

Cannon Lodge 104 F.&A.M.

Stated Communication

TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2024



Celebrating our 154th year
Constituted 26 February 1870

PO Box 507 - 370 Main Street
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT
FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.

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Lodge Trustee 2 Year: Paul N. Loveland III, PM

Lodge Trustee 3 Year: Ronald N. Menear, DDGM

Past Masters Cannon 104, Arbutus 170, Sea Isle 280

B. C. Lippincott	1870	Garwood H. Payne	1967, 76
J. Milton Townsend	1871, 72	Thomas G. Spatol	1968
George H. Dare	1873	David G. Whittington	1969
Michael Swing	1874-77, 80, 82, 88, 95, 98	Charles T. Camp	1970, 88, 89
I. S. Townsend	1878, 79	Richard E. Seymour	1970 ²
Bennington Corson	1881-89	Robert V. Lane, PGC	1971 ² , 86 ² , 98 ² , 03 ²
Charles Way	1890-93, 96, 97, 1900, 01	Peter Gudelunas	1972, 74
Harry S. Douglas	1894	Edwin F. Stites Jr.	1973 ² , 88 ² , 89 ²
John M. Sparks	1899	Ronald J. Cain	1976 ²
Ralph T. Peterson	1902, 03, 10, 1939	Morris A. Reeves	1975
C. E. W. Ellenberger	1904	Harry P. Muller	1975 ² , 93 ² , 94 ² , 95 ²
Francis Ludlam	1905	Charles W. Lord	1975 ² , 77 ² , 99 ²
John C. Shreve	1906	C. Dean Ewen	1977
Thomas Holmes	1907	Robert O. Clayton Jr.	1977 ²
Edward B. Arnett	1908	Jeffery L. Pierson	1978, 79
Charles M. Preston	1909	Frank Van Artsdalen Jr.	1979 ²
Walter A. Smith	1911, 19, 20	Royce Robinson, PDD	1980 ² , 83 ² , 01, 12, 13
Samuel Morton	1912	David J. Lord	1980 ²
Benjamin R. Little	1913	Steven B. Hopkins	1981
Albert Way	1914	Ernest Utsch III, PDD	1981 ²
Wayne M. Struthers	1915	Eugene F. Guion	1982
Harry T. Pierson	1916	Alfred S. Campbell	1982 ² , 86 ² , 87 ²
Irving Fitch	1917, 18, 22	David H. Freese Jr.	1983, 91
Clarence W. Way	1921	Harry P. Higbee	1984
Harold D. Collins	1923	Albert F. Lopez	1983 ² , 84 ²
Effinger J. Rubright	1924, 30	Richard A. Affa	1984 ²
Harry C. Whiting, PDD	1925	David Katz, PGC	1985, 86
Henry A. Foster	1926	Edward R. Devlin	1985 ² , 92 ²
Claude H. Rice	1927	Louis G. Irmeler	1985 ²
Harry S. Muller	1928	John D. Schofield	1987
George K. Cain	1929	Howard C. Woolley Jr.	1987 ²
Melvin F. Wills	1931, 32	John C. Leith	1990
Virgil W. Pierson	1933	Robert A. Lewis	1990 ² , 91 ²
Clarence W. Hartman	1934	Donald E. Tweed	1991 ² , 95 ²
James Eldridge	1935	Ray G. Snyder	1992
Albert Ringler	1936, 37	Howard J. Young, PGC	1992 ²
Joseph H. Shipley	1938, 41, 43	Robert H. Brown	1992 ²
Elmer Cox Jr.	1940, 42	Robert A. Grace, PJGD	1993, 99, 00, 06
Charles E. Foster Jr.	1944, 45	George Robinson, PGC	1993 ² , 94 ²
R. V. Anderson	1946	Edward F. Leith Jr.	1994
Arthur D. Perreten	1947	Jack C. Nichol	1995, 96
Bailey B. Abrams	1948	Bruce L. Young	1996 ² , 97 ² , 98 ²
Paul W. Stevens	1949	Gino Marrone	1997
Otis McKaig	1950	William J. Stoop	1998
Lewis M. Simpkins	1951	Albert F. Donahue	2002
Morris A. Reeves	1952	David Buckwalter, PGC	2003
E. Kenneth Simpkins	1953	Steven H. Kahny, PGC	2004, 08
Leslie O. McElwee	1954	Robert L. Lane	2004 ² , 05 ²
James Lindsay	1955	John R. Reardon Jr.	2005, 09
Leon H. Schuck	1956	P. Larry Gossin	2007, 14
D. G. Everingham	1957	Paul N. Loveland III	2007 ² , 16
C. Hildreth Reeves	1958	Ronald N. Menear, DRI	2009 ² , 17
William Rocap	1959	Greg R. Young	2010, 20, 21
William J. Brown	1960, 80	Charles J. Mears	2011
Elmer Cox Jr., PGC	1961, 62	Emmitt B. Herron	2015
Otis N. McKaig Jr.	1963	Anthony P. Stelacio	2018, 19
Otto Greisman, PGC	1964-66, 71, 73	Christian M. Brown	2022
Calvin Back	1964 ²	Grant W. Russ	2023
James C. Daebler	1966 ²	Anthony P. Fazio	2024

Affiliated ²

Unaffiliated ³

From the West

Brethren,

There are two ways of being happy; we may either diminish our wants or augment our means. Either will do, the result is the same. And it is for each man to decide for himself, and do that which happens to be the easiest. If you are idle or sick or poor, however hard it may be for you to diminish your wants, it will be harder to augment your means. If you are active and prosperous or young or in good health, it may be easier for you to augment your means than diminish your wants. But if you are wise, you will do both at the same time, young or old, rich or poor, sick or well. And if you are very wise, you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society.

