

The Journal of the 18th Masonic District

18th District Light

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From the Editor

Brethren:

HAPPY NEW YEAR my brothers. December was the usual tour de force of installation celebrations, and it was great seeing the excellent turnouts at almost all of those events. With the announcements made at each installation, it is now public knowledge that — *in the event of the election to the Grand East of RW Robert V. Monacelli, DGM* — WB Scott Vicari will be serving as Grand Pursuivant and yours truly will be serving as Grand Chaplain on the 2020 Grand Staff, starting in April. I know I can speak for Scott when I say we will both be doing our very best to bring honor and pride to the 18th District in those roles. And I will continue trying to keep the 18th District Light useful and informative throughout the year. See you around the District!

Dave

ON THE COVER:

*Fantasy
Warrior*

Fantasy Art by Arrthos



THE TRAVELING GAVEL



Possession of the Traveling Gavel is the 18th District's symbol of honor for Lodges that fulfill the spirit of Masonic Travel. The Gavel, along with its accompanying logbook, remains with the Lodge last able to capture it until claimed by another Lodge under these rules.

A Worshipful Master and any other four (or more) Master Masons from his Lodge may claim the Gavel by visiting the current Gavel-holders for any regular or emergent communication. The claimants must all be present from the Opening through the Closing of the Lodge. In the case of competing claims, the Gavel shall go to the visiting Lodge with the largest contingent. If still tied on that basis, the Master of the host Lodge shall decide the tie by coin flip.

Once claimed the new Gavel holders should record their claim in the logbook, and report it to the Deputy and the 18th District Light at the first opportunity. The Gavel should be prominently displayed in the East during all communications until claimed by another Lodge.

HAPPY TRAVELING!

The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion.

— Thomas Paine



What Year is it?

by 18th District Light Editor, WB David A. Frankel, Rising Sun Lodge No. 15

Editor's Note: This little appetizer is adapted from my January 2012 Trestleboard message as Worshipful Master of Rising Sun Lodge No. 15. It has been updated, of course, to reflect the current year. I hope you enjoy it.

And so begins a New Year! But which year is it? 2020 A.D. by our present calendar reckoning (Anno Domini), but 6020 A. L. in Craft Masonry.

For those among us, especially our newer members, who may not be versed in the vagaries of Masonic dating schemes, A.L. is the abbreviation for Anno Lucius, or “In the Year of Light,” and is a reference to the ancient belief that the world, and therefore “Light,” was created in the year 4000 B.C. Thus we add 4000 years to the present calendar to arrive at the appropriate A.L. date of 6020.

Things don't stop there, however. Royal Arch Chapters make use of Anno Inventionis (A.I.), which stands for “In the Year of Discovery” and alludes to 530 B.C., the year in which Zerubbabel began construction of the second temple, making the present year 2550 A.I.

Royal and Select Masters often date from the completion of King Solomon's Temple in 1000 B.C. making the present year 3020 A.D (Anno Depositionis, or “In the Year of the Deposite.”)

The Knights Templar, on the other hand, start their calendar with the formation of that Order in 1118 Anno Domini, rendering the present year 902 A.O. (Anno Ordinis, “In the Year of the Order.”)



And still, we are not done. In the Scottish Rite the epoch is designated by Anno Mundi (A.M.), which stands for “In the Year of the World” and also dates from the year of creation — *but* — using the Jewish Chronology, which requires the addition of 3760 years to our present calendar, giving us a present year of 5780 A.M. This is sometimes also designated as A.H. (Anno Hebraico, “In the Hebrew Year.”)

Before you ask a Freemason what year it is, you may first wish to ask in which branch of the fraternity he spends most of his time!

Whichever year *you* prefer, my Brother, I hope you and yours had a healthy and happy holiday season, and may you all be blessed with a wonderful New Year! 

