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# 18th District Light

Journal of the 18th Masonic District of New Jersey

## LODGES OF THE 18TH DISTRICT

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Campana de Libertad #376  
Collingswood-Cloud #101  
Laurel #237  
Lazarus #303  
Merchantville #119  
Mozart #121  
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USS NJ #62

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## FROM THE EDITOR

**B**rethren,

Never let the words, “we go dark in the summer,” be spoken in the 18th District. There was nothing “dark” or uneventful about the full slate of activities that kept 18th District Masons active and involved all summer long. Read the full recap of all of this summer’s events on page 5.

September won’t be any kind of letdown—it’s a jam-packed month of Masonic activity, including all our regular lodge and appendant body communications, two FC Degrees, Masters & Wardens/DLI at Rising Sun this month, plus Rising Sun’s Happy Hour, Collingswood-Cloud’s Karaoke event, Rising Sun’s Ladies Night, and the crown jewel of the September calendar, our 18th District Gold Token Night. And of course, for holidays we have Labor Day to start the month and Rosh Hashanah at the end. See the whole lineup on page 16, and get all the details from the flyers that follow.

See you around the District,

*Dave*



### ON THE COVER

It’s that time of year again, football fans. The NFL season kicks off on September 8th, and if you’re a college football fan, the season got underway in late August. I’m sure everyone has their own favorites, but the 18th District Light is officially a Philadelphia Eagles fan!



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

— Thomas Paine





# CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES 2022-2023

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Wycoff Lodge #287

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Musconetcong Lodge #42

Junior Grand Warden:

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Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41

R.W. Omar S. Morris  
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R.W. Ryan P. Moy  
Azure Masada Lodge #22

Bro. Edwin J. Pearson, Jr.  
Burlington Lodge #32

R.W. Donald R. Tuttle  
Mantua Lodge #95

## SUMMER RECAP

The 18th District ended the first half of the Masonic year in style, with two Master Mason Degrees, both of which occurred too late to be covered by the 18th District Light's summer issue.

**O**n Saturday, June 25th, Logia Campana de Libertad No. 376, a.k.a., Liberty Bell Lodge, served up a breakfast and Master Mason Degree combo at Merchantville Temple. The outstanding breakfast was catered by Bro. Chritos Prentzas' Westmont Diner, and the outstanding degree team, along with visitors and special guests, is pictured immediately below.



**O**n Wednesday evening, July 6th, the second of the two Master Mason Degrees, again conferred at Merchantville Temple, was performed with a repeat of the outstanding work exemplified less than two weeks earlier, this time on behalf of both Audubon-Parkside No. 218 and U.S.S. New Jersey Lodge No. 62. The picture below isn't identical to the one above, but you will certainly find many of the same faces. A big 18th District shout-out to all who assisted with either or both degrees!





The 18th District's activities were by no means limited to degrees, of course. For the 4th of July, Audubon-Parkside held its annual open house. Then members from many of the District lodges met at Haddonfield Temple to march behind the 18th District Banner in Haddonfield's Independence Day Parade. That was followed by a cookout at the Temple hosted by Rising Sun and Mozart lodges. A special thanks from all of us to WM Michael Mattes and Mozart Lodge for providing the food for the event.



The second weekend in July, the weekend of Haddonfield's Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, saw the usual bustle of activity at Haddonfield Temple. Rising Sun Lodge always opens the Temple as a community service for the annual event, to provide the public with restroom facilities, an air conditioned respite from the heat, and a free hydration stop—the lodge provides hundreds of bottled waters to the hot and thirsty in the crowd of thousands. Also available are tours of the 101-year-old Temple, which attracts hundreds of passersby, who are fascinated by the age and architecture of the building, as well as the cachet of Freemasonry.

