin, American Flag Pin

Navy Blue – Past Masters Masonic Tie With Masonic Tie Tack

Mens Black Wool Hat – Country Gentleman – London

Fellowcraft Club Meeting

The second meeting of the Fellowcraft Club will be held on July 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowcraft Room.

Topic of discussion will be membership drive and applications. The renovation of the existing Fellowcraft Room will also be discussed.

Pool and fun to follow.



Masonic Light

Ronald S. Stubbs, Worshipful Master

Brother Junior Warden, observe the time.

It is now July Worshipful Master!

It being July, it is my order that the craft be now called from labor to refreshment for the space of two months, unless sooner convened by the sound of the gavel in the East. Communicate the order to the Brethren that they having due notice thereof, it may be accordingly so done!



Brethren, it is now July and the year is already half over, the Lodge is now Dark and the Craft is off labor and on refreshment for the next two months. We will begin our work in earnest again in September.

Brethren, while it is true that the Lodge is now dark and the craft off labor and on refreshment, let us continue to emulate our Operative Grand Master. Forget not, to offer up your devotions to the ever living and true God, and though we are not meeting, continue to draw your designs on the Trestleboard, that the craft may pursue their labors when we meet again.

Forget not, our working tools, when as Entered Apprentice Masons we are taught to divide our time, whereby are found 8 hours for the service of God and of a distressed worthy brother. Divest your hearts and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting your minds as living stones, for the spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Forget not, our working tools, when as Fellowcraft Masons we are taught to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man; to square our actions by the square of virtue; that we are traveling upon that level of time, to that undiscovered country, from whose borne, no traveler returns.

Forget not, our working tools, when as Master Masons we are taught to spread the cement of Brotherly Love and affection.

Forget not, the five points of fellowship:

- * Remember to aid your fellow man.
- * Remember him in prayer.
- * Keep his confidences.
- * Support him when he is down
- * And give him friendly council.

Remember all of these especially apply to your brother Masons.

And finally Brethren, forget not to have a safe, enjoyable and happy Summer season and enjoy the extra time with your family, friends and loved ones. Hope to see you all back out to the Lodge at our September meeting.

In Memoriam

Reverend Brother James Bates

Entered – October 26, 1964

Passed – November 30, 1964

Raised – January 25, 1965

Raised to the Lodge on High – June 22, 2003

In Memoriam

Brother William E. “Dad” Gilbert

Entered – January 23, 1956

Passed – February 27, 1956

Raised – March 26, 1956

Raised to the Lodge on High – June 29, 2003

Lodge Completes successful first half of 2003

Matthew Korang, PM, Historian

Congrats to the Worshipful Master on the close of the first half of 2003. It was a good one with several happenings that our Lodge can be proud of accomplishing. Here is a short recap of the year to date.

January – The new officers took their places and, as has become tradition in recent years, Beverly-Riverside hosted the first DLI of the year. The Officer acquitted themselves accordingly by demonstrating a perfect opening. Preparations began for the MM Degree to be held in February.

February – The Lodge held a Master Mason degree at the Fellowship Center for three new members. We had the pleasure of having the Grand Master and many of his Grand Line in attendance.

March – We made four new Masons.

April – We held our annual Table Lodge; fun and food was had by all. Once again, Beverly Riverside Lodge ran the Hospitality Suite at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Atlantic City.

May – Our Hall Trustees replaced our Roof. Beverly-Riverside officers participated in the ARC Walk. District wide Renewal Night was held.

June – Four new members were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Fellowcraft Club meets for the first time. We present our second annual Education Award to a deserving Delran Student. RW DDGM Russ Mitchell presents two deserving brothers the gold tokens.

Lo' and Behold, our sign is finally installed!!





The Trestleboard July & August 2003

No Scheduled Regular or Emergent Meetings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 WheelChair Push at the Masonic Home 8:30 a.m.	14	15	16	17	18	19 Paint the Hall Day 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Fellowcraft Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31		

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!

Dates to Remember

- July 13 – Wheel Chair Push – Masonic Home – 8:45am
- July 19 – Painting Day – Exterior of the Lodge – 9:00 a.m.
- July 28 – Fellowcraft Club Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Sept. 2 – DLI at Covenant -7:30 pm
- Sept. 4 – Rehearsal for E.A.. Degree & Official Visit – 7:30pm
- Sept. 11 – Rehearsal for E.A.. Degree & Official Visit – 7:30pm
- Sept. 18 – Regular Communication – DDGM Official Visit - 7:30pm
- Sept. 25 – Emergent Communication E.A. Degree – 7:00pm



A warm welcome is due to our four new Master Masons – *(top left)* Lorenzo Rodriguez, *(bottom left)* Harry Siers, *(bottom middle)* James Verner, and *(bottom right)* John Macy. They were raised by the Worshipful Master with the assistance of WB John Shmidinger *(top right)*.

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Beverly-Riverside Lodge No. 107 Website
<http://mastermason.com/bevrivlodge107/>

Grand Lodge of NJ Website
<http://njfreemasonry.org>

19th Masonic District Website
<http://mastermason.com/19thdistrictnj/>



YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!!!

by Richard E. Fletcher, PPS, BP

You gotta be kidding me attend Lodge? No Way!

"I'd rather have root canal then go down and listen to those guys waste my time opening, reading the minutes, reviewing bills, closing, and then having to face lukewarm coffee and store-bought pie before I can go home."

Sound familiar? You can even add your own particular anecdote about why Masons don't attend lodge. But they all come out the same; Freemasons would rather do almost anything than go to lodge. We have made "lodge night" the least important date in our calendar.