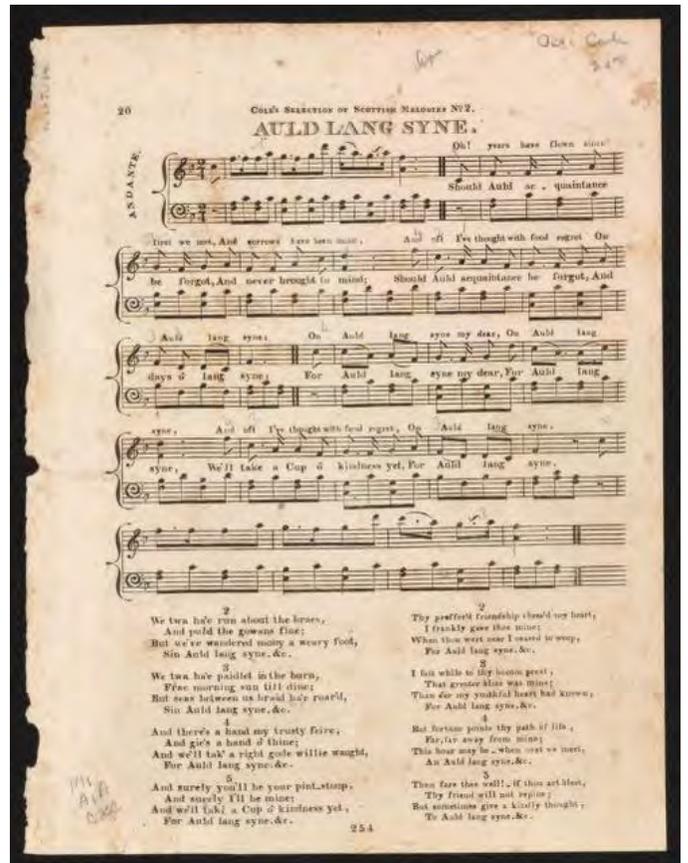
Robert Burns and Auld Lang Syne

Reprinted by permission of the author, Bro. Stewart Donaldson, Historian of Lodge 76, in Stirling, Scotland, and Editor, Publisher and "General Dogsbody" of SRA76 Masonic Magazine. He is also the current Poet Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning No. 2, in Edinburgh, which connects him directly to Bro. Burns, the 1st Poet Laureate of that storied ancient Lodge, through that august honor. The article is adapted from a lecture Bro. Donaldson gave in 2008 entitled *Famous Scottish Freemasons*.

Editor's Note: As we, as Masons, celebrate both the New Year and the January 25th, 261st birthday of our illustrious Scottish Brother, Robert Burns, poet laureate to the world, what could be more appropriate than to present this piece on Bro. Burns, and his song, *Auld Lang Syne*, a song used to say farewell to the old year and ring in the new all around the world. The very same song we sing at all our December Officer Installations throughout the District, as we say farewell to the departing Worshipful Master and welcome the new. My sincerest thanks to Bro. Donaldson for granting us permission to reprint the fruits of his Masonic labours here, that we may share this Light imparted by both of our Scottish Brothers, Bro. Donaldson, and Bro. Burns.

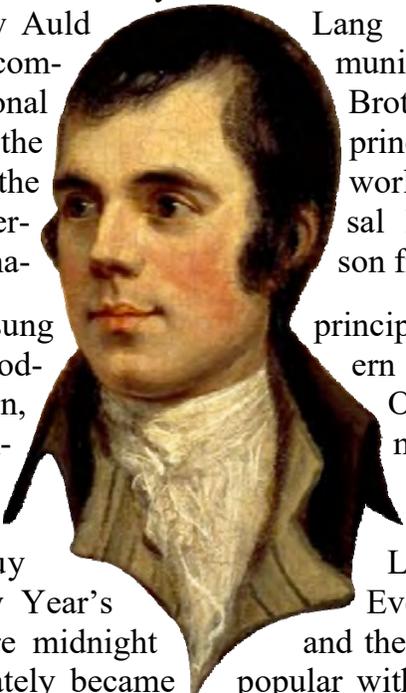
There is not much that I can say about Robert Burns that hasn't already been said or written about. The vast majority of Brethren if asked the question who in their mind was the most Famous of all Scottish Freemasons would almost certainly answer Brother Robert Burns. The story of Burns and Freemasonry has been studied, dissected, researched, investigated, lectured about and put into words, probably more than any other Freemason in the world, and each time you attend a Burns supper whether it be Masonic or not, you will hear some aspect of the great Bard's life and his work during the rendering of *The Immortal Memory*. You will probably have heard as much as there is to know about our Brother Burns, his life, his works and his Masonic vocation, however, I should like to present to you this small piece about which, you might not have come across before, regarding one of his songs and the part that it has played in touching millions upon millions of people across the face of this planet.

In 1796 Burns published the song *Auld Lang Syne*, he had come across an old folk tune some years previous when he heard a portion of it sung by an old man, he modified the piece, wrote new verses, changed words and refined the language, Burns himself called the composition of this traditional Scottish song, *That Glorious Fragment*, and although Burns did not know at the time when he took some old words and polished them with his work, he created a masterpiece. Soon this *Glorious Fragment* would spread throughout the world.



It is believed to have been first sung in either Poosie Nancy's Tavern or the Batchelor's Club in Ayrshire and from there it has travelled North, South, East and West all over the world and has ended up being sung by every Hogmanay reveller who says goodbye to the old year and welcomes the new. Auld Lang Syne has become an international song of departure and is now sung by more people than any other song throughout the World, but how did this song about two young men, friends in youth, who drifted apart, met again, reminisced, once again parted, and is written in a tongue few people outside Scotland would understand, ever manage to cross this globe and become probably the most popular song ever, in the History of the World?

The answer is Freemasonry and Scottish Freemasonry at that, Burns song became synonymous with the Craft after his death and in particular our Festival of St. John when it is sung at the end of the evening. As the Scots spread themselves to every corner of the world they took their customs with them, and it is understandable how Auld Lang Syne which travelled with them, soon became within the Masonic community to be understood as an expression of love for all mankind, international equality, democracy and liberty, all the stand for. It wasn't long before the worldwide community came to recognise this man of genius and his universal humanist philosophy, and all this from the pen of a wee Scots Freema-son from Ayrshire.



