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18th District Light

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FROM THE EDITOR

Brethren,

It's going to be a most unusual October, for several reasons. For one thing, we are still in the grips of the Covid-19 pandemic, causing many of our Masonic meetings and functions to be cancelled or moved to video platforms, such as Zoom. Both our daily and Masonic lives are far from returning to the old normal, but we are doing what we can, where and when we can, to keep our fraternity strong.

For another thing, more and more Americans will no longer recognize Columbus Day this October. That is because as a nation we live in one of the most divisive and contentious times in our country's history. Consequently, on the heels of October, we will face one of the most contentious presidential elections we've ever had. There are even some who believe that the divisions in our country have pushed us dangerously close to civil war! For most of us — certainly those of us who grew up and lived in a very different America — that concept is unthinkable. As Masons we supposedly believe in the spirit of "*who best can work and best agree*," in the universal brotherhood of man "*as one family, who, created by on Almighty Parent, should aid, support and protect one another*." I submit then, that as Masons we should feel morally compelled to seek through this election a means to heal the divisiveness in our nation and bring us back together as one people.

Finally, for a third thing, this October will conclude with a most unusual "triple-threat" Halloween. Saturday, October 31st is not just Halloween, it is also the night of the full moon *and* the night we set our clocks back to end Daylight Savings Time.

Yes, it is a most unusual October; a most unusual time in all respects. May we all look forward with hope to a future of unity, peace, and happiness.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN,

Dave

Claims that cannot be tested, assertions immune to disproof are veridically worthless, whatever value they may have in inspiring us or in exciting our sense of wonder.

— Carl Sagan



LANGUAGE & RHETORIC: HAVING AN EFFECT

by WB David A. Frankel, Rising Sun Lodge No. 15, 18th District Light Editor
adapted in part from *Special Effects* by Orin Hargraves at *Visual Thesaurus*,
September 2, 2020; <https://www.visualthesaurus.com>

We live in an age where people seem increasingly affected by language and word choice. What we might call the “political-correctness effect” — the relevance of that word choice will become clearer below — has made people more sensitive than ever to words that were once tolerated, despite being allegedly charged with certain negative implications, or even to words that were once regarded as totally neutral and innocent. Personally, I’ve been using the language for about 70 years, and it irritates me no end when someone comes along and decides they can take a word that has been perfectly acceptable in polite conversation for most of my life and arbitrarily turn it into a negative epithet. Suddenly we are no longer allowed to use the word under penalty of being labeled politically incorrect or something worse.

In his latest article at *Visual Thesauraus*, Orin Hargrave notes that Linguists and others interested in analyzing public discourse are enjoying a golden age, thanks to advances in computerized text analysis that make it nearly effortless “to capture things that people say and write, and convert them to a form that can be parsed, tagged, and indexed.” Inspired by this, Hargraves focuses on the fondness of media pundits to address the public’s hunger to understand cause and effect by coining new language in the form “the _____ effect,” and analyzes the frequency with which such phrases are used.

Noting that Wikipedia has more than 1,900 articles with *effect* in the title, Hargraves hones in on those that occur most frequently in print and presents the following two lists of the top sixes, “in descending order of salience: one for simplex nouns, one for hyphenated words:”

the greenhouse effect	the long-term effect
the side effect	the knock-on effect
the placebo effect	the trickle-down effect
the multiplier effect	the yo-yo effect
the domino effect	the Dunning-Kruger effect
the ripple effect	the short-term effect

Two-thirds of these terms, Hargraves tells us, are popularly coined phrases. Only four of them (greenhouse, placebo, multiplier, and Dunning-Kruger) arise from phenomena observed in science or scholarship.

Hargraves observes: “Most terms in the group of eight popular coinages depend on image schemas, a kind of metaphor that enables us to easily connect an abstract phenomenon to a

visual representation of it. To illustrate: we come to an understanding of *trickle down* by visualizing the way gravity naturally pulls a liquid downward and around things that may be in its path; we get *domino effect* and *ripple effect* by having observed dominos falling and ripples propagating outwards from a disturbance. This is consistent with a widely respected view that metaphors are ‘central to the task of accounting for our perspectives on the world: how we think about things, make sense of reality, and set the problems we later try to solve’.”

Of the four scientific terms that have become mainstream, two of them, *greenhouse effect* and *placebo effect*, have done so no doubt because they relate to critical issues in our world in climate and medical science, respectively. The *multiplier effect* seems to have become popular because of the ease with which politicians can mislead those who don’t really understand its meaning in economics.

Which brings us nicely to the term of greatest interest to this author, the *Dunning-Kruger Effect*. As Hargraves notes, it is somewhat surprising that the D-K effect has risen to such prominence because it arises from research first published in 1999 and confirmed many times since. Put somewhat politely, “People are typically overly optimistic when evaluating the quality of their performance on social and intellectual tasks. In particular, poor performers grossly overestimate their performances.” Put more bluntly: the worse you are at something, the greater the gap between how good you think you are and reality. A brief look at the graph of the D-K Effect at right shows that those with the least experience tend to have the most confidence in their understanding. When applied to understanding language, for example, those perhaps with the smallest comprehensional toolset, tend to think they understand perfectly.