So, why are we now staying away in droves?

First of all we have to realize that staying away from lodge is not a recent phenomenon. Just for example, in the 1940s and 50s when Carl Claudy wrote his series of plays, he did it, primarily, to stimulate lodge interest and attendance. In reading early Masonic publications such as *The Master Mason* or *The Builder*, we also find that a great concern was the definite lack of interest in attending lodge.

Perhaps, at this point, we ought to define the term lodge.

Coil's *Masonic Encyclopedia* says "The lodge has always, from the earliest times to the present, been the center of Masonic activity and interest. Both the lodge and the Fraternity have changed over the years and the name, lodge, has taken on several different meanings, but the essential relation of the lodge to the whole organization has remained constant. It is still the basic assembly, the place where Masons are made, where they meet, and where they work."

My own personal definition: The Lodge is our oasis. A place where we go to be refreshed and take what we learn back into the world.

It is also extremely important to know that I am not defining lodge as a building location but rather as a place to experience spiritual, emotional, educational, and creative opportunities that enrich not only our own lives, also the lives of those with whom we come in contact.

- Spiritual: Because every lodge is God centered.
- Emotional: Because we derive happiness from making new Masons and contributing to many charitable activities.
- Educational: Because we learn from our ritual and lectures and charges
- Creative: Because we are encouraged to think and put our ideas to work

The place where all these things come together is lodge. The lodge is the center of our Masonic universe.

How are today's Lodges perceived? Remember those Brothers who used to say I became a Freemason because I watched all of the men in town that I respected going upstairs and through the door into a room. I didn't know what they were doing, but I knew those men, and I knew wanted to be part of that group.

Those men were going to lodge and it was noticed. You don't hear that kind of statement very much anymore, and I know there are many reasons, for one thing, lodges are much larger. If you have a membership of 20 to 50, everybody knows each other, but when you start getting into the hundreds, then you tend to lose close person-to-person contact. And, I know that we are a transient society moving about constantly. Just a few generations ago, we seldom moved from the town in which we were born, and then our move was usually only somewhere else in the same county. Nowadays, people tend to move on before you get a chance to really know them.

There are many reasons that could be given why Freemasons are not noticed the way they used to be. But the most important one is that we simply are not out there, where we can be seen, the way we used to be, not just going to lodge but in the work lodges' used to do in the community visiting the sick and afflicted, caring for the widows and orphans, helping our neighbors. The Masonic basics are rarely on the agenda anymore.

Remember the old Mason who came to every meeting, never went through the chairs, had no Masonic titles but taught the lectures to new candidates and told them what the lodge was all about? We don't see many of those old timers anymore either. Oh - I know some are still there, but they are not as visible as they used to be, and they are not as numerous.

What happened? Tragically the ones that used to help us in lodge either are not there anymore or are not used any more. The help we used to receive from others is not a hidden value. It is a forgotten value.

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Officers and Committees for 2003

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If you know of a brother or his family that is in need of
advice, council, aid or assistance, call toll free

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Another aspect of lodge attendance from which we also seem to have drifted is the support we used to give to each other. Can Masons working together possibly make a difference? Let me share with you from his book *The Mystic Tie*, the story Allen E. Roberts tells about Robert Burns, the Scottish Freemason and poet.

Before Robert Burns became a Freemason he was known to few in Scotland. Great Britain, and the world, didn't know of his existence. This would change thanks to his Masonic brethren.

Burns was persuaded by Gavin Hamilton, the Master of Lodge Loudoun Kilwinning at Newmilns, to collect and publish his poems. He did. The edition was limited to 600, of which the members of St. John's Lodge of Kimarnock took 350. In every respect this could be called a Masonic edition. Burns had no money, so his brethren fully supported the enterprise. It was printed by John Wilson, an enthusiastic Mason. It was dedicated, naturally, to Gavin Hamilton.

Still, without funds, Burns decided to seek his fortune in Jamaica. But just before he was to leave, he received a letter from a Dr. Blacklock. Burns was urged to go to Edinburgh to arrange for a second printing of his poems. This proved to be a turning point in his life. There he visited Canongate Kilwinning Lodge and met Lord Glencairn. Glencairn liked Burns and obtained a position for him in the Excise. Most important, Glencairn persuaded members of the nobility to subscribe to the works of Burns.

It was said of the Edinburgh edition of Burns' Poems: "Surely never a book came out of a more Masonic laboratory." The author, printer, illustrator, and publisher were all Freemasons.

Three years later Lord Glencairn died, and Burns wrote his "Lament for James, Earl of Glencairn." Many consider the last verse of this elegy the finest Burns had ever written:

*The bridegroom may forget the bride
Was made his wedded wife yestreen;
The monarch may forget the crown
That on his head an hour has been;
The mother may forget the bairn
That smiles sae sweetly on her knee;
But I'll remember thee, Glencairn,
And a' that thou hast done for me!*

When was the last time you heard "and a'that thou hast done for me!" in lodge?

The virtue of helping each other does not seem very important today, yet once it was a central point of lodge activities.

Part II of this article will appear in the September Trestleboard.

(This article originally appeared in an issue of the Philalethes Magazine printed in April 1997.)

Secretary's Corner...

Brethren,

At this time, approximately 25 members have not paid their 2003 Dues. If you have not paid, please take the time to do so. Dues are \$60.25. Suspensions will be taking place in the first part of the second half of the Masonic year. If dues are not paid in a timely manner, you could leave yourself open for suspension.

If you have any question about your dues, think you have paid already and received a second notice, or cannot pay your dues due to a hardship, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.



Lucian D. Craig, PM
Secretary

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