

FROM THE EAST

My Brother,

At long last it seems that there is a light at the end of this pandemic tunnel. We still need to be cautious and protect ourselves and those around us, but finally we have begun returning to our work as Masons. I therefore want to remind and impress upon you, the importance of remaining involved in our fraternity. In spite of all the challenges we have faced, our lodge is flourishing. We should all be very proud of the strides we have made in developing our membership and improving our lodge building. There is much more to do; repairs to be made, events to plan, and plenty of fun to have along the way. I'm looking forward to a bright future at St. John's. I'll see you there.

Fraternally,

Jarrett M. Crook, PM

Worshipful Master



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



GRAND VIEW

GRAND VIEW is the new Grand Lodge Online Membership Management Database.

All Members are asked to register and update your personal information.

Contact WB Ken Baxter if you have any questions or need assistance: kbxtr54@yahoo.com or 973-580-0607

HOW TO REGISTER ON GRAND VIEW

- Go to the portal URL <https://nj.grandview.systems>
- Click on **"Member Portal"** in the upper right corner to get the login screen. If you have never registered you can just click on **"Member Registration"** in the login screen.
- Here is a direct link to register and verify your contact info: https://nj.grandview.systems/membership_registration

Once on this page you will be asked to put in your **lodge #, member ID, and last name** as it appears on your dues card. This will verify your membership and allow you to set up an account.

On the membership registration page, there is a short video showing you how to register.

VIRTUAL DUES CARD—2021

Starting in 2021, Grand Lodge will be issuing VIRTUAL DUES CARDS linked to Grand View Physical Blue Cards will NOT be used going forward
For more information, please contact
WB Ken Baxter, Secretary



EDICT

WHEREAS, the current worldwide COVID-19 pandemic which has necessitated the prior Edicts, continues; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has continued to operate under the Executive Orders of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the United States is still in the process of re-opening America under Guidelines issued by the White House and the Center for Disease Control; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of the operation of any section of the Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which is not a Landmark, as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of protection of our members during the ongoing pandemic, remains in effect, as previously ordered.

NOW THEREFORE, it is on this **11th day of March, 2021, EDICTED AND ORDERED** as follows:

1. All prior Edicts relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, which are not modified or superseded by this Edict are incorporated herein and shall remain in full force and effect.

2. Attendance at any indoor Lodge meeting, or function, shall be limited to the numbers as prescribed by the current limits placed in force by the most recent Executive Order from the Governor of New Jersey, and shall be permitted to increase as the numbers permitted in the Executive Orders increase. As of March 19, 2021, that number is 25 persons per room, regardless of the maximum capacity of the room. The same limits shall hold true for any outdoor gatherings, as governed by the then current Executive Order. The serving of food before or after Lodge meetings or functions is now permitted.

3. Visitation by a Brother to a Lodge, other than one in which he is a member, is no longer discouraged, unless that attendance would cause the number of Masons present to exceed the number permitted under the then current Executive Order, and potentially exclude regular members of that Lodge. In that case, the visiting Brother is encouraged to yield to the attendance of the members of said Lodge.

4. Lodges may resume balloting upon petitions for Membership, affiliation, and all restorations, effective March 19, 2021.

5. The conferral of the Masonic Degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft may resume, effective March 19, 2021. Master Mason Degrees shall remain suspended until further notice.

6. Lodges are encouraged to continue the utilization of the ZOOM component of Lodge Meetings, in accordance with the previously issued guidelines for Blue Lodge ZOOM Meetings, with the provision that balloting shall now be permitted, including ballots that require secret balloting, and that ZOOM participants shall be permitted to ballot, using the Polling feature of the ZOOM platform.

7. All Lodges shall continue to comply with the requirements of the Executive Orders of the Governor and the requirements of the CDC. This Edict shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked or modified by a subsequent Edict.

SO ORDERED

Dated: March 11, 2021

Robert V. Monacelli
Grand Master of Masons
for the State of New Jersey

Attest:

John S. Ryan
Grand Secretary

11th DISTRICT/GRAND LODGE EVENTS

APRIL 2021

- 5 Colonial-Prospect #24- Regular Communication.
- 7 Acacia #20- Guest Speaker, RW Brian Mandel, "The change in your pocket and what it may actually be worth."
- 8 District Lodge of Instruction at St. John's #1.
- 12 Cincinnati #3- Discussion on "Grand Lodge Legislation," with RW Kevin Colquhoun, Grand Chancellor.
- 13 Congdon-Overlook #163- Regular Communication.
- 14 Madison #93- Regular Communication. RW Mohamad Yatim, Guest Speaker, on "Freemasonry and the Mystic Schools of the East."
- 15 Masters and Wardens at the Exchange in Rockaway. Dinner at 7 PM, Meeting at 8 PM.
- 19 Colonial-Prospect #24- Guest Speaker from NC, also on Zoom.
- 21 Acacia #20- Entered Apprentice Degree.
- 24 Grand Lodge Emergent Communication, Fellowship Hall, Burlington. 10 AM-12 noon.
- 26 Cincinnati #3- Hope One Program on Addiction Support
- 27 Congdon-Overlook #163- Regular Communication.
- 28 Madison #93- Presentation by WB Mike Hand on "Star Wars: The Force & Freemasonry."

COMING EVENTS—MAY

- 3 Colonial-Prospect #24- Regular Communication.
- 5 Acacia #20- Guest Speaker, RW Gary Olsen, SGW.
- 10 Cincinnati #3- Regular Communication.
- 11 Congdon-Overlook #163- Regular Communication.
- 12 Madison #93- Guest Speaker, RW Omar Morris, on "Retaining and Reclaiming Members."
- 13 District Lodge of Instruction at St. John's #1.
- 15 Blood Drive at Cincinnati #3, 10 AM-2 PM. To sign up, www.vitalant.com, Sponsor Name: Cincinnati Masonic Lodge.
- 17 Colonial-Prospect #24- Speaker and topic to follow.
- 19 Acacia #20- DeMolay Presentation.
- 20 Masters and Wardens at the Exchange in Rockaway. Dinner at 7 PM, Meeting at 8 PM.
- 24 Cincinnati #3- Regular Communication.
- 25 Congdon-Overlook #163- Regular Communication.
- 26 Madison #93- Regular Communication.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE in the 11th District

MAY 15

Cincinnati Lodge #3
Saturday, 10 AM-2 PM

To sign up, please go to www.vitalant.com

Sponsor Name:

Cincinnati Masonic Lodge
Please donate if you can!

REQUESTING MASONIC RELIEF

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please find our application on the members only website www.njmasons.com



Questions can be directed to:
RW Andy Churney, Grand Almoner
609-239-3971 • Trenton Office
609-239-3804 • Burlington Office
agc@njmasonic.org

LODGE EVENTS—APRIL 2021

(All times are 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted)

- 6 Tue. Regular Communication.
- 8 Thu. District Lodge of Instruction at St. John's #1.
- 13 Tue. Officers Rehearsal.
- 15 Thu. Masters & Wardens at the Exchange in Rockaway Dinner at 7 PM, Meeting at 8 PM.
- 20 Tue. Regular Communication. Presentation on Brother John Paul Jones by Brother David VanPelt.
- 24 Sat. Grand Lodge Emergent Communication. Fellowship Hall, Burlington. 10 AM-12 noon.
- 27 Tue. Officers Rehearsal.

COMING EVENTS—MAY

- 4 Tue. Regular Communication.
- 11 Tue. Officers Rehearsal.
- 13 Thu. District Lodge of Instruction at St. John's #1.
- 18 Tue. Regular Communication.
- 20 Thu. Masters & Wardens at the Exchange in Rockaway Dinner at 7 PM, Meeting at 8 PM.
- 25 Tue. Officers Rehearsal.

**Do you need a ride to Lodge or assistance?
Contact our Brotherhood Committee Chairman
Bro. Paul Kaczkin at 973-615-6776**

AWAITING ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Mr. Stephen E. Riefler, Mr. Joseph R. Tasca,
Mr. Jerry S. Tuscano, Mr. David N. VanPelt,
Mr. Ryan A. VanPelt

AWAITING FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

Bro. E.A. Matthew R. Santangelo

AWAITING MASTER MASON EXAM

Bro. George Gallini



MASONIC BIRTHDAYS—APRIL

(Date of Master Mason Degree)

Birthdays will be celebrated at our April 20th Meeting

Norman A. Chere	4/22/76	Jaime M. Rocafort	4/27/78
Ronald F. Faas	4/05/66	Jeffrey D. Sims	4/14/15
Alex Z. Kloian	4/14/15	Kenneth J. Sommers	4/13/70
Paul M. Lewandowski	4/06/87	Ghazanfar Sultan	4/17/18
Leonard Macheska	4/04/61	Charles A. Woolsey	4/14/82

The Grand Master would like you to remember that the Edict of "Wearing of masks/face coverings, and social distancing continue to be mandated." It is imperative to remember this even as certain Executive Orders are being relaxed.