This has put a powerful rhetorical weapon in the hands of the unscrupulous, magnified by the ability of electronic media and the internet to spread misinformation across the globe with impunity. One of the reasons we are so polarized as a society today appears to be because those with the least ability to find truth, have convinced themselves that they truly understand the truth — only it is a truth that has been defined for them by those who have discovered the value of rhetorically appealing to one extreme or the other.

The majority of people, who no doubt fall somewhere in the middle of the D-K Effect graph illustrated above, hearing the two extremes hammered at them incessantly and mercilessly, are left with the least amount of confidence in knowing what is true.

Before I illustrate one of my favorite examples of this phenomenon, let me state unequivocally that I do not use it to elevate one political side over another. Despite the fact that it is a valid example of the thesis herein, I will be immediately accused by some of taking political sides, which frankly will only demonstrate the Dunning-Kruger Effect in operation. I will say again, I use this example because it perfectly illustrates the ways in which unscrupulous rhetoric and the D-K Effect have been used to divide us as a people. You can find such examples on both sides of any divisive issue.

I necessarily begin the example by providing a definition of the word Socialism, which is: a political and economic theory of social organization which advocates that **the means of production, distribution, and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole** (emphasis added). It should be immediately evident that in a capitalistic society such as ours, where the private ownership of capital and the means of production, distribution, and exchange are the very foundation of our system, that there is very little in our society that can properly be called “socialism.” Unemployment compensation is not socialism. Social security is not socialism. Welfare is not socialism. These are social programs sometimes necessitated in our society to prevent the social fabric from completely breaking down.

However, since World War II and the ensuing “cold war,” Americans have been educated (or more precisely mis-educated) to be afraid of the word socialism because of its underlying relationship to Communism. So when unscrupulous rhetoricians want to scare the electorate, they simply keep calling something “socialism,” though the term be unrelated to the underlying political reality. The quote from no less prominent a Mason than MW Harry S. Truman presented in the sidebar at right, makes the point better than I.

As Masons, it is incumbent upon us to understand that the very essence of “rhetoric” is to be “persuasive and commanding,” to be “pleasing to the fancy,” to appeal to “the heart,” all of which is a nice way of admitting that it aims to manipulate people.

None of us wants to exemplify the wrong end of the D-K Effect curve. The first step in avoiding that, is recognizing our own vulnerability — putting aside personal preconceptions, looking through the rhetoric, and seeking actual truth. It isn’t always easy, but as Masons we should demand it of ourselves. 

Harry S. Truman
October 10, 1952

Socialism is a scare-word they have hurled at every advance the people have made in the last 20 years. Socialism is what they called public power. Socialism is what they called Social Security. Socialism is what they called farm price supports. Socialism is what they called bank deposit insurance. Socialism is what they called the growth of free and independent labor organizations. Socialism is their name for almost anything that helps all the people.

LOCAL CRAFT BREWERIES—PART II

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

Last month we covered five craft breweries in the heart of the 18th District — one each in Haddonfield, Haddon Heights, Oaklyn, Collingswood, and Audubon. This month we'll move a little farther afield, starting off with ...

Flying Fish Brewing Co. — 900 Kennedy Blvd., Somerdale



Hill and known primarily for brewing Exit 4 American Trippel. It's been quite a few years, actually, and they have long since relocated to Somerdale and greatly broadened their product line. They now brew eight or more varieties year-round, half a dozen seasonals, and an array of specials. Their tasting room offers a broad selection and frequent special events and, if you're lucky, you may even get to meet the New Jersey Pork Roll Queen while you're there! Learn more about them at <https://www.flyingfish.com/>.

Eight & Sand Beer Co. — 1003 N. Evergreen Ave., Woodbury



Founded by several South Jersey buddies, Eight & Sand Beer Co. brews old European style beers crafted with new American ingredients. The name comes from an old railroader expression, "8 & sand," which was used to wish train crews a quick and safe journey — the 8 representing what was once the highest locomotive throttle setting, and the sand from the sand that was spread on rails to prevent driver-wheel slippage — and honors Woodbury history as one of the oldest rail hubs in New Jersey. The Eight & Sand tasting room features 20 rotating taps to provide a different experience for each visit, and their outdoor beer garden is within earshot of the trains that still occasionally pass through. You can visit their website at <https://www.eightsandbeer.com/>.