The transformation from a song sung principally at Masonic Functions, to the Universal acclaimed tune of modern times is all thanks to another Freemason, Guy Lombardo from London, Ontario in Canada. He first heard the song in his youth from Scottish immigrants in his hometown and when Lombardo formed an orchestra in 1919 Auld Lang Syne became his theme tune, which he played at the end of every concert or dance as his finishing song. So when Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians got the chance to headline a New Year's Eve party in New York in 1929, they played Auld Lang Syne just before midnight and then counted down the last 10 seconds of the old year. The song immediately became popular with a larger audience when it is estimated that over 55 million people heard that New Year's Eve broadcast, Auld Lang Syne had finally arrived and from there became the internationally renowned song that is known all over the world today. Guy Lombardo would broadcast a New Years Eve party for almost 50 years and always finished with the favourite song of his childhood.

Robert Burns and Auld Lang Syne has become so popular throughout the world that in Russia Burns is treasured as an Icon of International Brotherhood. In the Czech Republic after the fall of Communism, a Masonic Lodge was re-established and at the close of each meeting Auld Lang Syne is sung. In Tokyo a major department store plays Auld Lang Syne over its public address system to let the customers know that the store will soon be closing. The next time you watch the James Stewart film it's a Wonderful Life, pay attention to the closing scene where everybody sings Auld Lang Syne. The song is played at public ceremonies in Taiwan, Korea, India, the Philippines, and was even played when the

body of Canadian Premier Pierre Trudeau left parliament for the state funeral. In fact the Song is played at all types of occasions in every land throughout the world.

So what did Robert Burns achieve with this song, Auld Lang Syne, as I've stated, he took an old folk melody, fitted new words to it and changed some verses, but he didn't just create a new song, he didn't just create a nice wee ditty to be sung at the end of functions or dances, he didn't just create a song that can be sung by countless millions at the end of an old year. No, he created much more than that, Robert Burns created something that touches and stirs the hearts of people from all walks of life and from the four corners of the Globe, for Burns was one of that small band who wrote for all time and all people. What Brother Robert Burns Scottish Freemason did was this; he created a National Anthem – **For the World!** 

Auld Lang Syne



Should auld acquaint-ance be for-got, And nev-er brought to mind? Should

5 auld acquaint-ance be for-got, And days of auld lang syne? For

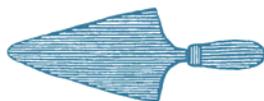
9 auld land syne, my dear, For auld lang syne; We'll

13 take a cup o' kind-ness yet For auld lang syne.

The Tipping Point

by WB Martin Bogardus, Collingswood-Cloud Lodge No. 101

Editor's Note: WB Bogardus is a Past Master of Collingswood-Cloud Lodge, and in December 2020 he will be installed as Worshipful Master of LORE, the New Jersey Lodge of Research and Education No. 1786, which meets on the second Saturdays of March, June, September, and December at Hightstown-Apollo Lodge No. 41, 535 North Main Street, Hightstown, NJ. If you've ever considered expanding your Masonic horizons along somewhat more academic lines, see the flyer in the *GL and Appendant Bodies* section of this issue for more information. This article is appearing concurrently in the 18th District Light and in LORE's Trestleboard, and represents WB Bogardus' personal views on a topic of great importance to the fraternity.



As a Past Master I have witnessed many Masonic careers wax and wane and had often wondered if there was a singular defining moment, a tipping point, that determines successful retention or rejection. Why do brothers lose interest in Freemasonry, and what can we do to get that spark back? At what moment did our own thoughts begin to waver?

There is a tipping point in every Freemason's life: a moment in which the joy of being a member of our gentle Craft begins to wane; a time when we forget what we came here to do.

In the beginning, Masonry was exciting and new. We came to the craft as eager candidates for its mysteries and with each new degree earned felt a sense of pride and accomplishment. As we pulled back the veils of its mysteries to reveal ancient secrets, each revelation drove us on to seek more light.

But some time after reaching the sublime degree of Master Mason, many of us hit a plateau and become complacent in our Masonic journeys.

A participant is active, engaged, his mind prepossessed by the sum of all he experiences. Processing it, he refines his character toward the laudable goal of making himself into a better man. He expresses the very quintessence of Freemasonry in thought and deed by the rectitude of his conduct and through the perfection of his character, becoming the Perfect Ashlar.

A spectator on the other hand is passive, unengaged, his mind distracted by a thousand wandering impulses pulling him from the platinum path. Lost on the path to Masonic enlightenment and no longer a suitable candidate for its mysteries, he is unable to perfect himself. He lacks the ability to subdue his passions and internalize the lessons laid before him. His interest wanes.

Each of us starts out strong, caught up in the euphoria of learning the fundamental tenets of the Craft, all too often to find ourselves overwhelmed and over-committed by the combined duties of family and fraternity. For some it comes soon after being raised; for others it happens after serving as Master of the lodge. In either case, if not held in proper balance, the cable-tow becomes taut and stretched, becoming a leash bound tightly around our necks, suffocating our desires for more light.

The working tools of an Entered Apprentice Mason symbolize and teach proper balance: “eight hours for the service of God, and of a distressed worthy brother, eight for our usual vocations, and eight for refreshment and sleep.”

We must never stop perfecting ourselves in our quest for Masonic enlightenment, always striving for equanimity, and endeavoring to become a lifelong apprentice to the Craft, punctuating our experiences with circumspection and quiet reflection.

