

January

- 9th Sat. 8AM-Noon **Blood Bank** - Merchantville Temple - *Free Breakfast for all donors.*
- 11th Mon. 7:00PM **Officer's Rehearsal** All are welcome to attend.
- 13th Wed. 7:30PM **District Lodge of Instruction**
All Officers Must Attend - All are welcome.
Masters & Wardens Assoc. Meeting @ 6:45PM
- 17th Sun. 7:00PM **Officer's Rehearsal** All are welcome to attend.
- 18th Mon. 7:30PM **Regular Communication USS New Jersey No.62**



February

- 1st Mon. 7:00PM **Officer's Rehearsal** All are welcome to attend.
- 4th Thur. 7:00PM **Craftsmen's Club Meeting**
- 7th Mon. 7:00PM **Officer's Rehearsal** All are welcome to attend.
- 8th Mon. 7:00PM **Emergent Communication** - Entered Apprentice Degree.
- 10th Wed. 7:30PM **District Lodge of Instruction** - *All Officers Must Attend All are welcome.* Masters & Wardens Assoc. Meeting @ 6:45PM
- 14th Mon. 7:00PM **Officer's Rehearsal** All are welcome to attend.
- 15th Mon. 7:30PM **Regular Communication USS New Jersey No.62**
Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master
- 27th Sat. **Polar Bear Plunge with the Grand Master** - See attached.

March

- 1st Mon. 7:00PM **Officer's Rehearsal** All are welcome to attend.
- 4th Thur. 7:00PM **Craftsmen's Club Meeting**
- 5th Fri. 6:00PM **Grand Lodge Open Table Lodge** - See attached.
- 7st Mon. 7:00PM **Officer's Rehearsal** All are welcome to attend.
- 7th Thur. 7:00PM **Craftsmen's Club Meeting**
- 8th Mon. 7:00PM **Emergent Communication** - Fellowcraft Degree.
- 10th Wed. 7:30PM **District Lodge of Instruction** - *All Officers Must Attend All are welcome.* Masters & Wardens Assoc. Meeting @ 6:45PM
- 13th Sat. **Military One-Day-Class** Merchantville Lodge No.119
- 14th Mon. 7:00PM **Officer's Rehearsal** All are welcome to attend.
- 15th Mon. 7:30PM **Regular Communication USS New Jersey No.62**
Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master
- 27th Sat. **18th District Grand Lodge Officer's Reception** - DTBA
- 28th Sat. 4:00PM **Masonic Family Hockey Game** - See attached.

April

- 17th Sat. **Grand Marshal's Reception** - DTBA

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S CORNER

Hello my Brothers,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me to preside over the Lodge from the Oriental Chair. As we mark the beginning of a new year, both by the calendar and Masonically, let me tell you how excited I am by the plans we have made for the lodge this year. We have several degree nights coming up over the next few months to raise more than twenty new brothers. We have arranged for guest speakers in January and March whom you should find both enlightening and entertaining. We are also in the process of organizing several family-oriented events, including a trip to see the Philadelphia Grand Lodge to experience its amazing architectural and symbolic features. (We can sneak in some center city shopping and dining too!) All of this planning has been guided by one overall goal. We want to breathe new life into our lodge by honoring the traditions of our fraternity while building for our future.

I came across a series of essays by Carl H. Claudy called "The Old Past Master", and this passage seemed to be appropriate for this time of beginnings. I hope you will be similarly inspired.

"Masonry is a conception. After one gets through learning the ritual...he begins to absorb the philosophy and moral system of Masonry. Still later, he begins to carry Masonry in his daily life and live by it...We have word Masons, to whom the ritual is the whole. We have Masons to whom the symbolism is the whole thing...but there are others...who make their own Masonry, beyond that of the books and the lodge, the word and the symbol...Masonry to such thinking men is illimitable. It has no end. It is as infinite as space, as unending as time...It is not a thing of Earth only; it encompasses the Universe and joins men's hands with God. This is the Masonry we make for ourselves, and could what we make be measured, its proportions would be...our own. For the hidden Masonry we make is large or small, wide or cramped, beautiful or ugly...fine or dross, exactly as we are."

Please join me in making USS New Jersey Lodge #62 OUR Masonry - large, wide, beautiful & fine!

Fraternally,

Peter F. White, Jr., P.M.

Worshipful Master



OFFICER'S REHEARSALS

January 11th, 17th @ 7:00PM

February 1st, 7th, 14th @ 7:00PM

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

You are cordially invited to attend the **Regular Communication**, of **U.S.S. New Jersey Lodge No.62**, 1201 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd. at 1295, Cherry Hill, NJ on **Monday, January 18, 2009 at 7:30PM**. A dinner will be available prior to the meeting. You must make reservations with Bro. John Cooper if you are attending dinner. coopsdjt@comcast.net or 609-458-5647

Opening

Usual Business

Masonic Birthdays

Guest Speaker - M.W. Edgar M. Peppler - George

Washington National Masonic Memorial

Closing

Refreshments & Fellowship

By order of

Peter F. White, P.M.

Worshipful Master

Attest: J. Casey Pierce, P.M.

Secretary



JUNIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

Brethren,

I am writing this message the morning after our annual communication and election of officers, less than a week away from our installation and the start of a new Masonic year. As you read this, these events will have already passed, but I wanted to capture and memorialize this moment.

It was exciting to look around the room and see all of the officer's chairs filled. We have a blend of newly raised brethren, myself included, mixed with veterans, past masters and grand lodge staff. It looks like the recipe for a very strong line. The side lines held the same mix. Overall I could sense a feeling of excitement and optimism. Every year we grow, we get stronger and become closer as a fraternity and brotherhood. In this moment we can reflect on the excellent year we are wrapping up, while looking forward to the fun, the fellowship and the challenges of the coming year.

As we start this new year, both masonic and calendar, let's strive to raise the bar. If you look at our schedule, we will be putting in some work in the first part of the year. We will be opening the lodge in January, having an Entered Apprentice Degree and Official Visit in February, and a Fellow Craft Degree in March. We have over 20 candidates in waiting. This is an exciting time to be involved with the lodge. So, if you haven't been out for awhile and can find it within the length of your cable tow, please come out and join us. We will need a strong commitment, not just from our officers and Past Masters, but from our membership. We need sideline mentors and the support of the strength that we have in numbers. Now it is our time to build on the solid foundation that has been laid before us.

Fraternally,

Robert A. Hudgins

Junior Warden



18th DISTRICT BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, January 9th

8:00AM - Noon

Merchantville Temple 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Open to all.

Free Breakfast to all donors!!!

Free T-Shirt to all donors!!!

NOTICE

NEW SECRETARY

Please note that **WB J. Casey Pierce, P.M.** is the new Secretary for your lodge. Kindly forward all inquiries in reference to dues issues, Lodge calendar & events, etc.

directly to him at

jcp0076@fastmail.fm or C:856-207-6840

CRAFTSMEN'S CLUB
USS New Jersey Lodge No.62

Next Meetings
Thursday, January 7, 2010 7:00PM
Thursday, February 4, 2010 7:00PM

FIRST THURSDAY = CRAFTSMEN'S THURSDAY

Brethren,

Joey Carroll is the 16 year old son of Brother Joe Carroll and has been recently diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing chemo treatment during the months of December, January and February. As you may already know, Joe's daughter Brie, had a bout with cancer when she was young and beat it. Each year our Lodge supports her charity golf tournament "Brie's Buddies" which funds the charity organization she founded to give back. I ask that you now help Joey in his fight by **purchasing the attached raffle** ticket to help support the needs of his family and him. Additional tickets are available if you would like to purchase more. Also, donations are greatly appreciated.

Your support of this worthy endeavor is greatly appreciated. Please send your check, made payable to USS New Jersey Lodge Craftsmen's Club to me at 107 Lafayette Drive, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. *You can just forward your check and I will fill out a ticket for you.*

On behalf Bro. Joe, Joey and their family, I thank you for your support.
 Fraternally,
 John L. Reader, III, P.G.C.

Mentor & Fellowship Night
Schedule

January
10TH, 22ND - 7:00PM
18TH - 6:00PM Prior to Regular Communication

All One-Day-Class Members must attend!

**If you can not make it to any of these important meetings,
 it is your duty to contact the Worshipful Master.**

IN WAITING

Entered Apprentice Degree

- James B. Burns
- Joseph G. Coates
- Paul E. Danowski
- James P. Devine
- Steve Downs
- Nelson B. Epley
- Christopher Ferrari
- Richard T. Gendelman
- Robert D. Graham
- Robert T. Hanna
- Anthony Iannucci, III
- Brian L. Kuttim
- Francis McGovern
- Steve E. Palmisano
- Brian Phelps
- Steven T. Ries
- Raymond Rusi
- Joseph A. Santulli
- John P. Sari
- Patrick C. Weisgerber, Jr.
- Zachery T. Weisgerber
- Scott D. Wenderoth
- Anthony L. Whitehead
- Stephen J. Woods

Master Mason Degree

- Jamal Joubah



MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 2010

MEMBER	RAISED
George M. Farrell	1958
Franklin H. Gruber, Jr.	1958
Luther C. LeColney, III	1976
Lee D. Peuser	1976
Gary Evangelista	1980
Robert E. Allenbach	1982
Gary L. Jones	1985
John J. Forberger	1992
John E. Bennett, Jr.	1993
Dave K. Martin, Jr.	1998
Evan Vasilion	1998
John E. Kyrtatas	2000
Gregory S. LeFevre	2001
Robert J. Luther	2001

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRETHREN!

The Worshipful Master looks forward to greeting you and presenting you with your Birthday Gift.





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UPCOMING GRAND LODGE EVENTS & NOTICES FOR ALL MASONS

MASONIC FAMILY HOCKEY GAME

Trenton Devils vs Elmira Jackals
Sunday March 28, 2010 4:00PM
Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton, NJ
Tickets: \$15.00 lower level behind the net, \$18.00 club level
Benefit: Hero Scholarship Fund
Send your check payable to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, along with a self addressed stamped envelope to:
R.W. Glenn E Latshaw, 444 West Avenue, Delanco, NJ 08075
Contact R.W. Brother Latshaw at 856-278-0012
or bigdaddyglenn@aol.com for more information

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Join the Grand Master and many, many Masons at this fundraiser for the Special Olympics of New Jersey.
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010
9am-10:30am Free Breakfast – Harmony Lodge, RT 37W, Toms River, NJ
10:30am Grand Lodge Trolley/Carpool to Seaside Heights, NJ
12:30pm Staging on Beach, 1:00pm PLUNGE
Register online at www.njpolarplunge.org under our team name: **Hiram On Ice**
\$25 to register, total \$100 to plunge. Plungers are encouraged to get sponsors to reach the \$100. Plungers receive a nice Polar Bear Plunge garment. You do not have to be a Plunger to attend or donate. At the website you can donate easily to a registered Plunger. If not plunging, please consider to donate any dollar amount to our Grand Master under: William Berman.
Call R.W. Dieter Hees at 732 300-4860 for information.

SENIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

My Brother,

For my messages
this year, I would like to keep it as simple as possible
and try to just give the Brethren some Masonic facts or "Light" as this year goes by.

But, first, a little detour for the first issue to wish for our Worshipful Master, WB Peter F. White Jr., a true and steadfast year. WM, please know that I will do all in my power to help you, my good friend, and the Brethren of USS New Jersey Lodge to continue on the path of prosperity. Congratulations to WB Casey Pierce for a fine job in 2009 and especially his dedication to our lodge by continuing on as our Secretary. Finally, a tremendous honor bestowed not only to our Lodge, but also to a truly dedicated Mason and a very dear friend...RW John L. Reader III. If elected Grand Master in April 2010, RW Joseph H. Rival, Deputy Grand Master, will appoint RW John L. Reader III, the District Ritual Instructor (DRI) of the 18th District...I know of no one more worthy than RW Brother Reader. Congratulations!