Spellbound Brewing — 10 Lippincott Lane, Suite 12, Mount Holly



Spellbound is the passion of three self-described "beer geek homebrewers" who collectively share 50 years of brewing experience. Their year round core brands are: IPA, Porter, their award winning Porter aged on Palo Santo Wood, Cherry Belgian Tripel, Peach IPA, and Pale Ale. Their tap room has indoor and outdoor seating (subject to Covid-19 restrictions, of course) and typically has sixteen or more beers on tap. The September 5th array included Pumpkin Ale aged in Bourbon Barrels, Major Nelson IPA, Spellbound Pilsner, Bourbon



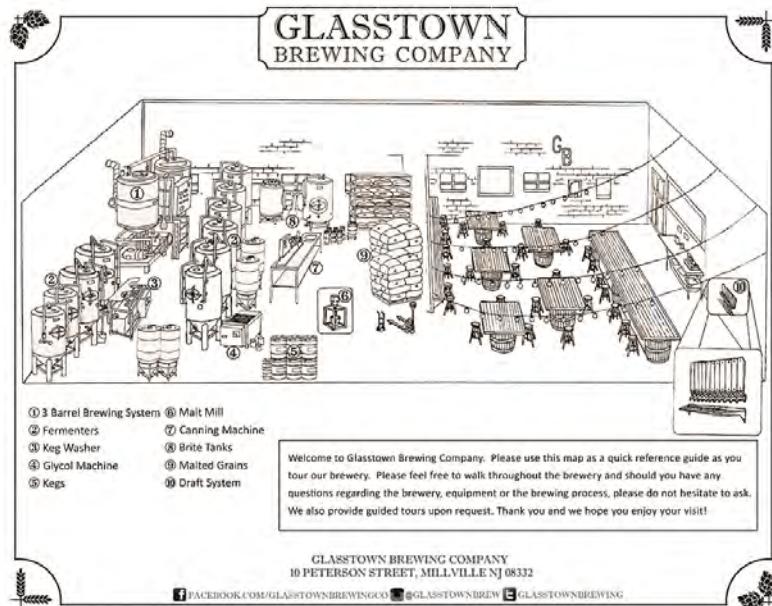
Bros. Mark Friedrich and Dave Frankel of Rising Sun Lodge meet the New Jersey Pork Roll Queen at Flying Fish!

Barrel Cherry Belgian Tripel, Vices Coffee Porter, and South Jersey Style Double IPA, among others. Find out more at <https://www.spellboundbrewing.com/>.

Glasstown Brewing Co. — 10 Peterson St., Millville



Glasstown Brewing Company opened on December 20, 2013, founded by an environmental consultant looking for a job that would be fun and exciting. After years of home brewing the choice was obvious — BEER! The name honors the rich history of Millville, once the glass-making center for the country, and the brewery is located at Millville Airport within the Army Airfield Historic District, where WWII pilots were trained to fly P-47 Thunderbolts. The tasting room offers upwards of a dozen selections. Glasstown's portfolio includes among others, 856 Double IPA, Old 47 El Dorado Pale Ale, Maurice River Bourbon Brown, Fortescue Fisherman's Ale, and my personal favorite, The Big Breakfast, a full bodied 6.8% ABV Maple Coffee Porter that reminds you of “a big stack of pancakes smothered in maple syrup and a giant mug of coffee.” Their website is <http://www.glasstownbrewery.com/>.



Referend Bier Blendery — 1595 Reed Rd. #2, Pennington



The Referend Bier Blendery describes its process as “*the neglected art of waiting, of letting nature run its course, to produce a beer of depth and character inimitable through technological shortcuts or chemical interference.*” Their beers are 100% spontaneously fermented, with no yeast cultures added at any point in the process. They are fermented and matured in neutral oak barrels, which imparts little or no flavor to the beer, and allows it to breathe. The beers are unfiltered, unpasteurized, and unsweetened in order to create bottled beer capable of decades of aging. Referend products are unique and complex, perhaps so much as to defy listing and description here, and they are bottled in dated batches. I highly recommend a visit to their website at <https://www.thereferend.com/home>.

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Also worth your consideration: **Kane Brewing Co.** in Ocean Twp.; **Pinelands Brewing Co.** in Little Egg Harbor; **Cape May Brewing Co.** in Rio Grande; **Carton Brewing** in Atlantic Highlands, **Montclair Brewery**, in Montclair; and **Brix City Brewing** in Little Ferry. All offer easily-locatable websites for further information. Enjoy! 🍺

ONCE UPON A TIME

by WB David A. Frankel, 18th District Light Editor
 inspired by a photo submitted by Bro. Alvin Burger, Rising Sun Lodge No. 15

The Highland Theatre, located at 305 E. Atlantic Avenue in Audubon, was opened some time prior to 1921. At that time the neighborhood was known as the Haddon Highlands, from which the theater got its name. It had 723 seats. In 1923, a Moller pipe organ was installed. It was built next to Schnitzler's Hall, also known as the Audubon Opera House. By 1938, the theater sported a new marquee and was renamed the New Highland Theatre. It closed in the mid-1950's and, as all

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District Masons know, the building was then converted into Audubon Masonic Temple.

