

JEFFERSON LODGE NO. 15 A.F. & A.M.

NOVEMBER 2018 TRESTLE BOARD



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Message from the East

Brothers,

WOW! - We have already completed the second month of the new Masonic year and have already done so much. Your officers have: passed off (shown proficiency) on two degrees for next lodge year; raised one Master Mason and performed Fellow Craft Degrees for three Masons; showed exemplary effort to put on our first Boat Degree; had our first fund raiser at the Georgia House; had our first family social. The family social, held at the Grotto, was a huge success with over 30 people attending. Our thanks go out to Pat Shearon for arranging this event. We will be planning another family social in the near future. Please remember that our Saturday breakfasts are also open to family members and friends. The next one is November 10, at 8 a.m. at the Lewes Diner.

Whether you are able to attend lodge or not, you can be supportive of an important charity we participate in every year – we provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the less fortunate in our area. This is a great way to show support to our community. I hope you will be as generous this year as you have in the past. The cost for a meal is about \$25.00. If you can donate a meal or two, please contact any officer or myself, or just mail a check to our lodge secretary, Bob Karafin.

Please consider joining us in the Lewes Christmas Parade on Saturday December 1. We will again have a float in the parade and refreshments at the lodge after.

On behalf of our lodge, I congratulate two of our members. PM Gerald Cowan was installed as Sr. Deacon on the Grand Staff of Delaware. Treasurer Pat Shearon received the MSA (Meritorious Service Award) from the Scottish Rite. These are honors well deserved and our lodge is proud of their achievements.

After our November 7 meeting, Jefferson's Grand Lodge members (sitting Worshipful Master and Wardens and all Past Masters) will nominate Grand Lodge Officers for next year. Please come if you are one of these members so there will be a good representation of our lodge in this important privilege.

We will not be have a special meeting on Wednesday, November 21. This is the day before Thanksgiving and we decided that some of our brothers will need this time for travel to family gatherings.

Please remember November 11 is Veterans Day. Remember to thank veterans for their service. We are the Land of the Free because of the service of our Veterans.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. May God bless you all.

Ronald Ferraro, 33°
Worshipful Master

Officers 2018-2019

Worshipful Master
 Ronald P. Ferraro, 33rd
 (Sheila)
 302-249-3665

Senior Warden
 Peter Pagani
 (Judith)
 201-650-9116

Junior Warden
 Nicholas Acord
 (Crystal)
 302-519-4706

Senior Deacon
 James Craig
 (Leslie)
 302-530-1998

Junior Deacon
 Rolando Chavez
 (Katrin)
 786-356-4631

Senior Steward
 Charles (Chas) Van Heest
 254-291-4158

Junior Steward:
 Juan Arjona
 302-841-0316

Tiler
 Arthur Sutton III GLAH
 (Maureen)
 302-645-7353

Chaplain
Aide to the Worshipful Master
 Ronald Clark
 (Jane)
 302-945-4917

Marshall
 David A. Lorah
 (Bobbi)
 302-228-0303

Secretary
 Robert Karafin
 (Nancy)
 302-855-5845

Treasurer
 Patrick Shearon
 (Teresa)
 302-670-9238

Treasurer Emeritus
 David Brittingham, GLAH

COMMITTEES 2018-2019

Activities
 Rolando Chavez *
 David Lorah

Audit
 James Horn, PM *
 Don Mitchell, PM
 David Beebe, PM

Benevolence
 Ronald Clark *
 Eric Evans, PM

Budget
 Gerald Cowan, PM *
 Patrick Shearon

Candidate Examination
 Eric Evans, PM *
 David Beebe, PM

Candidate Instruction
 David Beebe, PM *
 Eric Evans, PM

Christmas Float
 Brian Benfer, PM *
 Robert Jennings

Communications
 Ronald Clark *
 Peter Pagani
 Rolando Chavez

Finance
 James Walsh, PM *
 Patrick Shearon
 Robert Karafin

Fund Raisers
 David Beebe, PM *
 Tim Wolfe, PM

Funeral Services
 Eric Evans, PM *
 Ronald Clark
 Arthur Sutton, GLAH

Grand Master Visit
 Peter Pagani *
 Nick Acord

Intender Program
 John Badeen, PM *
 First Line Signers
 Second Line Signers

Ladies Night
 Nick Acord *
 Rolando Chaves
 James Craig

Mentor Program
 Carl Wenke, PM *
 Eric Evans, PM

Past Master's Dinner
 Eric Evans, PM *
 Gerald Cowan, PM

Past Master's Night
 Tim Wolfe, PM *
 James Horn, PM

Pop Jefferson Award
 Robert Karafin *
 David Brittingham, GLAH

Public Relations
 Peter Pagani *

Refreshments
 Nick Acord *
 Juan Arjona
 Charles (Chas) Van Heest

Ritual
 Eric Evans, PM *
 David Beebe, PM
 Brian Benfer, PM

Scholarship
 Walter Hopkins, PM *
 Gerald Cowan, PM
 David Edwards, PM

Visitation of the Ill
 All Officer
 All Members

Web Page
 Rolando Chavez *
 Anthony Valenti

(An asterisk * indicates the Chairman of the committee.)