But in addition to the annual festival, the weekend saw the premier of what we hope will become a major event in the District, the First Annual 18th District Cornhole Tournament, sponsored by Rising Sun. Major kudos to Bro. Dan Del Collo, of Rising Sun, who chaired the event. Entrants from around the District paired up in teams of two to vie for the prizes, which included a set of cornhole boards, and gift certificates for Kings Road Brewery and Passariello's Pizzeria and Italian Kitchen, the latter two establishments being major fixtures along Haddonfield's Historic Kings Highway Business District. Due to the threat of rain, the tourney was moved inside to Rising Sun's large dining hall, which did not dampen the fun had by all as they competed and munched down on beer-simmered hot dogs—the perfect All-American cornhole fare. Against all odds—and I mean AGAINST ALL

**Rising Sun Lodge**  
*present* **First Annual**  
**18th District**  
**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, July 9th, during**  
**Haddonfield's Arts & Crafts Festival**

**STARTS @12 Noon**  
**\$35/person — 2 person teams**  
**PRIZES for the TOP 3 TEAMS**

Rising Sun Lodge, 16 Kings Hwy East  
 Open to 18th District Masons/Family & Friends  
 Limited to 20 2-player Teams  
 (at least two games per team guaranteed)

For more information or to Register  
 contact: [msupnick51320@gmail.com](mailto:msupnick51320@gmail.com)

ODDS—the double-elimination tournament was won by the Rising Sun team of Jeff Earnhart and your 18th District Light Editor, Dave Frankel, who narrowly defeated the team of WM Mike Mattes and Lindsey Josepayt, representing Mozart, in the finals match—after having LOST to them in one of the earlier elimination rounds. It was a great event, and we look forward to an even bigger and better event next year.

**L**ater in July, the brothers of Merchantville and Campana de Libertad enjoyed a Saturday baseball outing to see our own Philadelphia Phillies. Sadly, the Phils dropped the game, which went into extra innings tied at one-one. But the Cubbies managed a five run rally in the top of the 10th. The Phils single run in the bottom of the 10th left them with a 6-2 loss. The result aside, a trip to the ballgame always makes for a great Masonic outing.

On Saturday, the 30th of July, Audubon-Parkside Lodge No. 218 held a potluck BBQ for members and families of the Masonic bodies that meet at Audubon Temple, which includes Audubon-Parkside, Collingswood-Cloud, and Mozart lodges, as well as the local York Rite Royal Arch Chapter, Council, and Commandery. It was a great way to bring all of the Brethren of those bodies together in one big family occasion. Everyone brought different delicious dishes that ranged from main courses and sides like pulled pork, beans, and mac & cheese all the way through the menu to cookies for dessert. Worshipful Brother Bill Powell manned the grill and cooked up burgers and hot dogs for all. The weather was beautiful and a fun time was had by all.

August saw the continuation of Rising Sun's 2nd Friday Happy Hours, an event that has proved a valuable tool in meeting, greeting, and attracting potential new members. Increasingly shared by a few of the ladies from OES #140, Rising Sun's Happy Hours are beginning to benefit from an uptick in the "snacks" available. From Francine Zioance's unusually special "pigs-in-a-blanket" (a favorite of this editor) to Susan Clarke's superb brownies (another favorite of this editor — what can I say?!), the food is becoming one of the main attractions. Thank you, sisters. The sisters, brothers, and latest potential recruits enjoyed the food, the drink, a game or two of pocket billiards, and excellent camaraderie.

**O**n Saturday, August 13th, at the Magnolia Community Center, USS New Jersey's *A Night at the Races!* came off with its usual seeming ease and efficiency—a ton of work behind the scenes—entertaining more than 150 happy horserace enthusiasts who also recognize an admirable charitable cause when they see it. The crowd was somewhat smaller than previous events, but then again, this was the first post-COVID effort, and it is sure to regain its earlier momentum and following. This



A large crowd enjoys USS New Jersey's  
*A Night at the Races*



year, the event benefitted the **ARC of Camden County**. More than \$5000 was raised from the races, raffle baskets, and 50/50 drawing, with more coming in from ticket sales and race sponsorships. The total donation won't be known until after all the funds are collected and expenses accounted for, but it was a successful night indeed. Both our congratulations and our thanks go out to the brothers and officers of USS New Jersey Lodge no. 62 for their noble charitable efforts.