Audubon Temple has always held a special spot in this editor's heart. My family moved from northeast Philly to Haddon Township in 1950, living not far from where Pine Street ends at Hopkins Road, the border between the Township and Audubon. Straight up Pine Street, of course was where the theater/temple was located at the intersection of Pine and E. Atlantic. My father, RW Alvin H. Frankel, (deceased), was a member of Henry S. Haines Lodge No.

253 (one of the predecessors of Rising Sun

Lodge No. 15), which met at Audubon Temple from the time I was barely old enough to start learning about dad's Masonic activities until it moved to Haddonfield Temple in the 1990s. He served as Worshipful Master there in 1960 and, of course, it is the temple in which I was raised in 1973. 

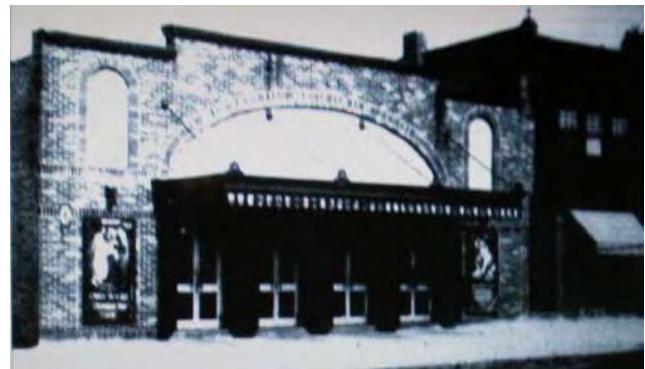


The new marquee

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Audubon Masonic Temple today



The original marquee in 1922



Advertising on wheels

LOGE UND ALTAR

derived from *New Openings to Make Masonic Membership Permissible?* By Robert Moynihan at:
<https://insidethevatican.com/magazine/new-openings-to-make-masonic-membership-permissible>
 and other materials at: <http://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/2020/02/new-book-by-austrian-priest-urges.html>

The issue within the Roman Catholic Church regarding whether current Canon Law forbids membership in the Masonic fraternity is not settled, by any means. But, the increasing number of Catholic clergy and laymen who are proud members of the fraternity throughout the world is lending support to new movements within the Church to turn a blind eye to, if not outright accept, Freemasons within its ranks.

As recently as 2013, a French priest was removed from office and stripped of his public ministry for refusing to resign from Freemasonry. In February of this year, apparently with little fear of retaliation, an Austrian priest and Vatican official held a press conference to launch his new book, *Loge und Altar*, which argues for the compatibility of “regular” (British-recognized) Freemasonry and the Catholic faith.

In a current article published in *Inside the Vatican, August-September 2020*, Robert Moynihan describes the event as “one of many such recent, emerging efforts from Europe to Australia to “normalize” Masonic membership in the Church. “Although Pope Francis is no admirer of the Freemasons,” says Moynihan, “it appears action is no longer being taken to discipline priests and prominent laymen who are known Masons, or bar them from Holy Communion.

Loge und Altar: Über die Aussöhnung von Katholischer Kirche und regulärer Freimaurerei (*Lodge and Altar: On the Reconciliation of the Catholic Church and Regular Freemasonry*) is written by Father Michael Heinrich Weninger, a member of the Pontifical Council for Inter-



Austrian Grand Master and committed Catholic Georg Semler welcomed Weninger's book at its presentation in Vienna

religious Dialogue. He announced the book at a press conference in Vienna, accompanied by Grand Master Georg Semler of the Grand Lodge of Austria AF&AM on the dais.

Weninger's book is based on his 2019 doctoral dissertation completed at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained as a priest in 2011. 

18TH DISTRICT LODGE COMMUNICATIONS

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

MASONIC HOME VISITATIONS

SUNDAY

January 5
January 19
February 2
February 9
February 16

February 23
March 1
March 15
March 29
April 12
April 19
April 26
May 3
May 17
May 31
June 21
June 28
July 5
July 12
July 26
August 9
August 30
September 6
September 13
September 20
October 4
October 18
November 1
November 8

November 15
November 22
December 6

LODGE

USS New Jersey
Lazarus
Collingswood-Cloud
Laurel
Audubon-Parkside, Campana
de Libertad & Merchantville
Mozart
Rising Sun
USS New Jersey
Lazarus
Collingswood-Cloud & Laurel
Campana de Libertad & Merchantville
Audubon-Parkside & Mozart
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Campana de Libertad & Merchantville
Audubon-Parkside & Mozart
Rising Sun
USS New Jersey
Lazarus
Collingswood-Cloud & Laurel
Campana de Libertad, Collingswood-
Cloud & Merchantville
Mozart
Audubon-Parkside & Rising Sun
USS New Jersey

Suspended

2020 DLI/GLI Schedule

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

Wednesday

January 8

February 12

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 11
(Thursday)

September 9

Tentative

October 14

November 11

Lodge/Location

Audubon-Parkside No. 218
(@ Audubon Temple)

Collingswood-Cloud No. 101
(@ Audubon Temple)

