

February 2001

Dear Brother:

This month we celebrate President's Day which George Washington is the only man whose birthday is a legal holiday in every state of the United States. Brother George Washington is a very familiar mason in our heritage.

The other important holiday is Valentine's Day and each of us must take the time to express our feelings towards family and our loved ones.

The following is from Carl H. Claudy's Introduction to Freemasonry: "It was the custom for the Guilds of the Middle Ages to adopt saints as patrons and protectors, usually from some fancied relation to their trades. The operative Masons were but one among many Guilds which adopted Saint John or the other; Masons adopted both as explained in an old ritual, *"One finished by his learning what the other began by his zeal, and thus drew a second line parallel to the former."*

Whatever the reason and whenever the date, Freemasons of today come from *"the Lodge of the Holy Sts. John of Jerusalem,"* meaning that we belong to a lodge dedicated to those Saints, whose practices and precepts, teachings and examples, are those all Freemasons should try to follow."

Since the Claudy books are no longer available, I felt you and the brethren may enjoy this excerpt from Book I Entered Apprentice during this month.

Fraternally,
Bruce Ferguson
Worshipful Master

GRAND LODGE BANQUET

MW Ferris O. Tryon, Grand Master, extends a cordial invitation to our Brethren and their Ladies to attend the GRAND LODGE BANQUET at the 214th Annual Communication in Atlantic City. Details are as follows:

Place: Royal Swan Ballroom, 4th Floor, Tropicana Hotel & Casino
Brighton Ave. at the Boardwalk

Date: Wednesday, 25 April 2001

Time: Social Hour – 6:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)

Dinner – 7:00 P.M. • Fillet Minion or Baked Salmon

Price: \$35.00 Per Person

For tickets, please forward your check made payable to the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of New Jersey for the number of tickets needed, along with a self addressed stamped envelope, to the Grand Secretary's Office, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 08016. The DEADLINE for reservations is Friday, 6 April 2001. We must have the name(s) of the person(s) for whom the tickets are purchased. Your DDGM will also have tickets.

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District Web Site: www.22nddistrictnjmasons.org

My Brother, you are cordially invited to attend the following communications:

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, February 2, 2001 - 7:30 PM – Business meeting. Our historian, WB Brian Myers, will report on “Who was WB Mark Chambers, PM?” This is a result of our trustees relabelling all the past masters shown in the lobby of the lodge. The trustees have done an excellent job so all can read these! Refreshments.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

Friday, February 9, 2001 - 7:30 PM – The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred on Mr. Kenneth H. Peplow. Refreshments.

REHEARSALS FOR ALL OFFICERS

Thursday, February 1 & 8, 2001 - 7:00 PM

The Entered Apprentice Degree.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 7, 2001, 7:30 PM - Shekinah Chapter #82, O.E.S. Master Mason Night at Shekinah Lodge. Dinner 6:30 PM.

Tuesday, February 13, 2001, 7:30 PM - District Lodge of Instruction at Evening Star Lodge #97, Cedarville, NJ. All officers should attend, brethren welcome! Depart 6:45 PM from Shekinah Lodge parking lot.

Tuesday, February 27, 2001, 7:30 PM - Official Visit of MW Ferris O. Tryon, Grand Master, and Reception to RW Robert W. Estell, GC, RW Bruce C. Golway, DDGM, RW Ernest R. Jones, GC, and MW Harold F. Jennings, PGM, GI; at Penns Grove Lodge #54, 330 Georgetown Rd., Carney's Point, NJ. Dinner 6:00 PM. Dinner tickets are available at a cost of \$25.00 and available by calling 856-848-1351 or E-mail: (drws21st@hotmail.com). There is no charge for the Reception.

Wednesday & Thursday, April 25 & 26, 2001, - 214th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at the Tropicano Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ.

Saturday, June 9, 2001 - 11:30am-4:30pm - Laurel Lodge #237, F. & A.M. will host the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team who will confer the MM Degree by several different tribes in full ceremonial regalia; at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton, NJ. Cost is \$15.00 per ticket with profits donated to “The Make A Wish Foundation”. For ticket info/reservations contact: Laurel Lodge #237 Indian Degree Team, PO Box 127, Stratford, NJ 08084-0127 OR E-Mail WB Donald C. Lever at: bigd@snip.net

Attest: **Ronald N. Spiels, PGC, Sec'y**

THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION EVENTS

New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, Vineland, NJ

Please contact Bob Estell if you could assist at any of these events 825-7864

CHAPEL ESCORT – EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30AM

BOWLING

Tuesday, February 6 & Thursday, February 22, 2001 - 6:30PM

BINGO

Thursday, February 15, 2001 - 6:30PM

OFFICERS FOR 2001

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BELFORD J. RIGGINS	Senior Deacon
THOMAS RIGGIO	Junior Deacon
KURT FERGUSON	Sr. Master of Ceremonies
FORREST ANDREWS	Jr. Master of Ceremonies
GREGG WILLIAMS	Senior Steward
JEREMIAH CORSON	Junior Steward
MARK W. LEIGH	Marshal
HAMMOND T. FERGUSON	Organist
BRIAN N. MYERS, PM	Historian
VERNON F. CLARK	Tyler
RONALD N. SPIELS, DRI	Director of Work
C. RANDALL QUAY, PDDGM	Asst. Director of Work

TRUSTEES

Robert W. Estell, GC - 1 yr.
 Scott Cossaboon - 2 yrs.
 Norman H. Peek, PDDGM - 3 yrs.

BLOOD BANK (Account #4582)

George Carty, PM (Chairman) - 825-7932
 Richard A. Hincley, PM (Co-Chairman) - 327-1689

SICK COMMITTEE

Scott Cossaboon (Chairman) - 825-1771
 Paul E. Lokey - 327-4488

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Brian N. Myers, PM (Chairman) - 401-8870
 Paul E. Lokey - 327-4488
 C. Randall Quay, PDDGM - 825-0110

AUDIT COMMITTEE

J. Roy Oliver, PM (Chairman)
 Chester M. Goodwin
 Richard A. Hincley, PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE

James A. Hines (Chairman)
 George DeHainaut
 Ronald G. DeHainaut

LIVING PAST MASTERS

Frank B. Lutz	1943	William H. Stiles	1975	William C. Parr, Jr.	1985
Charles F. Finch	1952	Charles S. Lehman	90-1975	Kirk A. Karrer	1985
James J. Malloy, Jr.	1953	Ronald N. Spiels, DRI	91-1976	Marvin White	1986
Robert T. Shannon	1955	Robert W. Karrer, PGC	89-1976	Gary R. Lawson	88-1987
John A. Shea	1957	Norman H. Peek, PDDGM	90-1977	Robert A. Tesoroni, Jr., PGC	1988
William S. Stagg, Jr.	1961	Earl R. Gassaway	1977	Terry R. Sherman ¹	89-1988
Herbert W. Dunham, Jr.	1963	Frank B. Camp	87-1977	Floyd G. Taylor	1989
Milton Moroz, PJGD*	1964	Thomas H. Litterer, PJGS ¹	97-1977	Robert J. Riggins	1991
James S. Wylie ¹	1965	J. Douglass Abdill	1978	Charles V. Shropshire, PGC	1991
Robert D. Barber, PGC	1966	Russell C. Parsons, Sr.	84-1978	Howard J. Young, PDRI	1992
Robert F. Morgan ⁴	1967	Robert W. Estell, GC	98-1979	E. Lee Myers, PGC	1993
F. Edward Barsuglia	1968	Robert L. Davidson	1979	William ¹ S. Davis	1993
Harry H. Potter	1969	J. Roy Oliver	1980	Robert Thornborough, PGC	1994
Donald B. Pike	1969	Royce E. Robinson ⁵	83-1980	Richard A. Hincley	1994
William H. Goshen, PGLT	1970	George Carty	1981	Brian A. Thomas	1995
C. Randall Quay, PDDGM	1970	Frank Rosiejka ⁴	1981	David E. Exel	1996
Russell A. Roberts, PGC	1971	Leonard R. Potter, Jr.	1982	Wm. Anthony Loteck	1997
Herbert E. Reback ¹	1971	John G. Keeler, PGC	1982	Brian N. Myers	1999
Richard A. Jarvis, PGC	1972	Ernest S. Barry, PGC ¹	1982	Richard C. Panas	2000
Robert F. Andrews	1973	Randall C. Quay	1982		
Lawrence Smith, PGC	1973	Paul N. Pantelis	1983		

¹Affiliated ²Dual ³SPD-NPD ⁴Dimitted
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HONORARY MEMBERS

Edgar N. Peppler, PGM
 Morgan T. Morris, Jr., PGM

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 Norman W. Timberman, PDDGM