The Arc was well represented by Executive Director, Tom Manion, Assistant Executive Director, JoAnn Rusnak, and an entire table of associates who attended the event. The Arc also provided an abundance of promotional support leading up to the event. Mission BBQ provided the main meal at a special discount. Utz Snacks, Frito Lay, Hint Water, and the Voorhees Acme donated snacks and beverages. Brother Ron Neely, performing under his stage name "Ron Travoltage" donated his DJ services, and Sophia Vicari once again impressed everyone with her MC talents. Helen Huston, Jackie Vicari, Tina Garrison, Janice Mattes, Josh Stapleton (Jim's son), and Candy Butler all lent a hand that night. WB Michael Mattes from Mozart Lodge helped set up the sound and projector and manned the projector during the event. WB James Boulger from Collingswood-Cloud Lodge provided security. It was a true joint effort and an outstanding example of what Masons can do when they work together.

**O**n Saturday, August 27th, Laurel Lodge No. 237 was scheduled to celebrate the lodge's 100th Anniversary with a picnic at the lodge. Unfortunately, that placed the event just a bit too late for a report here, but we are sure it was a fitting end to an eventful 18th District Summer! ♦



Principal Organizer, RW Scott P. Vicari, Grand Pursuivant (left), and WB Casey Huston, Worshipful Master of USS New Jersey Lodge No. 62 (right), pose with ARC of Camden County Executive Director Tom Manion.



# IT'S ELEMENTAL

Adapted from <https://www.popsci.com/science/extreme-metals-periodic-table/>

Everyone remembers the Periodic Table from their school days, right? Even if all you ever had was high school chemistry, you were probably, at some point, introduced to this confusing array of basic technical information on all the elements. If anyone needs a brief refresher, an “element” is essentially a substance that consists only of itself — which is to say — it is not a “compound” made up of multiple substances. Take good old table salt, for example, for which the chemical formula is NaCl — which tells us that salt is a compound made up of the elements Sodium and Chlorine. Elemental Sodium is a soft, highly reactive metal, whereas elemental Chlorine is a highly toxic gas. But put them together and they make a benign substance that makes food taste better. So go figure! The world around us is full of amazing compounds that seemingly have little or nothing in common with their component elements.

Atomic #

Symbol

Name

Weight

C Solid

Hg Liquid

H Gas

Rf Unknown

Metals

Alkali metals

Alkaline earth metals

Lanthanoids (Lanthanides)

Actinoids (Actinides)