Laurel No. 237
(@ Laurel Temple)

Lazarus No. 303
(@ Haddonfield Temple)

Mozart No. 121
(@ Audubon Temple)

GLI @ Beverly-Riverside #107
(621 S. Chester Ave., Beverly, NJ 08075)

Rising Sun No. 15
(@ Haddonfield Temple)

USS New Jersey No. 62
(@ Merchantville Temple)

Qualification Teams
(@ Merchantville Temple)



October 2020



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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BLUE — District Blue Lodges BLACK — District/GL matters RED — Special Events & Holidays VIOLET — Appendant Bodies					LL	
4	5 LZ	6 MZ Crusade Commandery (tentative)	7 RS	8	9 MV	10
11	12 Van Hook Council (tentative)	13 CC GL Candi- dates Night (via ZOOM)	14 M&W 6:45pm DLI @US 7:30pm or via ZOOM?	15	16 LL MV	17 9am-2pm BLOOD DRIVE
18	19 AP (Speaker) US	20	21	22 Zerubbabel	23 Scottish Rite Dinner	24
25 	26	27 LB	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween FULL MOON & Clocks "Fall Back"



MASONIC VILLAGE VISITATIONS **Suspended**

Sunday, October — USS New Jersey

Sunday, October — 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

First Friday

HAPPY HOUR

Oct 2nd 2020

Starts at 5pm

Stay as long as you want!

Donations Accepted
BYO to SHARE encouraged



**SUSPENDED PENDING
PANDEMIC DEVELOPMENTS.
WE HOPE TO BE BACK SOON!**

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

Mozart Lodge #121

presents on Zoom

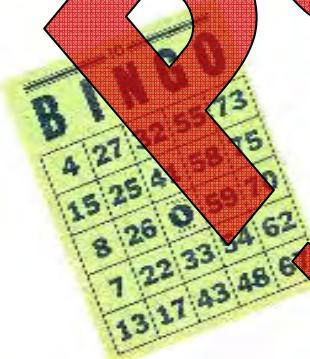


Saturday October 10, 2020 | 7pm

\$25 for admission & game packet

\$5 for each additional game packet

\$1 per \$10 / 50 ticket



10 Games | Giveaways

50 Raffle | Entertainment

contact Keith for more info...

Mozart121.Bingo@gmail.com



POSTPONED
New date to be determined



American Red Cross



**Find out
about the
Red Cross
Covid-19
Safety
Protocols**

rcblood.org/3bFdfPZ

18TH MASONIC DISTRICT OF NJ BLOOD DRIVE

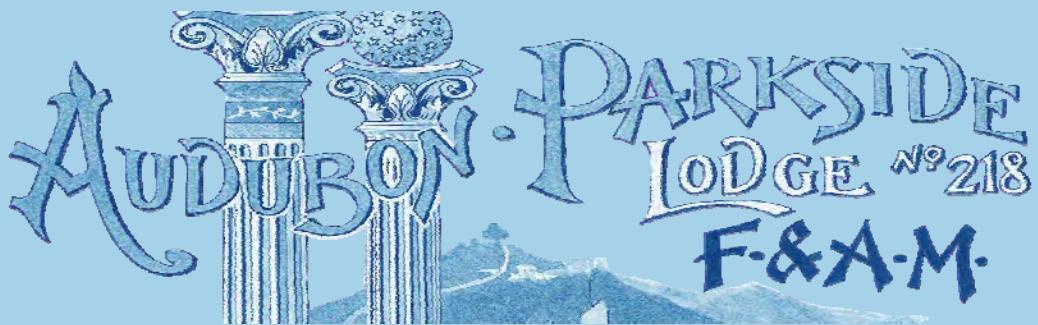
Make your appointment at:
redcrossblood.org
Use Sponsor Code: 18th Masonic

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
9 AM TO 2 PM**

Save time on the day of the donation
& visit redcrossblood.org/rapidpass

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS



Regular Communication

Monday, October 19, 2020

Our Speaker for the Evening

Brother Mike Perry

Junior Deacon of Mantua Lodge No. 95

Program Director

Garden State Council, BSA

will speak on the

**Masonic Origins of
the Order of the Arrow**

The movements of Scouting and Freemasonry have been aligned for the entire history of Scouting. Every American founder of the BSA was also a Freemason! Scouting's Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow is no different. There are intriguing stories from the earliest days of the Order of the Arrow to today that will forever link it with Freemasonry.

We look forward to seeing you!

ATTENDANCE may be limited by pandemic restrictions. Please contact Secretary Gregory DellaPia at secdellapia@gmail.com or 609-330-5440 for more information.