To rekindle our love affair with Freemasonry we must witness the conferring of every degree through the eyes of one who has just knocked at the door of Freemasonry, and every word should pluck a resonant chord within our hearts. We must recapture that transformative moment when before the sacred altar of Freemasonry we bound ourselves before God Almighty in mystic brotherhood and friendship. Only then can we hope to be progressive in Masonry and rekindle the inspiration we experienced when we were the candidate.

Any Freemason seeking light can find something new in Freemasonry each and every time a degree is conferred, *but to do so he must “be” the candidate*. He must possess the freshness of mind and spirit, the eagerness of an initiate seeking new light that was his when he first entered the fraternity.

If we look upon the degrees of Freemasonry in an impersonal way, and only consider the ceremonies as cold repetition, then we can gain nothing from them. And if we attain a small spiritual insight and refuse to nurture it and let it grow in vision and wisdom, then even that first light becomes extinguished. We cease to grow when we no longer seek the source of that which inspired us in the beginning.

This is the tipping point — that critical moment when we must take charge of our destinies and decide what kind of Mason we wish to be. As the twig is bent, so grows the tree. To grow in Masonry we must have an open mind, the courage of our convictions, the desire to advance, and the longing for more light — all that we had when we first offered ourselves as candidates for the Mysteries of Freemasonry.

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Freemasonry takes more than just time; it wants your best moments and the best of you. This is the real challenge of subduing our passions and improving ourselves through Masonry. One has to be emotionally engaged or it comes out flat. You can't fake your way through this. Forever and always we must be the candidate. ❖



Communications of 18th District Lodges

AUDUBON-PARKSIDE No. 218
3rd Monday @ Audubon Temple
305 East Atlantic Avenue
Audubon, NJ 08106

CAMPANA DE LIBERTAD No. 376
4th Tuesday @ Merchantville
6926 Park Avenue
Merchantville, NJ 08109

COLLINGSWOOD-CLOUD No. 101
2nd Tuesday @ Audubon Temple
305 East Atlantic Avenue
Audubon, NJ 08106

LAUREL No. 237
1st & 3rd Friday @ Laurel Temple
Atlantic Avenue and Stone Road
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

LAZARUS No. 303
1st Monday @ Haddonfield Temple
16 East Kings Highway
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

MERCHANTVILLE No. 119
2nd & 3rd Friday @ Merchantville Temple
6926 Park Avenue
Merchantville, NJ 08109

MOZART No. 121
1st Tuesday @ Audubon Temple
305 East Atlantic Avenue
Audubon, NJ 08106

RISING SUN No. 15
1st & 3rd Wednesday @ Haddonfield Temple
16 East Kings Highway
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

USS NEW JERSEY No. 62
3rd Monday @ Merchantville Temple
6926 Park Avenue
Merchantville, NJ 08109



**RECENT TRAVELS
OF THE
TRAVELING GAVEL**

Moved to
LAUREL on
November 10, 2017

**NEW RULES
TOOK EFFECT**
January 1, 2019

Moved to
MERCHANTVILLE on
January 4, 2019

Moved to
RISING SUN on
January 18, 2019

Moved to
USS NEW JERSEY on
February 6, 2019

Moved to
MERCHANTVILLE on
March 18, 2019

WHO'S NEXT?



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December 2019

Dear Masons of the 18th Masonic District:

Thank you for your on-going generous contribution volunteering for the Elders of your Masonic Village.

Our Board of Trustees, Administration, Elders, and Staff are grateful to each of you for your commitment to Sunday morning volunteer service. It is only through your enthusiastic support that so many of our elders can attend and participate in Sunday church services.

Please continue to park at the Foundation parking lot directly across from the Chapel. You will come in the Chapel entrance and sign in at the table where your Lodge sign will be displayed. If we have the incorrect information on the sign, please do not hesitate to correct the sign or contact Jeffrey Windle (609)239-3957. Also, please continue to wear your Lodge badge or shirts with your Lodge name on them.

You are very important to the men and women who reside in the Community. Your presence adds immeasurably to the quality and richness of their lives and we deeply appreciate your untiring service to them. We invite you during the services to stay and enjoy the service or you may also sit and wait in Café 902.

On the next page you will find the 2020 schedule for 18th District lodges. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I extend an invitation to each of you to join your Fellow Lodge Brothers in participating in our daily volunteer program or attending our High Twelve meetings every 2nd Monday of the month in the Cornerstone restaurant. If you have free time during the week we have a variety of volunteer opportunities available to fit your schedule. ***In closing, please note that all residents should have foot pedals on wheelchairs when transporting. No one should be transported without foot pedals.*** Your assistance with the underlined information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for being a part of our, Volunteer team.

