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*July/August*  
**TRESTLE BOARD**  
*Summer Edition*



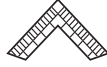
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***Regular Communications***

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm

# From the East



## *A Good Story*

FROM THE JANUARY 1977 NEW MEXICO FREEMASON

A young man passed a pawnbrokers shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him, "I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note."

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moments thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand. "Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25," the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, "No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you."

The pawnbroker responded, "Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you."

See Everyone in Lodge,

*Richard W. LaBaw*

Worshipful Master

CALL FOR  
VOLUNTEERS

*Brothers of*  
MT. MORIAH LODGE #28

*We need your assistance and participation in the*

JULY 8TH

Parade

*Florence Township  
at 10am*



Please sign up at the lodge or contact  
Bro. Barry Oros at (609) 499-0022

*We will make announcements at each lodge meeting  
leading up to the parade.*

## Our Living Past Masters

1965	Joseph Varga, P.J.G.D.	2001	James F. Anderson
1966	Edgar N. Peppler, P.G.M.	2002	Charles V. Anderson
1977	John McCoy	2003	Richard F. LaBaw, Jr., P.G.S.B.
1980	Ronald R. Meadows	2004	William D. Pigott
1982	Robert W. Alpaugh	2005	Henry P. Fratz, P.D.D.G.M.
1983	Harry S. Forman, Jr.	2006	Roger K. Fisher
1985	Michael Grenz, P.G.C., P.G.Mar.	2007	David S. Blew
1991	Dean R. V. Allen	2008	Ned A. Koble
1992	Thomas V. Petito	2009	Joseph B. Varga
1993	Joseph R. Shields, Jr.	2010	P. Brian Sizs, P.G.C.
1994	Holmes L. Hay	2011	William J. Morelli, P.G.C.
1995	William F. Walling, P.G.C.	2012	Dean J. Buhner
1996	F. Gerry Spence, P.D.D.G.M.	2013	George A. Chidley, P.G.C.
1997	Carl H. Doan, P.G.C.	2014	Robert J. Pigott
1999	Mark Dempsy	2015	Jose G. Gonzalez
		2016	Ted M. D'Annunzio, Sr.



## Our Affiliated Living Past Masters

1981	Robert E. Petersen (Warren Lodge)	1997	Michael A. Ramirez (Mariner's Lodge)
1988	Frank L. Blades (Woodstown Lodge)	1997	Dennis R. Bator (Palestine Lodge)
1990	William J. Booher (Pyramid Lodge)	1997	Ronald R. Meadows (South Pine Lodge)
1994	John R. Parke (Gothic Fraternal Lodge)	2003	Scott Wiese (Princeton)
		2016	Lawrence W. Craver (Amwell Lodge)

# Our Lodge Trustees

Bro. Dave Patriarca (to 2018)  
R.W. Joseph Varga (to 2019)  
R.W. George A. Chidley (to 2020)  
W.B. Jose G. Gonzalez (to 2021)  
D.B. Raymond E. Jones (to 2022)

## Our Lodge Committees

### Ritual

R.W. Richard F. LaBaw, Jr., *Chair*  
R.W. William J. Morelli  
R.W. William F. Walling

### Finance

R.W. Brian Sisz, *Chair*  
R.W. William J. Morelli  
Bro. Anand U. Trivedi

### Community Outreach

Bro. Barry Oros, *Chair*  
Bro. Nicholas A. Manocchio, IV  
Bro. Martin C. Ingenbrandt, IV  
Bro. Mark S. Juchniewicz

### Mentoring

W.B. David S. Blew, *Chair*  
Bro. Nicholas A. Manocchio, IV  
Bro. Michael J. Galati

### Dues Collection

R.W. Brian Sisz, *Chair*  
Bro. Arthur S. Pelzer  
W.B. Richard W. LaBaw

### Charity

Bro. Anand U. Trivedi, *Chair*  
R.W. Brian Sisz  
W.B. Roger Fisher

### Sickness and Distress

Bro. John P. Comparetto, *Chair*

### Audit

Bro. David Workman, *Chair*  
W.B. David S. Blew  
Bro. Michael Onofri  
Bro. Michael J. Galati, *Liason*

### Lew Parker Scholarship

Bro. Robert B. McCormick, *Chair*  
Bro. Albert Ari  
Bro. Robert Oliver

### Blood Bank

W.B. Roger K. Fisher, *Chair*  
W.B. Richard W. LaBaw

### Bylaws

M.W. Edgar N. Pepler  
R.W. Henry P. Fratz  
R.W. Carl H. Doan

### Masonic Home

Bro. William V. Federico  
Bro. William E. Wentzien

### Liason to Eastern Star

Bro. Robert B. McCormick

# In and About the Temple

Brethren, you and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to participate in the following Masonic events:

## July

- ~ July 8      10:00am:    Florence Township Patriotic Day Parade. *Volunteers welcome! (See ad.)*
- ~ July 16     7:00pm:      White Apron Rehearsal. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*
- ~ July 23     7:00pm:      White Apron Rehearsal. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*