Looking Forward



Upcoming Events

Look for us in 2021

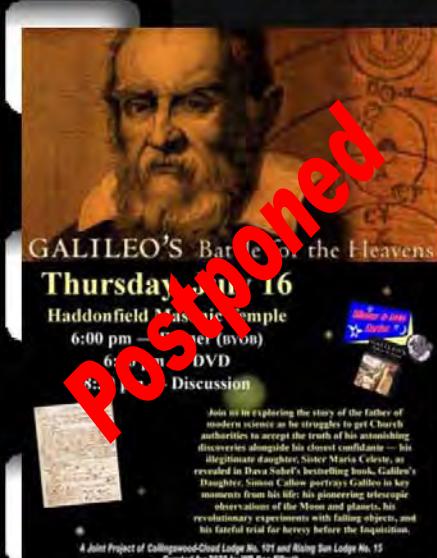
A Joint Presentation of Rising Sun
and Collingswood-Cloud Lodges



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Light
For
details!



MARCH



MAY

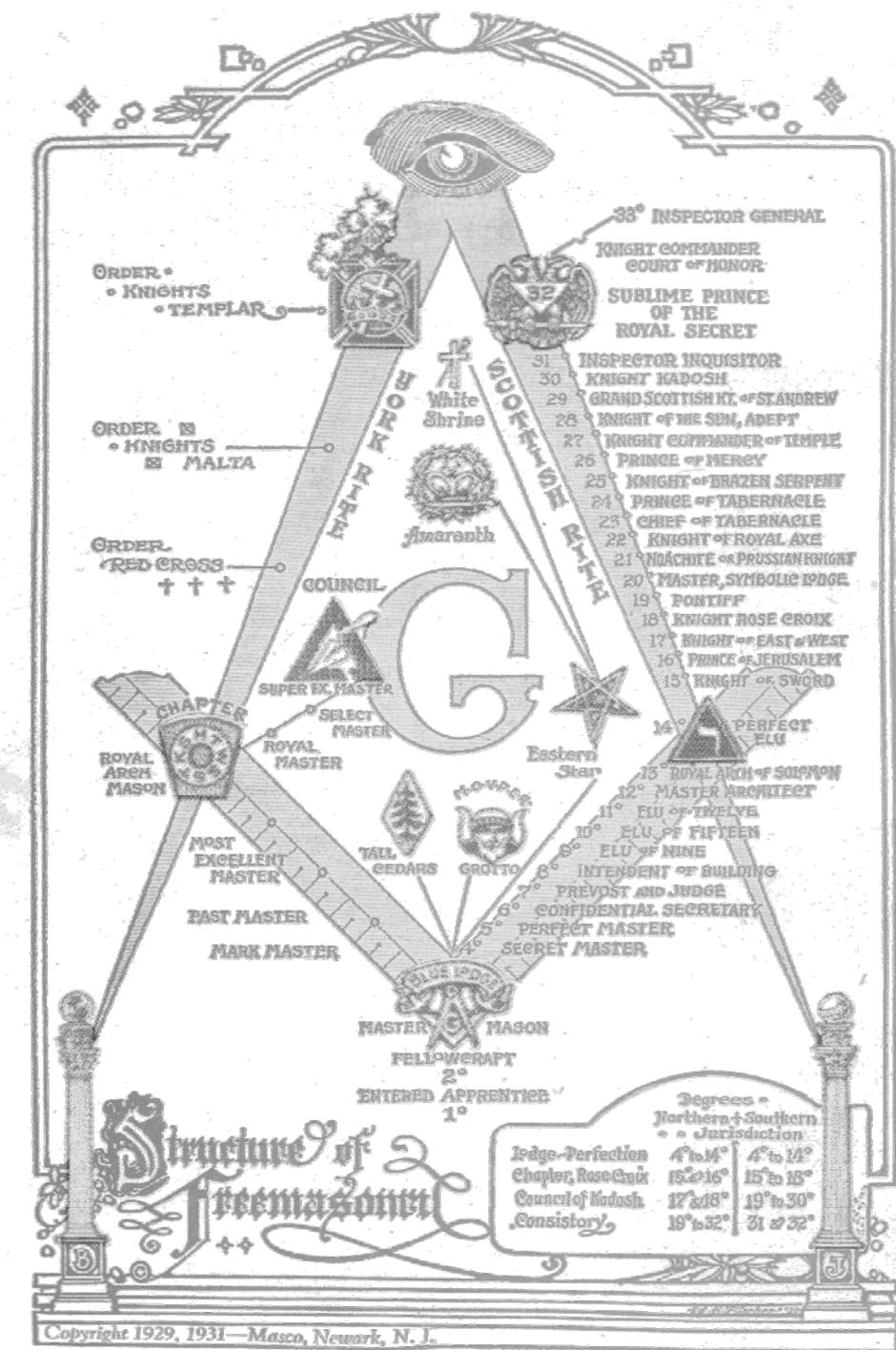


JULY

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

G.L. and Appendant Bodies



The Grand Lodge



Most Ancient and Honorable Society
of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey

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August 31, 2020

To: All Brother Masons

Subject: Official Candidates Nights 2020

Due to the limitations and restrictions we are all enduring with COVID-19 pandemic, and Governor Murphy's Executive Orders, M.W. Gregory J. Scott has made the following additions for the 2020 Candidates Nights:

Central Jersey Past Masters Association will conduct a Candidates Night on September 30th, 2020 from 5:00-9:00 PM at Philo Lodge No. 243, 120 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ, to be held in the outside Pavilion. The cost is \$10.00 including a meal. Reservations are necessary through R.W. David Weiss 732-254-6017 or <https://cnj-candidates-night.square.site/> Limted capacity, no walk ins, reserve now.