Transition metals

Post-transition metals

Metalloids

Nonmetals

Other nonmetals

Noble gases

1 <b>H</b> Hydrogen 1.008	2 <b>He</b> Helium 4.0026																	5 <b>B</b> Boron 10.81	6 <b>C</b> Carbon 12.011	7 <b>N</b> Nitrogen 14.007	8 <b>O</b> Oxygen 15.999	9 <b>F</b> Fluorine 18.998	10 <b>Ne</b> Neon 20.180												
3 <b>Li</b> Lithium 6.94	4 <b>Be</b> Beryllium 9.0122	11 <b>Na</b> Sodium 22.990	12 <b>Mg</b> Magnesium 24.305	19 <b>K</b> Potassium 39.098	20 <b>Ca</b> Calcium 40.078	21 <b>Sc</b> Scandium 44.956	22 <b>Ti</b> Titanium 47.867	23 <b>V</b> Vanadium 50.942	24 <b>Cr</b> Chromium 51.996	25 <b>Mn</b> Manganese 54.938	26 <b>Fe</b> Iron 55.845	27 <b>Co</b> Cobalt 58.933	28 <b>Ni</b> Nickel 58.693	29 <b>Cu</b> Copper 63.546	30 <b>Zn</b> Zinc 65.38	31 <b>Ga</b> Gallium 69.723	32 <b>Ge</b> Germanium 72.630	33 <b>As</b> Arsenic 74.922	34 <b>Se</b> Selenium 78.971	35 <b>Br</b> Bromine 79.904	36 <b>Kr</b> Krypton 83.798														
37 <b>Rb</b> Rubidium 85.468	38 <b>Sr</b> Strontium 87.62	39 <b>Y</b> Yttrium 88.906	40 <b>Zr</b> Zirconium 91.224	41 <b>Nb</b> Niobium 92.906	42 <b>Mo</b> Molybdenum 95.95	43 <b>Tc</b> Technetium (98)	44 <b>Ru</b> Ruthenium 101.07	45 <b>Rh</b> Rhodium 102.91	46 <b>Pd</b> Palladium 106.42	47 <b>Ag</b> Silver 107.87	48 <b>Cd</b> Cadmium 112.41	49 <b>In</b> Indium 114.82	50 <b>Sn</b> Tin 118.71	51 <b>Sb</b> Antimony 121.76	52 <b>Te</b> Tellurium 127.60	53 <b>I</b> Iodine 126.90	54 <b>Xe</b> Xenon 131.29	55 <b>Cs</b> Caesium 132.91	56 <b>Ba</b> Barium 137.33	57–71	72 <b>Hf</b> Hafnium 178.49	73 <b>Ta</b> Tantalum 180.95	74 <b>W</b> Tungsten 183.84	75 <b>Re</b> Rhenium 186.21	76 <b>Os</b> Osmium 190.23	77 <b>Ir</b> Iridium 192.22	78 <b>Pt</b> Platinum 195.08	79 <b>Au</b> Gold 196.97	80 <b>Hg</b> Mercury 200.59	81 <b>Tl</b> Thallium 204.38	82 <b>Pb</b> Lead 207.2	83 <b>Bi</b> Bismuth 208.98	84 <b>Po</b> Polonium (209)	85 <b>At</b> Astatine (210)	86 <b>Rn</b> Radon (222)
87 <b>Fr</b> Francium (223)	88 <b>Ra</b> Radium (226)	89–103	104 <b>Rf</b> Rutherfordium (261)	105 <b>Db</b> Dubnium (268)	106 <b>Sg</b> Seaborgium (269)	107 <b>Bh</b> Bohrium (270)	108 <b>Hs</b> Hassium (277)	109 <b>Mt</b> Meitnerium (278)	110 <b>Ds</b> Darmstadtium (281)	111 <b>Rg</b> Roentgenium (282)	112 <b>Cn</b> Copernicium (285)	113 <b>Nh</b> Nihonium (286)	114 <b>Fl</b> Flerovium (289)	115 <b>Mc</b> Moscovium (290)	116 <b>Lv</b> Livermorium (293)	117 <b>Ts</b> Tennessine (294)	118 <b>Og</b> Oganesson (294)																		
For elements with no stable isotopes, the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life is in parentheses.																		57 <b>La</b> Lanthanum 138.91	58 <b>Ce</b> Cerium 140.12	59 <b>Pr</b> Praseodymium 140.91	60 <b>Nd</b> Neodymium 144.24	61 <b>Pm</b> Promethium (145)	62 <b>Sm</b> Samarium 150.36	63 <b>Eu</b> Europium 151.96	64 <b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 157.25	65 <b>Tb</b> Terbium 158.93	66 <b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 162.50	67 <b>Ho</b> Holmium 164.93	68 <b>Er</b> Erbium 167.26	69 <b>Tm</b> Thulium 168.93	70 <b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 173.05	71 <b>Lu</b> Lutetium 174.97			
																		89 <b>Ac</b> Actinium (227)	90 <b>Th</b> Thorium 232.04	91 <b>Pa</b> Protactinium 231.04	92 <b>U</b> Uranium 238.03	93 <b>Np</b> Neptunium (237)	94 <b>Pu</b> Plutonium (244)	95 <b>Am</b> Americium (243)	96 <b>Cm</b> Curium (247)	97 <b>Bk</b> Berkelium (247)	98 <b>Cf</b> Californium (251)	99 <b>Es</b> Einsteinium (252)	100 <b>Fm</b> Fermium (257)	101 <b>Md</b> Mendelevium (258)	102 <b>No</b> Nobelium (259)	103 <b>Lr</b> Lawrencium (260)			

Only a well-trained chemist could “predict” the kinds of compounds any given element might form from the information provided in the Periodic Table. But the Periodic Table also does not share just how special or peculiar some of our elements themselves can be. “Metals” for example, can take forms ranging from solid to liquid and even gas, under the right conditions of temperature and pressure. Despite common characteristics that classify them as metals, many of them boast unique special abilities.

Here are a few special tidbits that are not obviously predictable from Periodic Table information.



## Osmium—Density Champion

Osmium, element No. 76, is the heavyweight champion of Earth's natural materials. It's twice as dense as lead and has a jam-packed atomic structure and strong bonds that allow it to cram molecules together. Durable, and stiffer than diamond, osmium makes for excellent pen nibs and record player needles.