Tonya Costley-Stilts
Resident Services Director

2020 18th District Masonic Village Visits

SUNDAY

LODGE



January 5	USS New Jersey
January 19	Lazarus
February 2	Collingswood-Cloud
February 9	Laurel
February 16	Audubon-Parkside, Campana de Libertad & Merchantville
February 23	Mozart
March 1	Rising Sun
March 15	USS New Jersey
March 29	Lazarus
April 12	Collingswood-Cloud & Laurel
April 19	Campana de Libertad & Merchantville
April 26	Audubon-Parkside & Mozart
May 3	Rising Sun
May 17	USS New Jersey
May 31	Lazarus
June 21	Collingswood-Cloud & Laurel
June 28	Campana de Libertad & Merchantville
July 5	Audubon-Parkside & Mozart
July 12	Rising Sun
July 26	USS New Jersey
August 9	Lazarus
August 30	Collingswood-Cloud & Laurel
September 6	Campana de Libertad & Merchantville
September 13	Audubon-Parkside & Mozart
September 20	Rising Sun
October 4	USS New Jersey
October 18	Lazarus
November 1	Laurel
November 8	Campana de Libertad, Collingswood- Cloud & Merchantville
November 15	Mozart
November 22	Audubon-Parkside & Rising Sun
December 6	USS New Jersey

2020 DLI/GLI Schedule

18th District MW&PM Association at 6:45pm before DLI at 7:30pm

Wednesday

Lodge/Location

January 8

Audubon-Parkside No. 218
(@ Audubon Temple)

February 12

Collingswood-Cloud No. 101
(@ Audubon Temple)

March 11

Laurel No. 237
(@ Laurel Temple)

April 8

Lazarus No. 303
(@ Haddonfield Temple)

May 13

Mozart No. 121
(@ Audubon Temple)

June 10

Merchantville No. 119
(@ Merchantville Temple)

September 9

Rising Sun No. 15
(@ Haddonfield Temple)

October 14

USS New Jersey No. 62
(@ Merchantville Temple)

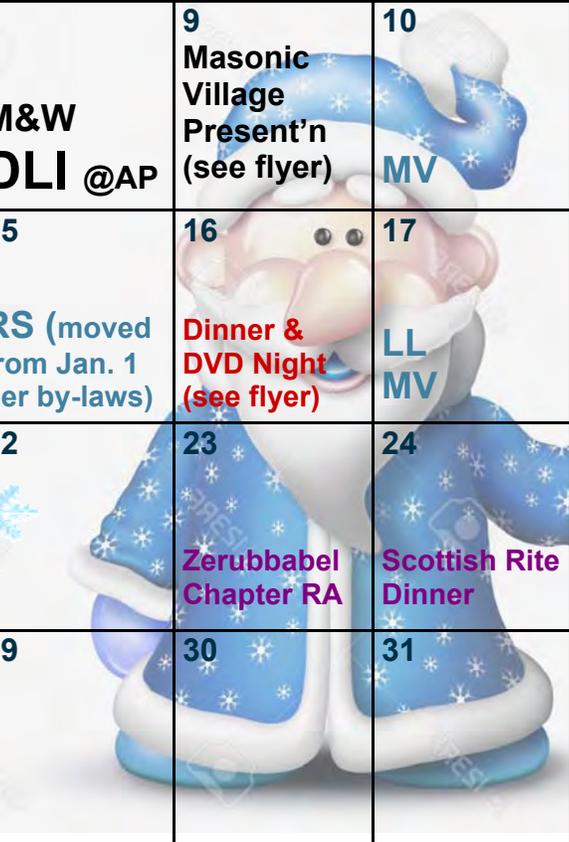
November 11

Qualification Teams
(@ Merchantville Temple)

Subject to determination of GLI date, time, and location

January Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BLUE — District Blue Lodges BLACK — District/GL matters RED — Social & Holidays VIOLET — Appendant Bodies</p>			<p>1  HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020</p>	<p>2 OES #140</p>	<p>3 RS Happy Hr LL OES #201</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 US Masonic Village</p>	<p>6  Hi 12 LZ</p>	<p>7 MZ Speaker (see flyer) Crusade Commandery</p>	<p>8 M&W DLI @AP</p>	<p>9 Masonic Village Present'n (see flyer)</p> 	<p>10 MV</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 </p>	<p>13  Van Hook Council</p>	<p>14  CC</p>	<p>15 RS (moved from Jan. 1 per by-laws)</p>	<p>16 Dinner & DVD Night (see flyer)</p>	<p>17 LL MV</p>	<p>18 </p>
<p>19 LZ Masonic Village</p>	<p>20 MLK Day Hi 12 AP US</p> 	<p>21 </p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Zerubbabel Chapter RA</p>	<p>24 Scottish Rite Dinner</p>	<p>25 Winter Education Seminar (see flyer)</p>
<p>26 </p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28 LB MZ MM° at Crescent Shrine</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p></p>



MASONIC VILLAGE VISITATIONS

Sunday, January 5 — USS New Jersey
 Sunday, January 19 — Lazarus



AP = Audubon-Parkside
 CC = Collingswood-Cloud
 LB = Campana de Libertad

LL = Laurel
 LZ = Lazarus
 MV = Merchantville

MZ = Mozart
 RS = Rising Sun
 US = USSNJ

This Month's 18th District Events

The following pages are intended to promote Masonic events and are offered as a courtesy by the 18th District Light to the event sponsors. The 18th District Light is not responsible for the accuracy of the information, event cancellations, nor for accepting reservations. For information or reservations for an event, please follow the instructions given in the event flyer.

Traveling



It's What We Do



Rising Sun Lodge

MONTHLY

HAPPY HOUR

OPEN TO ALL!

