

**CANNON LODGE NO. 104
OF FREE & ACCEPTED
MASONS**

June 20, 2017

**24TH MASONIC DISTRICT
GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY**



**CELEBRATING OUR 147TH YEAR
CONSTITUTED 26 FEBRUARY 1870**

Blue Lodge
Regular Communication
THIRD TUESDAY OF MONTH

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Junior Steward: James E. Bailey

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Tyler: Albert F. Donahue, PM

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Lodge Trustee 2 Year: Albert F. Donahue, PM

Lodge Trustee 3 Year: Edward F. Leith Jr., PM

Temple Association 1 Year: Charles G. Bitting Sr.

Temple Association 2 Year: Paul "Larry" Gossin, PM

Temple Association 3 Year: Paul N. Loveland III, PM

Honorary Members

MW Francis R. Mitchell, PGM

Past Masters

B. C. Lippincott	1870	James C. Daebler	1966●
J. Milton Townsend	1871, 72	Garwood H. Payne	1967, 76
George H. Dare	1873	Thomas G. Spatol	1968
Michael Swing	1874-77, 80, 82-88, 95, 98	David G. Whittington	1969
I. S. Townsend	1878, 79	Charles T. Camp	1970, 88, 89
Bennington Corson	1881-89	Richard E. Seymour	1970●
Charles Way	1890-93, 96, 97, 1900, 01	Robert V. Lane, PGC	1971●, 86●, 98●, 2003●
Harry S. Douglas	1894	Peter Gudelunas	1972, 74
John M. Sparks	1899	Edwin F. Stites Jr.	1973●, 88●, 89●
Ralph T. Peterson	1902, 03, 10, 1939	Morris A. Reeves	1975
C. E. W. Ellenberger	1904	Harry P. Muller	1975●, 93●, 94●, 95●
Francis Ludlam	1905	Charles W. Lord	1975●, 77●, 99●
John C. Shreve	1906	C. Dean Ewen	1977
Thomas Holmes	1907	Robert O. Clayton Jr.	1977●
Edward B. Arnett	1908	Jeffery L. Pierson	1978, 79
Charles M. Preston	1909	Frank Van Artsdalen Jr.	1979●
Walter A. Smith	1911, 19, 20	Royce E. Robinson, PDD	1980●, 83●, 2001, 12, 13
Samuel Morton	1912	David J. Lord	1980●
Benjamin R. Little	1913	Steven B. Hopkins	1981
Albert Way	1914	Ernest Utsch III, PDD	1981●
Wayne M. Struthers	1915	Eugene F. Guion	1982
Harry T. Pierson	1916	David H. Freese Jr.	1983, 91
Irving Fitch	1917, 18, 22	Harry P. Higbee	1984
Clarence W. Way	1921	Richard A. Affa	1984●
Harold D. Collins	1923	David Katz, PGC	1985, 86
Effinger J. Rubright	1924, 30	Edward R. Devlin	1985●, 92●
Harry C. Whiting, PDD	1925	John Schofield	1987
Henry A. Foster	1926	Howard C. Woolley Jr.	1987●
Claude H. Rice	1927	John C. Leith	1990
Harry S. Muller	1928	Robert A. Lewis	1990●, 91●
George K. Cain	1929	Donald E. Tweed	1991●, 95●
Melvin F. Wills	1931, 32	Ray G. Snyder	1992
Virgil W. Pierson	1933	Howard J. Young, PGC	1992●
Clarence W. Hartman	1934	Robert A. Grace, PJGD	1993, 99, 2000, 06
James Eldridge	1935	Edward F. Leith Jr.	1994
Albert Ringler	1936, 37	Jack C. Nichol	1995, 96
Joseph H. Shipley	1938, 41, 43	Bruce L. Young	1996●, 97●, 98●
Elmer Cox Jr.	1940, 42	Gino Marrone	1997
Charles E. Foster Jr.	1944, 45	William J. Stoop	1998
R. V. Anderson	1946	Albert F. Donahue	2002
Arthur D. Perreten	1947	David P. Buckwalter Jr.	2003
Bailey B. Abrams	1948	Steven H. Kahny, PGC	2004, 08
Paul W. Stevens	1949	Robert L. Lane	2004●, 05●
Otis McKaig	1950	John R. Reardon Jr.	2005, 09
Lewis M. Simpkins	1951	P. Larry Gossin	2007, 14
Morris A. Reeves	1952	Paul N. Loveland III	2007●, 2016
E. Kenneth Simpkins	1953	Ronald N. Menear, PGC	2009●, 2017
Leslie O. McElwee	1954	Greg R. Young	2010
James Lindsay	1955	Charles J. Mears	2011
Leon H. Schuck	1956	Emmitt B. Herron	2015
D. G. Everingham	1957		
C. Hildreth Reeves	1958		
William Rocap	1959		
William J. Brown	1960, 80		
Elmer Cox Jr., PGC	1961, 62		
Otis N. McKaig Jr.	1963		
Otto Greisman, PGC	1964-66, 71, 73		
Calvin Back	1964●		