## August

- ~ Aug. 6      7:00pm:      White Apron Rehearsal. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*
- ~ Aug. 13    11am-noon:    Craftsman Club Breakfast. *(See June ad.)*
- ~ Aug. 13     7:00pm:      White Apron Rehearsal. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*
- ~ Aug. 20     9:00am:      Bagels & Coffee  
                  9:30, 10:45am:    Sunday Services, Wheelchair Push at the Masonic Home. All are welcome! Our residents rely on us to fill this need. We start helping our family members at 9:00am, so come early and have time to socialize with your Brothers. Park in the Foundation parking lot across from the Chapel and come into the Chapel entrance to sign in.
- ~ Aug. 20     7:00pm:      White Apron Rehearsal. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*
- ~ Aug. 27     7:00pm:      White Apron Rehearsal. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*

## September

- ~ Sept. 3     7:00pm:      Rehearsal. *All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are welcome to attend.*
- ~ Sept. 5     7:30pm:      District Lodge of Instruction, hosted by Pemberton Lodge #199, 122 Hanover St, Pemberton, NJ. *All Officers are required to attend and all Brothers are encouraged to attend.*
- ~ Sept. 10    7:00pm:      White Apron Rehearsal. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*

- ~ **Sept. 13 7:30pm:** Regular Communication. *A Masonic Engineering Presentation.*
- ~ **Sept. 17 7:00pm:** White Apron Rehearsal. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*
- ~ **Sept. 24 7:00pm:** White Apron Rehearsal. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*
- ~ **Sept. 27 7:00pm:** Entered Apprentice Degree. Officers should arrive by 6:20pm. *All White Apron Officers and all Officers are required to attend.*
- ~ **Sept. 28 7:30pm:** "Poker Night" at Lewis Parker Room. *(See June ad.)*



# Mason's Progress

**Pending**

**Committee Report & Ballot**

*Ronak Uday Trivedi*

4 Clement Court, Columbus, NJ 08022

***Recommenders***

Bro. Anand Trivedi      Mt. Moriah #28

W.B. Richard W. LaBaw   Mt. Moriah #28

***Committee of Investigation***

R.W. George Chidley      (609) 462-3267

Bro. Nicholas Manocchio      (609) 775-5536

Bro. Todd McGonical



**Awaiting Master Mason Exam**

*Bro. Nicholas A. Manocchio, Jr.*





# Important Reminder

My Brothers:

I take this opportunity to request that you review your membership status. Do you possess a 2017 Dues card? If your answer is no and you cannot locate your dues notice, please immediately contact the Junior Warden at (609) 203-3210 or Secretary at (609) 499-0499. As you should be aware changes in the Grand Lodge Constitution and Laws require all Lodges to notify Brothers who are not current with their dues. As Masons, we are individually responsible for our conduct, including notifying our Lodge Secretary of changes in address or contact information. We have always been responsible for paying dues when notified. In August, final notices will be mailed to all Brothers who have not obtained a 2017 Dues card. With heavy hearts, we will place the names of these Brothers on a ballot for suspension, effective December 31, 2017, for Non-Payment of Dues. No Brother in Mount Moriah Lodge #28 seeks this outcome. In fact it is repugnant to our character as Masons.

Your Brothers are interested in your regular attendance and participation in the multitude of activities scheduled throughout the year, including, meetings, degrees, debates, dinners, parades, memorial events, poker night and car shows to name a few. We recognize that times change and with them fortunes. If you are having difficulty, please do not suffer in silence contact your Lodge to discuss your situation.

Respectfully,

*Bro. George A. Chidley*

Trustee

# Support Our Sponsors

## **Peppler Funeral Homes**

### ***Bordentown***

Bro. Edgar N. Peppler, Jr., Mgr.  
NJ Lic. 3926  
(609) 298-1333



### **Sportsmen's Center**

US Highway 130  
Bordentown, NJ 08505  
(609) 298-5300  
Bro. Paul & R.W. Brian Siz



### **Freedom**

#### **Financial Advisors**

Retirement, Estate, Tax &  
Wealth Management  
132 Farnsworth Avenue  
Bordentown City, NJ 08505  
(609) 291-8363  
Bro. David Workman, C.P.A.



### **CMS Geothermal**

130 Farnsworth Avenue  
Bordentown, N. J. 08505  
(609) 298-3018  
Bro. Patrick Jones



### **Bob's Barber Shop**

2786 S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ  
(609) 888-4222

### ***Allentown***

Karen E. Peppler, Mgr.  
NJ Lic. 4584  
(609) 259-7391



### **Pownall Electric**

136 Irvington Avenue  
Yardville, NJ 08620  
(609) 585-0591  
Bro. Joseph Pownall



### **Lucas Chevrolet**

1622 Route 38, Lumberton, NJ 08048  
(609) 267-0200  
Jim Lynch



### **Burlington Cleaners**

201 South Route 130  
Burlington, NJ 08016  
(609) 386-1616  
W.B. Ted M. D'Annunzio



### **Herd Fencing**

183 Bordentown-Crosswicks Road  
Crosswicks, NJ 08515  
(609) 298-2201  
Bro. Mike Galati

# SAVE THE DATE

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE #28 F. & A.M.

*Legendary*

# TABLE

# LODGE

**November 8 at 6:30pm**

*New Location*

**Crescent Shrine, 700 Highland Drive, Westampton, NJ**



**\$40 per Person**

We encourage you to get your tickets early.

For more information and tickets:

Richard W. LaBaw, WM (609) 499-0418

Arthur S. Pelzer, SW (609) 306-2584

Michael J. Galati, JW (609) 203-3210