Friday, Jan. 3, 2020

Starts at 5:00 pm

Stay as long as you want!

\$5.00 donation requested

BYO to SHARE encouraged

*Join us to kickoff your Friday night or
stick around to schmooze with Brothers
and Prospective Members!*

For further information or to let us know you're coming:
Jeff Earnhart at jearnha@gmail.com OR (856) 834-6854

MOZART LODGE

#121 F&AM

PRESENTS

YASSER AL-KHATIB

AN EVENING OF LIGHT



Freemasonry: A School of
Leadership

January 7th 2019 @ 7:30pm

Audubon Temple

305 East Atlantic Avenue

Audubon, New Jersey 08106

RSVP WM Michael I. Mattes for Dinner Reservations @ (856) 516-2061



Masonic Village

Carefree living and quality care is available right in your backyard. Join us to learn more.



Linda Andress, director of marketing and sales for Masonic Village at Burlington, and **Jerry Gallagher**, vice president of sales and marketing for Masonic Villages of Pennsylvania, will give a presentation on retirement living rentals and cottages at Masonic Village at Burlington.

DATE: Jan. 9, 2020

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Rising Sun Lodge No. 15

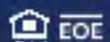
All members of the 18th Masonic District are invited!



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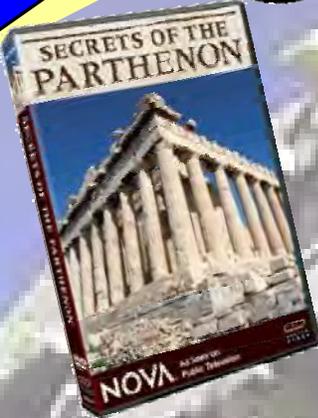
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Open to serve. Open to all.



SECRETS OF THE PARTHENON

**Dinner & DVD
Series**



Thursday, Jan. 16
Haddonfield Masonic Temple

6:30 pm — Dinner (byob)

7:00 pm — DVD

8:00 pm — Discussion

Erected by the ancient Greeks as a temple to Athena, the Parthenon has served as a church, a fortress, an ammunition dump, and the model for countless banks, courthouses and museums across the world. It has been shot at, exploded, set on fire, rocked by earthquakes, looted for its magnificent sculptures, and subjected to restorations that have been termed “catastrophic”. Astonishingly, the question of how the Parthenon was built originally was largely ignored for centuries. At long last, scholars have been able to probe the enigmas of its planning and construction. Join us for the story of the official \$10 billion restoration by the Greek government. Accompany a team of architects and engineers as they investigate the many mysteries of this icon of Western civilization. Learn how the ancient Greeks designed and built this masterpiece so quickly and how they achieved such precision and perfection without modern tools and architectural aids.

A Joint Project of Collingswood-Cloud Lodge No. 101 and Rising Sun Lodge No. 15
Curated for 2020 by WB Don Elfreth

MOST WORSHIPFUL GREGORY J. SCOTT GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AND THE GRAND LODGE EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENT:

WINTER EDUCATION SEMINAR

SATURDAY ★ JANUARY 25 ★ 2020

GUEST SPEAKERS



W.B. Adam Kendall

Editor of *The Plumline*, the quarterly bulletin of the Scottish Rite Research Society.

A Historian by profession, W.B. Kendall was recently featured on the newest documentary available on Amazon Prime entitled "Illuminated: The True Story of the Illuminati".

TOPIC: Secret Chiefs And Strange Bedfellows: Freemasonry And Its Role In Conspiracy And Pop-Culture.

Grand Lodge of California

Admission
is free!



R.W. Ryan Flynn

District Deputy Grand Education Officer for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

TOPIC: The Forgotten Bond: The Fine Arts And Freemasonry

Grand Lodge of New Hampshire



Ill. Yasser AlKhatib, 33°, MSA, HGA Chairman, Hauts Grades Academy, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

Master Masonic Scholar and Committee member of Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge.

TOPIC: Three Distinct Dots

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Admission
is free!

Fun Masonic Trivia by R.W. Barry Gould

OPEN TO ALL ENTERED APPRENTICES AND HIGHER

8:00AM Breakfast & Registration ★ 9:00AM – 12:30PM Seminar ★ Dress Code Business Casual

Location ★ Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, New Jersey

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. RSVP BY 1/17/20

Questions? Contact R.W. Mohamad Yatim, G.E. at 484-995-3337 or mayatim@hotmail.com



Looking Forward



Upcoming Events



The Grand Lodge
of
NEW JERSEY

**Emergent Communication
of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey
February 4, 2020**

Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM.
1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington

Masters & Wardens Attire:
Jacket & Tie, Apron & Jewel
Past Masters Should Bring Your Own Apron

All legislation that has been reviewed and approved by
the Constitution & Law Committee
as well as the Jurisprudence Committee
can be presented and voted upon.