● *Affiliated*

○ *Unaffiliated*

From the East

My Brother,

Knowing one mason in the
darkness as well as in the light

While reading this in the ritual book it reminded me that our lodge is ready to go into darkness for the summer. This is a ritual that dates back almost as long as masonry itself. Due to the extra light in summer, whether it was the quarry, the fields or in modern days with summertime vacationers our cable tow gets stretched a little further. But this also starts a new chapter in our lodge where we start in advanced stations, the prelude to the year to come. This year, to add to our plate, we will be conferring degrees in the summer. You see, even through the suits come off and the work days get longer, the activities at the lodge get no less stringent.

This summer we will be starting anew. New chairs, new positions and new some new masons will be attending our lodge. When was the last time you where at lodge letting us recognize you in the darkness as well as in the light. We will be there every Monday except July 3rd and Sept. 4th. The weather should be good. The refreshments should be better and the camaraderie should be at its best. Will you help us start the new chapter in our lodge? Hope to see you there.

Fraternally yours,
Ronald Menear
Worshipful Master



In case of sickness or distress, please contact the
Worshipful Master, Wardens or Secretary.
Please notify the Secretary of any change of address.

Masonic Birthdays for June

Thomas J Baldt	1995	Robert V Lane	1963
Charles G Bitting Sr.	1970	William F Lathers	2002
Robert C Bohnenberger	2002	Charles J Mears	2002
Wayne M Brodbeck	1966	Richard C Minarik Jr.	1984
John H Carpenter	1982	Bradley Neilson	1983
Robert O Clayton Jr.	1972	Jeffrey L Pierson	1973
Curtis T Corson Jr.	1993	Royce E Robinson	1975
Richard Dotti	2002	William H Tozour Jr.	1953
Roger L Kagey	1950	Ernest Utsch III	1953
Robert L Lane	2001		

Entered Apprentice:

Br. Adriano A. Colombo
Br. John H. Sacks

Fellowcraft:

Br. Grant W. Russ

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The 24th Masonic District

CANNON #104	3rd Tuesday
CAPE ISLAND #30	2nd & 4th Tuesday
STAR #65	1st Wednesday
OCEAN CITY #171	1st Thursday

Regular Communication

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

- **Dinner** 6:30 PM, Donation \$10
Seafood Night, shrimp & clams, hot dogs & hamburgers, salads, dessert
- **Program** 7:30 PM
Casual Night
Civil War Re-enactors Program
(Martin Braen of Genesis Lodge #88 & Michael Donahue of Acacia #579, Taylor PA)
Year Pin Presentations

24th District and other Masonic Events

Rehearsals

Every Monday at 7:00 PM except holidays. All Brethern are invited and officers are required to attend. Rehearsals continue July & August.