## Rhodium — Rarest

The world's rarest and, unsurprisingly, priciest nonradioactive metal accounts for less than one part per 200 million of the planet's crust. It can cost up to 18 times as much as platinum. Each year, 66,000 pounds of No. 45 get turned into catalytic converters and coatings for electrical parts.



## Gold — Most malleable

You're probably aware that pure 24-carat gold is actually quite soft. Hence the well-worn image of someone biting a gold coin to see if it is genuine. No. 79 sculpts easily without breaking. So easily, in fact, that it is estimated that a single ounce of gold could be hammered into a sheet thin enough to cover 100 square feet.



## Hydrogen — Most mysterious in solid form

Few of us think of good old No. 1 as a metal. But while it is a gas at normal temperatures and pressures, look where it sits on the periodic table — atop a group of elements recognized as metals. Squeeze it with more than a million times the pressure of Earth's atmosphere, and it might transform into quantum matter. The reward for all that toil is something part liquid, part solid, that has zero electrical resistance at room temperature — making it a superconductor. Physicists have yet to conclusively create metallic hydrogen, though they predict it exists deep inside our gas giant sister planets, such as Jupiter.



## Ruthenium — Fuel for the fire?

In the craggy landscape of southern Turkey's Mount Chimaera, an underground cache of No. 44 feeds dozens of 2-foot-high fires that have been burning for millennia. Experiments suggest that the metal helps convert carbon dioxide in the rocks into methane gas, creating endless fuel for the flames.



## Aluminum — Transparent (sort of?)

Remember when Scotty made transparent Aluminum in the Star Trek movie (the one with the whales)? Not really possible, as far as we know today. But, make any material thin enough, and it will be see-through. Without that cheat, metals are generally not transparent. But element No. 13 is an exception. Hit it with powerful enough X-rays, and the silvery foil will let ultraviolet radiation pass through it for 40 quadrillionths of a second. May not seem like a big deal, but ... ? ♦



# MASONS ON THE HOME FRONT—REDUX

by WB Martin Bogardus, Collingswood-Cloud Lodge No. 101  
(an expansion of an article first printed in the October 2017 issue)

On December 7, 1941, Japan launched a surprise attack on American military outposts in the Pacific, thus ending America's isolation from hostilities. The primary attack, of course, was at Pearl Harbor, the U.S. naval facility in Hawaii where a large portion of the U.S. Pacific Fleet was anchored. Japanese warplanes attacked for two hours, sinking or damaging 18 warships, and destroying 164 aircraft. More than 2,400 service members and civilians died.

During World War II, the American home front contributed to the war effort in a variety of ways, including through a large number of volunteer initiatives and compliance with price and rationing limits managed by the government.

Everyone agreed that individual sacrifices made during the duration of the war were for the sake of the country. And Freemasons, ever civic-minded, no less sought to contribute to the effort to hasten the war's end through the organization and manpower available in the fraternity.

Freemasons, starting in New York and elsewhere around the country, answered their country's call for assistance by creating Masonic organizations designed to aid in the War effort, including **The Masonic War Chest** (founded during World War I) in response to a request for aid from the *Committee on Military Outreach*.

**A letter from the Committee on Military Outreach outlined the scope of the project:**

Committee on Military Outreach  
To the Grand Lodge of New York:  
Mission Statement and Scope of Project