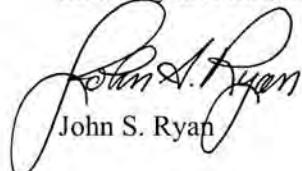
North Jersey Past Masters Association will conduct a Candidates Night on October 6th, 2020, from 5:00-9:00 PM at Seasons Catering, 644 Pascack Road, Township of Washington, NJ, to be held outside under an event tent. The cost is \$50.00 including a meal. Capacity is limited to the first 220 attendees and no walk ins. Reservations are necessary through R.W. Jose Figueroa 201-693-5955, or hose4360@hotmail.com. Reserve now.

Your support for these organizations and the candidates will be greatly appreciated.

The official Grand Lodge Candidates Night will be held on October 13, 2020, as a ZOOM Candidates Night. The event will be conducted from the Library at the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple from 7:00PM to 9:00PM, with only the candidates that are running opposed.

Rules and regulations that have been in force with the in-person candidates nights will be used during the ZOOM Candidates Night. Complete details on the ZOOM candidates night will be released shortly.

Sincerely and fraternally,



John S. Ryan

The Grand Lodge



Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey

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To: All Brother Masons

Subject: 2020 Annual Communication

What we have had to endure over the past seven months could not have been predicted and has dramatically altered almost all areas of our standard of living. Changes in Masonry were no exception with no lodge meetings, receptions, and the postponement of our Annual Communication.

During this period, Bally's Casino was purchased by another casino company and Grand Lodge initiated exploratory discussion with Caesars Hotel and Casino. Due to our Governor's Executive Order and timing, we cannot have our Annual Communication at Caesars this year, although we are planning for 2021 and 2022.

On November 9, 2020, we will hold the 2020 Annual Communication at Fellowship Hall, Masonic Village, Burlington, NJ. This will be a modified version of our regular Annual Communication and limited to one day. We have open Online Voting for all voting members, and will pre-register all elected lodge officers automatically if they have not done so already. We encourage all voting members to register for online voting, but on Monday morning from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM, the capability to vote in person at Fellowship Hall will be available. The Grand Master will open Grand Lodge on Sunday morning for the purpose of allowing online voting to commence from 9:00 AM Sunday through 11:00 AM Monday.

The Annual Communication program will be modified and limited to essential business and specific reports. There will be voting by Red and Green cards on the new budget. The results of all candidate elections will be announced at the end of the Communication. Complete details will be forthcoming.

There will be an installation ceremony following the Annual Communication. Specific information will be provided in advance.

The Grand Lodge office will be providing additional information on the Annual Communication over the next month.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Ryan".

John S. Ryan

Registration Procedure for Electronic Balloting

Deadline Monday, October 26th

Due to capacity restrictions for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge this year (2020), the Grand Master has modified the rules pertaining to off-site voting. Per C&L, Past Masters (PM) may cast their ballots for elected Grand Lodge offices (Title 3, Article IV, Section 2, Part 1) using an Internet connection. This year only, Worshipful Masters and Wardens will be also be able to cast those votes pertaining to their offices online.

This article will outline the process that Worshipful Masters, Wardens and PM's must follow to vote online using a desktop, tablet or mobile device during the 2020 Annual Communication being held this year at Fellowship Hall on November 8-9.

PAST MASTERS MUST REQUEST AN OFF-SITE BALLOT by PRE-REGISTERING.

You may request an off-site ballot if you are a PM of any lodge in a recognized jurisdiction **and** a member in good standing of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, F&AM.

To pre-register, you must send an email **by 11:59pm Eastern Time, Monday, October 26th, 2020** to GLNJVOTING@GMAIL.COM containing:

- Your full name
- Your email address
- Your Member Number (found on your dues card or through your Lodge Secretary)
- NJ Lodge Name/Number

Once eligibility is verified by the GL office, an email will be sent to you confirming your registration.

MASTERS AND WARDENS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED ONLY FOR THE VOTE PERTAINING TO THEIR OFFICE.

Using their email address in Grandview, Masters and Wardens will be automatically registered for the vote pertaining to their office. Please verify that your email is correct prior to the registration deadline. **NOTE:** If you are also a PM (previous year), you must register for that vote yourself.

Balloting will begin at approximately 11:00am on Sunday, November 8th until sometime between 10:00am and 11:00am Monday, November 9th (all times Eastern). Once balloting starts, you will receive an email with additional information and instructions on how to cast your vote. If you are entitled to two votes, you will receive two emails.