**Deadline to propose any legislation is
December 31st.**

You Must Bring Your 2020 Dues Card to Vote
Only 2020 Lodge Masters & Wardens
and Past Masters May Vote

*ATHENE CHAPTER #201
Order of the Eastern Star*

*Cordially Invites
Our Fraternal Brothers
To attend our*

Master Mason Night

On Friday, February 7, 2020

At 7:30 PM

*Merchantville Masonic Temple
6926 Park Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08109*

*Sister Krissie Cain
Worthy Matron*

*Brother Frederick Martin, Jr
Worthy Patron*

*Sister Bobbie Bechtel
Associate Matron*

*For more information please contact
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**ATHENE CHAPTER #201 OES
ANNUAL "HOBBY THEME" TEA**



*Saturday, February 22, 2020
1:00 PM*



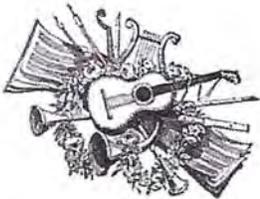
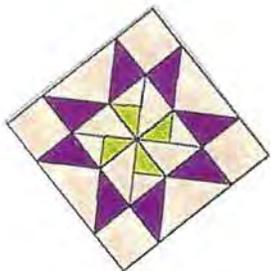
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Entertainment Provided

*Cost: \$20.00 adults
\$10.00 children*

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Krissie Cain 856-663-2616
Linda Gentert 856-952-9319*





Let's Play



BINGO

18th Masonic District

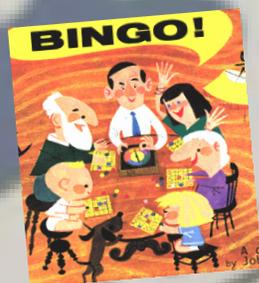
Masters & Wardens Association



BINGO NIGHT!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29th



6:00 PM

Merchantville Lodge

6926 Park Ave., Merchantville

LET'S PARTY!

\$25 includes dinner, refreshments, & bingo board

(BYOB; to reserve a table call Michael Matter @ (856)-516-2061)



Food, Fun, Prizes

Proceeds to benefit activities of the 18th Masonic District



*ATHENE CHAPTER #201 OES
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
Corn beef & Cabbage or Ham*

*Tuesday March 17, 2020
6:00 - 8:00 PM*

*Merchantville Masonic Temple
6926 Park Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08109*