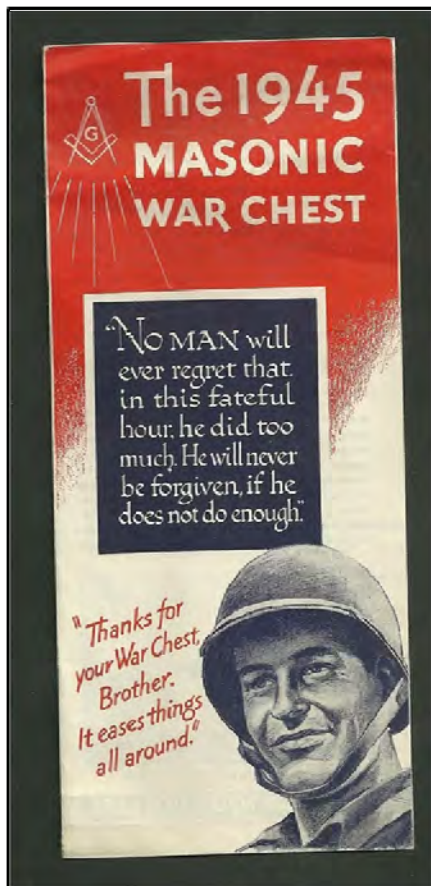
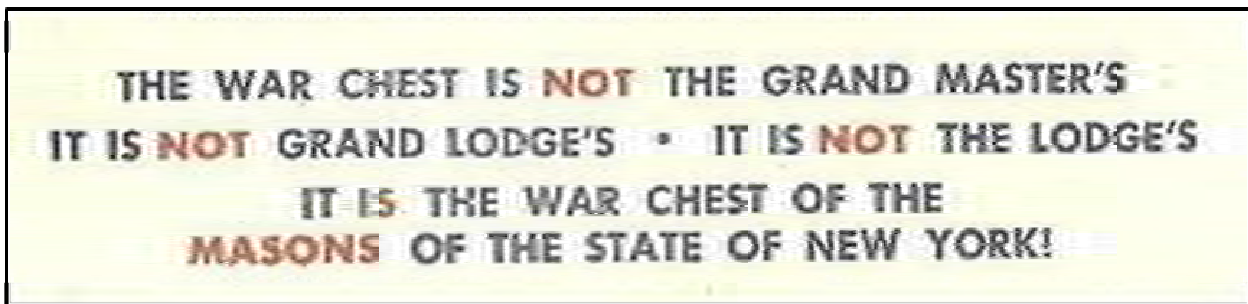
*In an ever-expanding endeavor to present a working relationship with those who proudly serve, and have served, our great nation - The United States of America, The Military Outreach Committee of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and its programs strive to both maintain and make new inroads into the lives and needs of these selfless military individuals and their families for the service and sacrifice that the principles of their duties enjoin.*



*The Military Outreach program is designed to be interactive with the growth and commitment necessary to executing its mission statement. There currently exist many non-Masonic operations which strive to supply broad financial support. While this will always be necessary, the Military Outreach Committee believes that personal interaction is necessary to promulgate true involvement with the military community.*

*The history of our Grand Lodge through the years has been punctuated with a number of worthy military support related programs, from the foundation of veteran relief groups, Charity Balls held for returning veterans, the Masonic War Chest donations from the Great War, hospital visitations, sending relief packages overseas through all conflicts, etc. These were all met with great success, and exemplified the patriotism we as Masons take great pride in....*

## Why was the Masonic War Chest founded?



**B**ecause of a clamorous demand, surging from the great body of individual Masons of the State of New York, for a concrete expression of fraternal solidarity in support of the War effort – the Masonic War Chest was created.

Its stated purpose was “to bring the services and associations of Freemasonry to our Brothers and sons, and minister to the morale and welfare of all servicemen, who in this hour of national danger, have been called forth to fight our battles that America may live and preserve for itself and for humanity those privileges of individual liberty and independence which are the hope of the world. Through this fund we shall be prepared to meet the emergencies of calamity and disaster, and aid in administration of relief to those who then shall need our help, without hindrance or delay.” - Annual Address of M.W. Henry C. Turner, Grand Master, NY, 1942.

The Masonic War Chest in New York State set an ambitious goal of raising \$250,000 (over \$4.5 million today, adjusted for inflation) to be devoted to the interests of both members and their sons in military service.

According to an article in the *New York Times*, by May 5, 1942, they had already received \$183,525 in donations (over \$3 million in today’s dollars), as reported by William F. Strang, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, at the 162nd annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, 71 West Twenty-third Street.



Just a couple weeks later, on May 23, 1943, another *New York Times* article reported that, “Mayor Fiorello La Guardia described the Freemasons efforts as ‘another expression of the cordiality and helpfulness that the city feels for all men in uniform’.”

One of the first projects approved by the Masonic War Chest Committee of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was the new servicemen's dormitory, which was dedicated on May 22, 1943.

