# Living Past Masters



Henry Felauer 1961 Walter C. King 1964 Robert Moore 1968 Preston Giles 1977 Edward Sadowski 1979 Bradley Wurzel 1981 & 1982 Paul McDermott 1984 Donald A.C. Black, Sr 1988 & 1999 Paul R. Mundy 1989 & 2003 Joseph Barcikai 1991 Nathan Mark 1992 Horace Buchanan 1994 & 1995 Peter Adragna 1996 Donald A.C. Black Jr 1996 John C. Greene 1998 James K. Cairns II 2001, 2003, 2008 & 2009 David Csimbok 2002 Eric F.M. Chubenko 2004 Peter M.M. Chubenko 2005 Chester A. Bohanek, Jr. 2006 Taras Chubenko 2007 Ian Cairns 2007 & 2010 David A. Morris 2008 Jerome Buchanan 2009 Ray Alcantara 2010 Bruce Wadiak Sr. 2011 James Rustemeyer 2012 Kevin Fitzgerald 2013 Richard Hrycuna 2014

Zach Sieczkowski 2015

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#### 10TH MASONIC DISTRICT

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Azure-Masada Lodge No.22 478 South Ave. Cranford Meets, 1St. & 3rd. Mondays

Jerusalem Lodge No. 26 105 E. 7th St., Plainfield Meets 1st Tuesday

Lafayette Lodge No. 27 1550 Irving St., Rahway Meets 4th Friday

Loyalty Lodge No. 33 1912 Morris Ave. Union Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Mt. Zion Lodge No 135, 483 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays

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## **LODGE WEB SITE** www.tr219.org

#### CARTERET CRAFTSMEN'S CLUB

Meets every 1st Friday at 8 pm All Master Masons welcome! Club President Chester Bohanek, Jr. 732-710-1161

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# THEODORE ROOSEVELT LODGE # 219 F&AM

# March 2016



Masonic Temple Elm and Taylor Streets Carteret, NJ 07008

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays

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## Master's Message

Brethren.

Winter is almost behind us and spring is on the horizon. Our first communication of March will feature a guest speaker in that of the Junior Grand Deacon, RW David Berger, as he discusses the historical significance of MW Munn to Masonry in NJ. It is open to all Brothers, regardless of rank. This type of presentation touches on the points I made in January's trestle board about leaving a lasting legacy by your actions and contributions to the craft. I hope to see all my brothers there, especially those who have recently embarked on their Masonic Journey.

Our second communication will be a Fellow Craft Degree. We will need a few extra brothers in helping to prepare the evening. Please see myself or the SW for details.

Lastly, our two(2) events on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, are designed to give gratitude to those who have helped our lodge over the years. The Past Masters' Dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup>, gives all new brothers a chance to meet some of the Brothers who led our lodge in years past. Come out and meet them so you can put a face to the name.

Finally, the Reception on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, is to honor two (2) Brothers of our lodge who have gone on to receive accolades from the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Please show your support as it is not often a lodge has a

brother who receives this honor, let alone two brothers.

Fraternally Yours,

Gabriel Aguirre

# DESIGNS UPON THE TRESLEBOARD

#### Regular Communication

Monday March 14th, 2016 Guest Speaker: RW David Berger Jr. GD Lodge opens at 7:30pm Presentation: History MW Munn Open to all EAs & FCs

#### Discussion: Lodge Website

Be prepared to discuss its current state & what updates you would like to see.

#### Regular Communication

 $\begin{array}{c} Monday,\,March\,\,28^{th},\,2016\\ FC\,\,Degree\\ Lodge\,\,opens\,\,at\,\,7PM \end{array}$ 

#### **Events**

#### Past Master's Dinner:

3/5/16 6:00 PM Cocktail 7:00 PM Dinner \$40/person

Reception: RW Peter & Eric Chubenko

(Past Masters of TR Free)

3/8/16 6PM Dinner \$55/Person Location: St. Demetrius Church Carteret

#### **Grand Lodge Events**:

RSVP – ASAP to the WM

See Supplemental Attachments

#### **District Events**

### DLI: 4th Wednesday Monthly

3/23/16 at Atlas Pythagoras Lodge

Masters' & Wardens' at 6PM

DLI at 7 PM

April DLI will be on the  $13^{th}$  of April at Lafayette Lodge

#### Petitions under Investigation

Mr. Michael Green Chairman – WB Gabriel Aguirre Mr. George Simpson Chairman – Bro. Gabriel Aguirre

#### Petition for Dual Membership

Bro. Isidoro Garcia Mt. Zion #135

## Waiting EA Degree

Mr. Robert Brown Mr. Helder Gomes Mr. Paul Rodrigues

# Waiting FC Degree

Bro. EA Paulo Ferreira Bro. EA Balanis Kontos Bro. EA Francis Wall Sr. Bro. EA Gary Milak

# Waiting MM Degree

Bro. FC Caleb A. Van Why

#### **Lodge Committees**

Blood Bank Gabriel Aguirre, WM

By-Laws and Roster Joseph Barcikai, PM Paul Mundy, PDDGM Nathan Mark, PGC

#### <u>Finance</u>

Jim Rustemeyer, PM Bruce Wadiak, PM Paul Mundy, PGGDM

Instruction of Candidates
Donald A.C. Black Sr., PGC
All Qualified Brethren

Lodge Ritual
Donald A.C. Black Sr., PGC
All Qualified Brethren

Lodge Trustees
Joe Centra, 1 year
Daniel Schittone, 1 year
Zach Sieczkowski, PM 3 years

<u>Masonic Funeral Services</u> Kevin Fitzgerald, PM

Sickness and Relief Gabriel Aguirre, WM Richard Hrycuna PM, SW Ronald Pusillo, JW

### Proposed change(s) to By-Laws

Proposal 1: Ready for Ballot Article IV Sec. 2 (Now Reads)

Sec.2. No Officer of the Lodge, except a Warden shall be eligible for the Office of Trustee.

#### Article IV Sec.2 (Amend To)

Sec.2. Any member of the Lodge shall be eligible for the Office of Trustee, except for the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. Lodge Trustees cannot serve on the Finance Committee

Proposal 2: First Announcement Article IX Sec. 3 (Now Reads)
Any member of this lodge who has attained the age of seventy five (75) years, and who has forty (40) years of service in Masonry, twenty five (25) years of such service must be in Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No: 219 F.&A.M., shall be exempt from paying Dues and Grand

### **Article IX Sec. 3 (Amend To)**

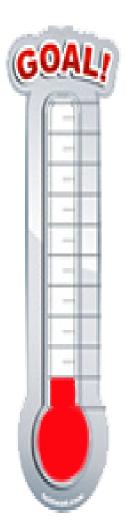
Lodge assessments

Any member of this lodge who has attained the age of seventy five (75) years, and who has forty (40) years of service in Masonry, twenty five (25) years of such service must be in Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No: 219 F.&A.M., shall pay dues and Grand Lodge assessments.

**Reason**: Edict from Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge will charge assessments to all members regardless of time of service.

# **Fundraising Goal**

We are underway with our fundraising goal of the year. January and February had poor weather to contend with but we still managed to bring in \$1,500. We only have \$23,500 to go, with the best months yet to come.



\$25,000 (by 12/21/16)

<u>\$1500</u> (3/1/16)

<u>**\$0**</u>

# From The East:

What does it mean to be a Freemason Today? Times have changed and we no longer have the traditional "9 to 5" jobs and careers. It is a challenge to balance the various aspects of life. Often work, family, & children require so much of our time that it becomes difficult to balance out the hours in a week to allow us to participate in Lodge. Those with a little more time endeavor to join the Officer ranks and can do a little more for the lodge. You read you ritual book and practice in the weirdest spots just to make sure you have it right for the 100<sup>th</sup> time. But did we ever stop to think about the deeper meaning of Freemasonry; or the reason why we joined? Of course, knowledge and wisdom were at or near the top of the list, but so was friendship and camaraderie. We wake up, go to work, then drive to a lodge meeting and participate in events. We do this for each other so that we can all enjoy the fruits of our labor. It is important and it is an easy way of building relationships, but what about the brothers who have become lost to us over the years. "Out of sight, out of mind," should never be our mantra. If there is a Brother you have not seen in some months or years, give him a call. Many times we forget that a Brother may be going through the toughest time in his life and a simple phone call can be the attitude changing event he needed that day. Remember your obligation of contributing to a brother in a time of need. His need may not be material and may be the biggest of his life.