June 2

Golf Tournament, Cape Island #30
Cape May National Golf Club, 1 PM

June 3

Beef & Bowling sponsored by Star
Lodge 65. Mouse Trap Lanes, 5:30
to 8:30 PM

June 8

District 24 Lodge of Instruction
Cape Island #30, Cape May - 7:30
PM

June 19

Grand Master's Golf Outing, Sea Oaks
Country Club, Little Egg Harbor, 11 AM

July 15

Master Mason Degree & Picnic
Cape Island #30 - 9:00 AM.

At this point in the year 44 Cannon members have not paid their dues for 2017. Dues are payable by January 1st and considered overdue after.
Does your current Blue Card say 2016? If so, please put a check in the mail today.

If dues present a financial hardship contact the secretary.

2017 Dues - \$81.25

Year Pins Due 2017

55 Year

Louis J. Zucca Jr.

50 Year

Robert H. Bakely
Nathan F. Doughty
Charles W. Lord
Herschel R. McClure
James N. Quinn Sr.
Howard C. Woolley Jr.

40 Year

Michael L. Wertz
Edward J. Wilson

35 Year

John H. Carpenter

30 Year

Bernard K. Bowman
Ralph J. Rigg

25 Year

Edward E. Tice Jr.
Corville E. Griner
Bruce L. Young

20 Year

Dale E. Gentek
Steven H. Kahny

15 Year

Robert C. Bohnenberger
Charles J. Mears
Nick R. Badame Jr.
John Cisterno

10 Year

Emmitt Herron

5 Year

Daniel O. Errickson Jr.
Anthony Stelacio

50 and 55 year pins will be presented by the District Deputy Grand Master, hand delivered or mailed to the recipient if unable to attend.

All others must appear at Lodge to receive their token. These will not be mailed.

2017 Cannon Scholarship Recipients

Allison N. Hunter
Graduating Middle Township High 2017
Attending:
University of Tampa

Photo not available at printing

Andrew M. Conforto
Graduating Cape May County Tech 2017
Attending:
Rutgers, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy



Brethren,

Over the past few years I have observed masonic protocol steadily decreasing throughout our district and throughout the state for that matter.

The lack of respect for the worshipful master has also declined, once a prominent authority in our lodge is now “just the brother running our lodge”. What is the cause of this disconnect between the Worshipful master and the brethren? A lack of respect for the fraternity and a lack of respect for the worshipful master are issues that spring to mind.

The purpose of the Masonic Protocol Manual is to assist the Worshipful Master and other Lodge Officers with the administration of the non-Ritualistic duties and activities. It is a means of cementing and keeping intact the Masonic manners and courtesies that tradition and usage have established in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Masonic Protocol is how we conduct ourselves as Freemasons. The essence of Masonic Protocol is the fine art of good manners. Freemasonry has developed its own conventions, by which its members act in Lodge. Not proceeding according to the dictates of Masonic Protocol is not a Masonic offense. It is merely a lack of Masonic manners.

- The Worshipful Master has total authority over his lodge. He IS the person in charge, He has the power to influence thought, opinion or behavior. He also has the authority to uphold the Constitutions and by-laws.
 - This authority is granted to him by virtue of the warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
 - ONLY the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or DD Grand Master has the authority to override the Worshipful Master’s order or decision.
- NO brother has the right to enter or retire from a lodge while at labor on his own volition.
 - To enter, a brother must request the Tyler to alarm the door, once permission is granted you must then enter on the square to the alter, wait to be acknowledged by the WM, give the proper due guard and sign then proceed as directed by him.
 - To retire, a bother must approach the alter, wait to be acknowledged by the WM then give the proper due guard and sign, then retire in the opposite manner as entering.

June 8th DLI will have a power point presentation on Lodge protocol taken directly from “The Perfect Ashlar”. It is hoped it will have a “reset” effect on the brethren in regards to protocol and proper manners in the lodge. If your cable tow allows, I strongly recommend you attend to join in on the discussion after wards. (As always, ALL lodge officers are required to attend). Let’s get back to the basics.

Fraternally,

RW Charles R. Newton III

DRI 24th masonic District.