By 1945, the Masonic War Chest was sponsoring 1108 enlisted men and 168 officers, almost all in their teens or early twenties, on 42 landing craft infantry ships in the Pacific theater. Included for the soldiers were Red Cross Kits for wounded servicemen as they were flown to military hospitals from battle zones abroad, strapped mirrors for the disabled, and equipment for Army convalescent centers in Pawling and Upton, New York.

Other contributions by the Masonic War Chest around New York State included 20 Sun rooms at Rhoads General (Army) and St. Albans (Naval) Hospitals, a beautiful Day Room at Mason General Hospital, the Patio at Halloran General Hospital, another Day Room in its Annex, and also a sound system at Fort Hamilton Hospital and Post for the servicemen to enjoy.

In addition, radios, musical instruments, and phonographs were sent to thousands of servicemen in the recently occupied area of the Central Pacific. In a letter to the Masonic War Chest, Admiral Joseph “Bull” Reeves wrote, “*I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your kindness and to assure you that the gift [of \$10,000] will be used where it will have a wide-spread and beneficial effect on a large number.*”

Throughout the War and immediately afterward, many other lodges kept busy with Savings Bond Drives, the Masonic War Chest, and the United Service Organization campaign fund. Servicemen weren't the only ones to give their life's blood for their country. During the war, the Grand Master of New York asked for a minimum of 25 pints of blood to be donated by each lodge to support the War effort, and Brother Masons rallied behind the troops with most lodges meeting or exceeding that goal.

Masons may well take great pride in Masonic contributions that assisted the U.S. in winning the Second World War. It is possible, and indeed likely, that without the direct help of the Freemasons and other civic-minded organizations, the war would have dragged on for several more years. It is almost universally recognized that the veterans of World War II “gave something of themselves to protect each and every one of us, to do what needed to be done – the dirty work of war.” And whether that was during World War II, or in the many other conflicts in which our soldiers have fought and died, they should have our never-ending appreciation and support for protecting the freedoms we so dearly enjoy today. ♦



# 18TH DISTRICT LODGE COMMUNICATIONS

## **AUDUBON-PARKSIDE No. 218**

**3rd Monday**

**@ Audubon Temple**

**305 East Atlantic Avenue**

**Audubon, NJ 08106**

## **MERCHANTVILLE No. 119**

**2nd Thursday**

**@ Merchantville Temple**

**6926 Park Avenue**

**Merchantville, NJ 08109**

## **CAMPANA DE LIBERTAD No. 376**

**4th Tuesday**

**@ Merchantville**

**6926 Park Avenue**

**Merchantville, NJ 08109**

## **MOZART No. 121**

**1st Tuesday**

**@ Audubon Temple**

**305 East Atlantic Avenue**

**Audubon, NJ 08106**

## **COLLINGSWOOD-CLOUD No. 101**

**2nd Tuesday**

**@ Audubon Temple**

**305 East Atlantic Avenue**

**Audubon, NJ 08106**

## **RISING SUN No. 15**

**1st Wednesday**

**@ Haddonfield Temple**

**16 East Kings Highway**

**Haddonfield, NJ 08033**

## **LAUREL No. 237**

**1st & 3rd Friday**

**@ Laurel Temple**

**Atlantic Avenue and Stone Rd**

**Laurel Springs, NJ 08021**

## **USS NEW JERSEY No. 62**

**3rd Monday**

**@ Merchantville Temple**

**6926 Park Avenue**

**Merchantville, NJ 08109**

## **LAZARUS No. 303**

**1st Monday**

**@ Haddonfield Temple**

**16 East Kings Highway**

**Haddonfield, NJ 08033**





# 2022 DLI Schedule

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

## Wednesday

## Lodge/Location

January 12

Audubon-Parkside No. 218  
(@ Audubon Temple)

February 9

Campana de Libertad No. 376  
(@ Merchantville Temple)

March 9

Collingswood-Cloud No. 101  
(@ Audubon Temple)

April 13

Laurel No. 237  
(@ Laurel Temple)

May 11

Lazarus No. 303  
(@ Haddonfield Temple)

June 8

Mozart No. 121  
(@ Audubon Temple)

**This Month**

September 14

Rising Sun No. 15  
(@ Haddonfield Temple)

October 12

USS New Jersey No. 62  
(@ Merchantville Temple)

November 9

Qualification Teams  
(@ Merchantville Temple)