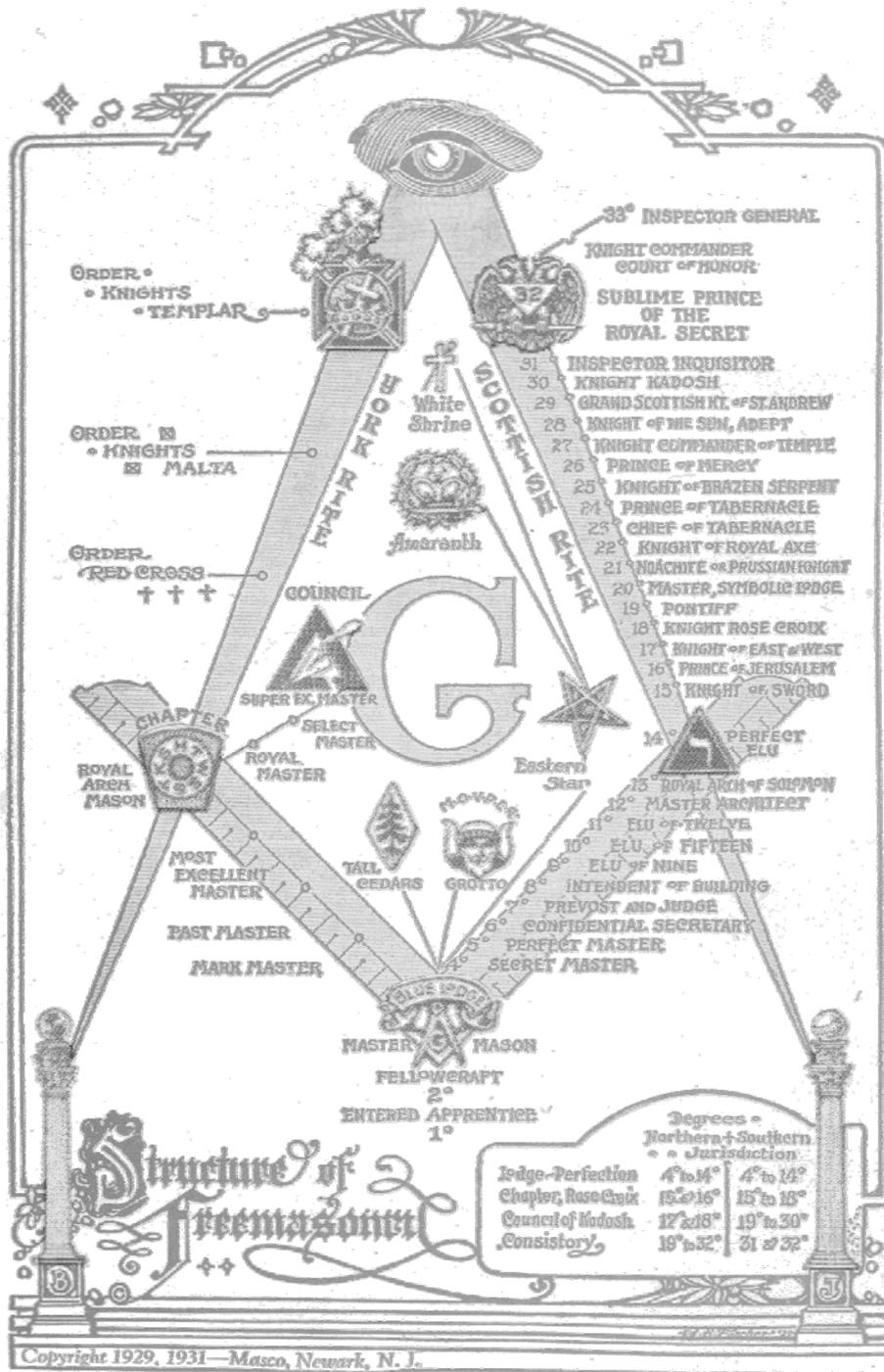


*Cost: \$15.00 Adults
\$7.00 Children
Entertainment Provided*

*RSVP by 3/11/2020
Bobbie Bechtel
609-504-6055
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902 Jacksonville Road

Burlington, NJ 08016-3896

(609) 589-4032

Completed applications must be postmarked by February 21, 2020.

**The applicant must be the child, step-child, grandchild or step-grandchild of a living or deceased Master Mason in good standing in a Masonic Lodge of the Grand Lodge of NJ.*

Chairman of the Board Scholarship **\$10,000**

(\$2,500 per year for 4 years)

For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major

GPA: B or 3.0 | SAT: 1290 | ACT: 27

Must be relative of NJ Mason* | (3) Available

Taylor Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)

For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major

GPA: B or 3.0 | SAT: 1090 | ACT: 21

Must be relative of NJ Mason* | (2) Available

Must perform 30 hours of community service each summer prior to fall semester

Patterson Engineering Scholarship **\$16,000**

(\$4,000 per year for 4 years)

For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Engineering

GPA: C+ or 2.5 over last 2 years | SAT: 930 | ACT: 17

Relative of NJ Mason preferred*, not required | (2) Available

Emphasis on teacher recommendation and student's statement

Culver DeMolay Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)

For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major

GPA: B or 3.0 over last 2 years | SAT: 1090 | ACT: 21

Active DeMolay preferred | (3) Available

Serewitch DeMolay Scholarship **\$20,000**

(\$5,000 per year for 4 years)

For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major

GPA: C+ or 2.2 over last 2 years | SAT: 960 | ACT: 18

Active DeMolay required | (1) Available

Emphasis on teacher recommendation and student's statement

Asbury Jordan Lodge Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)

For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major

GPA: B or 3.0 over last 2 years | SAT: 1030 | ACT: 20

Relative of NJ Mason preferred*, not required | (1) Available

Scholarship in honor of Christian Mogensen and John D. Post

William Mayer Memorial Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$2,000 per year for 2 years)

For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major

GPA: C or 2.0 over last 2 years | SAT: N/A

Must be relative of NJ Mason* | (2) Available

Scholarship for an Associate's Degree | Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of NJ

William Mayer Memorial Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$2,000 per year for 2 years)

For 4-Year College Student

GPA: C or 2.0 over last 2 years | SAT: N/A

Must be relative of NJ Mason* | (2) Available

Scholarship for a Graduate Degree | Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of NJ

Sol & Reba Serewitch Scholarship **\$5,000**

(\$5,000 for 1 year)

For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major

GPA: C+ or 2.2 over last 2 years | SAT: 960 | ACT: 18

Must be relative of NJ Mason* | (1) Available

Burk-Townley Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)

For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major

GPA: B or 3.0 | SAT: 1290 | ACT: 27

Must be relative of NJ Mason* | (1) Available

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Entertainment

Puzzle Pages



Masonic Miscellanea

- 1. What Lodge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, formed before the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was established, was allowed to join the Grand Lodge with the understanding that it would continue to work in the German language, following the ritual of an early French Rite?**
- 2. What famous Mason passed away only eight days after John Lennon was murdered on December 8, 1980?**
- 3. In Masonry, what does the designation K.Y.C.H. stand for?**
- 4. Who was the first “Royal” Freemason?**
- 5. What Lodge once occupied a lodge room that was bisected by the border between Canada and the United States?**
- 6. What famous Brother of Hiram Lodge No. 10, in Washington, D.C., raised in 1881, had been appointed band leader of the United States Marine Band in 1880?**
- 7. What unique event took place in the chamber of the U.S. Senate on March 9, 1822?**

Masonic Cryptoquote

R E S J N D H S T J P X U P T H V

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Puzzle Solutions

MASONIC MISCELLANIA

1. Aurora Lodge No. 30.
2. Bro. Harland Sanders—the real Colonel Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame, passed away on December 16, 1980.
3. Knight of the York Cross of Honor.
4. Francis Stephens, Duke of Lorraine, 1731, who became Francis I, Holy Roman Emperor through his marriage to Maria Theresa.
5. Golden Rule Lodge No. 5, Stanstead, Canada.
6. John Philip Sousa.
7. A national Masonic conference was held to discuss the formation of a national lodge for members of congress in Washington, D.C. who were not able to attend their home lodges—the idea was voted down.

MASONIC CRYPTOQUOTE



—THEODORE ROOSEVELT
ENTHUSIASTIC.
THAT HE IS HELPFUL IS
A BROTHER CONVINCED