Offsite balloting may be done at ANY TIME while balloting is open in Burlington. Please note that the times for the start and end of off-site voting are variable depending on when the Grand Master starts and stops balloting on-site. Off-site balloting will end at the same time as on-site balloting. **Please do not take a chance and wait until the last minute – vote before 10:00am Monday, November 9th!**

PLEASE NOTE: Limited onsite voting capabilities will be available on site only on Monday, November 9th, and may be limited further by State regulations. **Therefore, please utilize offsite voting facilities!**

Please address all questions regarding this procedure to GLNJVOTING@gmail.com.

Remember, registration for off-site voting will close at 11:59pm Eastern Time on Monday, October 26th, 2020.

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Its easy as 1,2,3!

1. Scan the QR Code below
2. Purchase your "Santa Key" at the special Children's Dyslexia Center rate of \$19.99



3. Use it to schedule your video chat starting November 1st or send it to friends and family as a gift



<https://www.visitwthsanta.com/donateto/cdcnj>

\$8 of every purchase will be donated to the
Children's Dyslexia Centers

Of New Jersey





The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey offers these scholarships to students interested in pursuing higher education.

For complete details about each scholarship's eligibility requirements, or for an application, visit www.njmasonic.org or www.newjerseygrandlodge.org

Completed applications must be postmarked by February 19, 2021.

Chairman of the Board Scholarship \$10,000

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

*For Graduating High School Seniors
in Any Major – 3 Available*

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

Must be relative of NJ Mason*

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

*For Graduating NJ High School Seniors
in Any Major – 2 Available*

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

Must be relative of NJ Mason*

*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 – 2 Available*

GPA: C+ or 2.5** | SAT: 930 | ACT: 17

Relative of NJ Mason preferred*, not required

*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 – 3 Available*

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

Active DeMolay preferred

Serewitch DeMolay Scholarship \$20,000

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

*For Graduating NJ High School Seniors
in Any Major – 1 Available*

GPA: C+ or 2.2** | SAT: 960 | ACT: 18

Active DeMolay required

*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 – 1 Available*

GPA: B or 3.0** | SAT: 1030 | ACT: 20

Relative of NJ Mason preferred*, not required

*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 – 2 Available*

GPA: C or 2.0** | SAT: N/A

Must be relative of NJ Mason*

*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 – 2 Available

GPA: C or 2.0** | SAT: N/A

Must be relative of NJ Mason*

*Scholarship for an 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 – 1 Available*

GPA: C or 2.2** | SAT: 960 | ACT: 18

Must be relative of NJ Mason*

Burk-Townley Scholarship \$4,000

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

*For Graduating High School Seniors
in Any Major – 1 Available*

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

Must be relative of NJ Mason*

Arline Dauthaler & John H. Critchley Scholarship \$4,000

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

*For Graduating High School Seniors
in Engineering or Related Sciences –
1 Available*

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

Unmarried sons or grandsons of NJ Mason*

**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. **Over last two years.*

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All Master Masons are welcome at our meetings!

October 2020

Entertainment Puzzle Pages



THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

1. A man standing on one side of a river calls his dog, who is on the other side. Being an obedient pet, the dog immediately heads straight across the river. There is no bridge or boat, yet the dog still reaches the opposite shore without getting wet. How did he accomplish the feat?

2. A young man turned 15 years old in 1990 — yet — in 1995 he was only 10 years old. How is this possible?

3. In a numerical sequence, each item in the sequence is determined by a relationship, mathematical or otherwise, to the preceding terms. A “finite sequence” is a sequence that terminates, as opposed to an “infinite sequence,” which goes on forever. What is the defining relationship in the following finite sequence?

8 5 4 9 1 7 6 3 2 0

4. A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece — none, to be exact. What kind of timepiece has the most?

5. What five letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters?

6. A naked man goes walking in the rain (don’t worry about why, we’ll get him some help later). When he comes home he is soaking wet from head to toe, yet not a single hair on his head is wet! How is this possible?

7. Paul is an assistant in a butcher shop. He is six feet tall and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?

MASONIC CRYPTOQUOTE



K SGOT GXDGNB BIRRCPUTY
JTGBIPTB GVY RPKVFKRXTB
GVY VCU JTV K SGOT
GFUTY LTGPXTBB GVY
KVYTRTVYTUV GVY K VTOTP
DKXX PTEPTU JN FCIPBT.
— YGON FPCFZTUU

Puzzle Solutions

EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN

1. The river is frozen.
2. He was born in 2005 BC.
3. The digits 0-9 appear in alphabetical order.
4. An hourglass, with thousands of moving grains of sand.
5. Short.
6. The man is bald.
7. Meat.

MASONIC CRYPTOQUOTE

— DAVY CROCKETT
WILL REGRET MY COURSE.
INDEPENDENT AND I NEVER
ACTED FEARLESS AND
AND NOT MEN. I HAVE
MEASURES AND PRINCIPLES
I HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED