

Brethren,

The Month of February is here and we must think of Presidents' Day particularly Brother Washington who receives a 21-gun salute on his Birthday, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

In our last business meeting one of our officers read some facts about the meticulous ritual the soldiers watching over the Tomb of the Unknowns. The soldiers walk 21 steps across the Tomb; his weapon is always on the shoulder opposite the Tomb. On the 21 step, the soldier turns and faces the Tomb for 21 seconds and repeats the same ritual returning to his starting point.

I asked some of the Brethren why 21? One brother from another lodge said, because it's the sum of the digits 1776. This I found to be not true.

I Googled Arlington National Cemetery: Ceremonies, Origin of the 21-Gun Salute. It states, salutes can be traced to the middle ages and that cannon salutes perhaps to the 17th century. In the Anglo-Saxon Empire, seven guns was a recognized naval salute, seven being the standard number of weapons on a vessel. Forts could fire three rounds for every one fired from sea, hence the number 21.

Beginning in our colonial period the United States fired on shot for each state in the Union. This was continued until 1841 when it was reduced to 21 from 26. The 21-gun salute was not formally adopted until Aug.18, 1875. This was at the suggestion of the British, who proposed a "Gun for Gun Return" to thier own 21-gun salute.

Fraternally,  
**Forrest A. Andrews**  
*Worshipful Master*

**In Memoriam**

**Brother Hammond T. Ferguson**

Raised - December 16, 1948 – Died - January 11, 2007

**MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY**

*Brethren, please note: The following dates are for your date of raising not your date of birth.*

Forrest Andrews	2/25/1944	Frank Lutz	2/25/1938
Robert Barber	2/27/1959	Eugene Osborne	2/15/1985
William Carter	2/23/1968	Russell Parsons	2/27/1974
Belford Cox	2/27/1974	Paul Pettit	2/22/1972
Gene Dare	2/26/1999	Robert Robbins	2/22/1963
Kurt Ferguson	2/26/1999	Charles Smith	2/27/1974
Sam Forgie	2/26/1982	Hugh Smith	2/22/1957
Kirk Karrer	2/12/1980	Gerald Sweet	2/22/1980
Gary Lawson	2/22/1980	Sherman Taylor	2/22/1963
Hurley Litterer	2/25/1994	Marvin Tozer	2/28/1964
Francis Lloyd	2/27/1998	David Van Vorst	2/19/1969

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 District Web Site: [www.22nddistrictnjmasons.org](http://www.22nddistrictnjmasons.org)

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

#### REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, February 2, 2007 – 7:30 PM – Business meeting. Official Visit of RW Chester Riland, III, DDGM. Masonic Birthdays. Annual report of the Auditing Committee. Balloting on the following petitions for membership: Mr. Vincent P. Solazzo, age 43, 443 Lance Court, Millville, Vineland Police Officer; Mr. Herman Campbell, age 39, 4651 Henry Ave., Millville, Corrections Officer and Mr. Willis Wareham, 910 Hill Lane, Millville, age 28, Recruiter, Army National Guard. Refreshments.

#### EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Friday, February 9, 2007 – 7:30 PM – The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred upon Mr. Carlos Nieves, 4 Emily Dr., Millville, NJ. Refreshments.

#### OFFICERS REHEARSAL – 7:00 PM

*Officers are required to attend and members are always welcome.*

February 1, 6 & 8, 2007

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 30, 2007 – 7:00 PM

Rehearsal for the District One Day Class at Elmer Lodge #160, Elmer

Monday, February 12, 2007 – 7:30PM

Official Visit of RW Chester Riland III, District Deputy Grand Master to Vineland Lodge #69, Vineland.

Thursday, February 15, 2007 – 7:00 PM

Rehearsal for the District One Day Class at Vineland Lodge #69, Vineland.

Monday, February 19, 2007 – 7:30PM

Official Visit of District Deputy Grand Master Chester Riland III to Elmer Lodge #160, Elmer.

Saturday, February 24, 2007

A One Day Class will be held in the 22nd Masonic District at Vineland Lodge #69, for the three degrees of Freemasonry, limited to individuals who have petitioned one of the five Lodges in the District. Registration 8:00 AM – Meeting 9:00 AM.

Monday, February 26, 2007 – 7:30PM

Official Visit of RW Chester Riland III, District Deputy Grand Master to Brearley Lodge #2, Bridgeton.

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 – 7:30PM

Official Visit of RW Chester Riland III, District Deputy Grand Master to Evening Star Lodge #97, Cedarville.

Thursday, March 15, 2007

Official Visit of MW Douglas R. Policastro, Grand Master and Reception to RW Karl G. Weiss, Grand Chaplain. This will be a combined Reception of the 22nd, 23rd and 24th Districts, at Trinity Lodge No. 79, 563 Zion Rd, Egg Harbor Township, NJ. Cost \$25.00.

Saturday, June 2, 2007 – 8AM-8PM

Bus trip to The House of the Temple Wash. D.C. and George Washington Masonic National Memorial and Dinner at the Memorial. \$40 tickets, see officers, more information later.

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

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James F. Eager - 1 yr  
George Carty, PM - 2 yrs  
C. Randall Quay, PDDGM - 3 yrs

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

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Joseph Moroz, SW

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Stewards  
Masters of Ceremonies

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William Moore, III  
J. Roy Oliver, PM

### BLOOD BANK (Account #4582)

George Carty, PM, Chmn.  
James E. Stites

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James Hines, Chmn.  
Harry Hoffman, Co-Chmn.  
James E. Stites

## LIVING PAST MASTERS

Frank B. Lutz .....	1943	J. Douglass Abdill .....	1978	Howard J. Young, PGC .....	1992
Charles F. Finch .....	1952	Russell C. Parsons, Sr. ....	84-1978	E. Lee Myers, PGC .....	1993
Robert T. Shannon .....	1955	Robert L. Davidson .....	1979	William S. Davis .....	1993
William S. Stagg, Jr. ....	1961	J. Roy Oliver .....	1980	Robert Thornborough, PGC .....	1994
Milton Moroz, PJGD* .....	05-1964	George Carty .....	1981	Richard A Hinckley .....	1994
James S. Wylie .....	1965	Leonard R. Potter, Jr. ....	1982	Brian A. Thomas .....	1995
Robert D. Barber, PGC .....	1966	John G. Keeler, PGC .....	1982	David E. Exel .....	1996
Donald B. Pike .....	1969	Randall C. Quay .....	1982	Wm. Anthony Loteck .....	1997
William H. Goshen, PGLT .....	1970	Paul N. Pantelis .....	1983	Brian N. Myers .....	1999
C. Randall Quay, PDDGM .....	1970	Kirk A. Karrer .....	1985	Richard C. Panas .....	2000
Russell A. Roberts, PGC .....	1971	Marvin White .....	1986	Bruce Ferguson, DRI .....	2001
Robert F. Andrews .....	1973	Gary R. Lawson .....	88-1987	Edward Gallagher .....	2001
William H. Stiles .....	1975	Richard Weber* .....	93-92-89-88-1987	James L. Sheats .....	2002
Ronald N. Spiels, PGC .....	91-1976	Robert A. Tesoroni, Jr., PGC .....	1988	Belford J. Riggins .....	2004
Robert W. Karrer, PGC .....	89-1976	Terry L. Sherman, PGC* .....	89-1988	H. Stu Harris, IV .....	2006
Norman H. Peek, PDDGM .....	90-1977	Floyd G. Taylor .....	1989		
Frank B. Camp .....	87-1977	Robert J. Riggins .....	1991		

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