Benjamin Franklin

Fraternally,
RW Anthony J. Baltuskonis
Senior Warden 2024
Cannon Lodge 104 F. & A.M.



Cannon 104 lost two to the Grand Architect this summer;

Edmund J Bailey, August 29, 2024
Raised a Master Mason April 1, 1970
Brother Bailey was 87 years of age when he passed.

Steven H Kahny, September 6, 2024
Raised a Master Mason October 21, 1997
RW Brother Kahny was age 70 at the time of his passing. Past Master 04 & 08. PGC 2007

May there passage be swift and their memory remain to be cherished in our hearts and minds.

October Masonic Birthdays

Nick R. Badame Jr.	2002	William G. Hunter III	1978
Robert H. Bakley	1967	Charles A. McIlvaine	1964
Mark J. Buganski	1991	Steven R. Lund	2023
Somers M. Corson	2015	Brian L Vergantino Sr.	2023
Grant Hofferica	2014	Greg R. Young	2003

Age Demographic of Cannon Lodge 104 Fall 2024

80 or over	21%	50 to 59	19%
70 to 79	26%	40 to 49	4%
60 to 69	19%	Younger	8%
Total	66%	Total	31

These numbers come from Grandview. 3% are unaccounted for but the point I try to convey is that two thirds of us are over 60 and almost half are over 70. Our membership numbers are in danger of shrinking to 100 or less for the first time in decades.

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The 24th Masonic District

- ⇒ **Cannon Lodge #104** **3rd Tuesday**
- ⇒ **Cape Island Lodge #30** **2nd & 4th Tuesday**
- ⇒ **Star Lodge #65** **1st Wednesday**
- ⇒ **Ocean City Lodge #171** **1st Thursday**

Tuesday Oct 15, 2024 - Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30 PM - TBD

Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM

Refreshments and Fellowship After Lodge

24th District and other Masonic Events

Rehearsals

Cannon Lodge 104 - Every Monday at 7:00 PM except holidays. We also meet July and August to rehearse. All brothers and potential brothers are welcome to join us.

Oct 10

District Lodge of Instruction.. Ocean City Lodge No.171 7:30 PM

Oct 24

2024 Candidates Night Ocean City Lodge No.171 6PM Dinner, 7PM Start, You must notify the secretary Pete Saunders by email of your intention to attend cvofnj@gmail.com (100 seats only available)

From the Secretary's Desk

There are a few members owing dues yet this year. The year grows long and we must ballot for suspensions soon. If it is more convenient, you can send dues payments via PayPal to secretary@cannonlodge.net using a credit card. Maybe you did not receive the notices I sent in August. If not 2024 dues total \$128.50. If that seems high, consider the fact that a day ago two bags of groceries (no meats) lightened my wallet an equivalent amount. And if you don't remember whether you paid or not this year (an affliction I might share with you), call me and I'll look up your record.

If you are having financial difficulties or trying to survive on SSI please contact me at 305-240-5977. Any information you offer will stay between the two of us and I will work with you to keep your good standing. We need you. And those of you still in the area, we need you to come out the third Tuesday of the month and fill a seat on the sidelines. If you require assistance getting to and from Lodge, let me know and assistance will be forthcoming.



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



2024

Annual Candidates Night

Ocean City Lodge #171

940 Wesley Ave, Ocean City, NJ 08226



Thursday, October 24th 2024

Event Dinner 6pm
Program Starts 7pm

Brethren,

This year we are trying something a bit different. We are hosting a Candidates Night to HEAR the Candidates! Not to have a big, expensive dinner. We will be having a simple dinner of hoagies and soda (or water) to keep the costs down. You are being given the chance to come and hear the Candidates speak on their views and what they think of the future of our Beloved Fraternity.

There will be no tickets printed. We ask you to send an email to the Secretary (Pete Saunders) and make your reservation. Be aware if you make a reservation you will be asked to pay if you come or not because by making a reservation we are then making a commitment to order food for you. There will be a list at the door for those that have made reservations. They will pay and be guaranteed a dinner. If you just show up (as does so often happen) no such guarantee will be in place. Simply send an email to cvofnj@gmail.com and let us know you are going to come.

\$25.00 per person

Limit of 100 seats so be sure to get your Reservation Early

You **MUST** make reservations via email to make sure we have enough food on order and seating available! If you do not make a reservation do not expect to be fed! We all know that Masons wait until the last minute to respond to every invitation, be the exception not the rule!



THE GRAND MASTER'S CHARITY WINTER COAT DRIVE



TO SUPPORT HOMELESS VETERANS

**BETWEEN NOW AND
OCTOBER 31, 2024**

Donate: New or gently used adult winter coats

Collect: In local Lodges drop off at District Lodges of Instruction in September and October 2024

Final Drop off: In Atlantic City at Grand Lodge Session

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT'S GRAND CHAPLAIN(S)
OR AIDE'S TO THE GRAND MASTER FOR ASSISTANCE IN
DETAILS OR HELP IN ARRANGING AN ALTERNATE DROP
OFF DURING THE PERIOD OF COLLECTION.**



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