OK, now some facts, as I am a current Grand Lodge Officer, I would like to start this month's message with some Grand Lodge facts.

Where and when did Freemasonry begin? There are many myths and legends about how Freemasonry began. The official Masonic literature will state that it started with the stonemasons of the Middle Ages, who formed themselves into guilds to protect their craft secrets. The men who were actually the craftsmen were known as "Operative Masons." Eventually, they allowed men into the guild who were not stone masons, but who wanted to be a part of the guild. These outsiders were known as "Speculative Masons." Just as the Operative Masons kept their trade secrets from the public, so did the Speculative Masons keep their secrets. Thus, this is how we are known today as "Free" (Operative) and "Accepted" (Speculative) Masons...F. & A. M.

Officially, the beginning of Freemasonry was in 1717 when 4 lodges in London formed themselves into a Grand Lodge. A Grand Lodge is the headquarters for a group of Lodges (in the U.S.A. each state has a Grand Lodge). 1717 is the date when Freemasonry became public, but it certainly wasn't the beginning. There are records to verify that Freemasonry was in existence as far back as the 14th century.

While Daniel Coxe's 1730 deputation, as Provincial Grand Master, included the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; New Jersey's first lodge was not established until 1761 by the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York, successor to Coxe. This first lodge, called St. John's, survived the revolution, as did two lodges chartered by the Ancients in Pennsylvania. The formation of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was unique in that a convention of all New Jersey masons—not lodges—was called for 18 December 1786 for the purpose of creating a Grand Lodge. Then with no hesitation the delegates formed the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and elected officers.

New Jersey's first Lodge, St. John's No.1 was founded ("received its warrant") in Newark on 13 May 1761. On 3 July 1787, its number (1) was changed to 2 when New York formed their own St. John's No.1. More excitement came in 1842 when our number was changed back to 1... St. John's Lodge No. 1 of the 11th District, meets in Mountain Lakes, NJ.

Well my brothers, this is what we call "Light". You obviously cared enough to join our great Fraternity, don't stop there, help your "Light" grow stronger by reading, conversing, and most importantly involving yourself in Freemasonry. You are your only limits.

Fraternally,

RW Patrick C. Weisgerber Sr.

Senior Warden





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IMPORTANT NOTICE

An expelled Mason, Ronald D. Bowers, is communicating with Masons in good standing about Masonic matters.

Please be advised that any Mason in good standing who communicates with or takes any action to perpetuate communications from a clandestine, suspended, or expelled Mason, knowing him to be such, about Masonic matters will be subject to Masonic penalties.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Larry S Plasket, PGM
Grand Secretary

"There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry is the cornerstone of America." *Dave Thomas Founder of Wendy's International*

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man." *Douglas MacArthur General of the Army*

"We represent a fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community...men who are endeavoring to be better citizens...[and] to make a great country greater. This is the only institution in the world where we can meet on the level all sorts of people who want to live rightly." *Harry S. Truman President of the United States*



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RE: Open Table Lodge

Brethren:

Please post the announcement that on Friday, March 5, 2010, The Grand Lodge of New Jersey is sponsoring an Open Table Lodge. This event is open to all ladies of our Appendant Organizations as well as the ladies of Master Masons.

The event will be held at Fellowship Hall, Burlington, New Jersey. Social Hour from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. The Table Lodge will follow.

*****\$35.00 per person -All Inclusive*****

Tickets must be purchased by Friday, February 26, 2010.

Make Check payable to: Grand Lodge of New Jersey and send with a **self-address, stamped, envelope** to:

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Burlington, NJ 08016**

Sincerely and fraternally,

Larry S. Plasket, PGM

Name _____
Address _____
City, State _____
Zip _____ Phone # _____
Seller: _____

USS New Jersey Lodge No.62
Craftsmen's Club
RAFFLE
To Benefit Joey Carroll

**ASSORTED
HANDYMAN
TOOLS**

\$200 Value

Donation: \$5.00 Drawing: January 18, 2010