(The Worshipful Master is an Ex-Officio member of all committees)

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ABOUT VOLUNTEERS

Brethren,

Have you ever thought about all that goes in to a lodge meeting? The WM and Secretary prepare and establish the meeting agenda and speakers. Meals and/or snacks are planned, purchases made, and food is prepared and set out. The lodge room is set up for our meeting (others use it also). The attendance register is monitored to identify visitors and VIPs. Officers memorize and practice ritual that will be used and attend workshops to hone their presentation skills. The officers and a few others do all this and more, at a considerable commitment of time. Their reward? Seeing you there and enjoying the fellowship of the evening. Nothing says thank you better than a lodge filled with brethren. See you at the next meeting!

Fraternally,
 Robert Karafin, Secretary

**MEETING TIMES
FOR DISTRICT #3
LODGES**

HOPE #4

3rd Tues. 7:30

UNION #7

1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30

TEMPLE #9

*2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30
Supper 6:30*

FRANKLIN #12

2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30

ENDEAVOR #17

2nd Tues. 7:30

HIRAM #21

2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30

GETHSEMANE #28

3rd Wed. 7:30

DORIC #30

1st & 3rd Mon. 7:30

DELAWARE #37

2nd Tues. 7:30

Living Past Masters

Jefferson Lodge #15

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1965 H. Dale Parsons | 2008 David R Beebe |
| 1969 George A Gibson | 2009 James Lewis |
| 1970 Donald D Mitchell | 2010 John Kapochus |
| 1971 John H Lehman | 2011 David K Edwards |
| 1978 John Gibson | 2012 Joseph Bishop |
| 1981 Clyde E Seibert Jr. | 2013 Brian Benfer |
| 1983 Lee J McDaniel | 2014 Carl Wenke |
| 1984 William H Dawson | 2015 Gerald Cowan |
| 1985 John Jay Dentino | 2016 Timothy Wolfe |
| 1988 James B Walsh | |
| 1989 Eric D. Swanson | |
| 1991 Eric J Evans | |
| 1993 Christian L Dull Jr. | |
| 1994 John R Souder | <u>Affiliated</u> |
| 1995 Albert C Vopalecky | John J Badeen 2007-8-9-10 |
| 1996 Donald Schneck | St. Andrews #64, CT |
| 1997 James G Horn | William E Edwards 1981 |
| 1998-99 Leon D Ware Sr. | Chillum Castle #186, MD |
| 2000 Thaddeus N Truitt | Donald L McElwee 1988 |
| 2001-02 Walter C Hopkins | Chester #236, PA |
| 2003 Steven D Berlin | Charles W Mohacey 1979 |
| 2004 David K Edwards | Tacony #600, PA |
| 2007 Bryan A Ware | Charles Oakes |
| | Perry #458, PA |
| | John Turansky 2011-12 |
| | Endeavor #17, DE |

**Congratulations on
your progress in the
journey to become
Master Masons**

(As of 10/31/2018)

ENTERED APPRENTICE

*Craig Boll
(Instructor WM Ron
Ferraro)*

FELLOW CRAFT

*Cole A. Benfer
(Instructor PM Brian
Benfer)*

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Sean McLaughlin
(Instructor SD Nick Acord)*

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Joseph Pastorie
(Instructors WM Ron
Ferraro and PM Eric Evans)*

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Robert Silvagni
(Instructor SW Peter
Pagani)*

MASONIC TRIVIA

MUSIC FOR OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

John Stratford Smith (1750-1836), a member of Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, London, wrote the music which became our national anthem. Its original use is not known, but at an early date it was used by an Irish Masonic Orphans' Home as its song. When Francis Scott Key utilized this music for the Star Spangled Banner, it was a popular drinking song known as 'To Anacreon in Heaven'.

Upcoming Events

(Need more information about an event? Send your question to: jeffersonlodge15@yahoo.com.)

November 3, 9:00-12:00
a.m.
Grand Lodge Ritual
Workshop
(Open to all Master
Masons)
Dress: Casual
Union Lodge #7
Dover, DE

November 7, 7:30 p.m.
(Dinner at 6:30)
Stated Communication
With Program by
Junior Deacon
Rolando Chavez
Dress: Casual

Grand Lodge Members
Meeting after lodge
meeting

November 10, 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast with the Guys
(and families)
Lewes Diner
1201 Savannah Rd, Lewes

November 12, 7:00 p.m.
Officer Practice
Candidate Workshop

November 19, 7:00 p.m.
Officers' Practice
Candidate Workshop

November 26, 7:00 p.m.
Officers' Practice
Candidate Workshop

December 1, 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast with the Guys
(and families)
Lewes Diner
1201 Savannah Rd, Lewes

Christmas Parade
Lewes, DE

December 3, 7:00 p.m.
Officer Practice
Candidate Workshop

December 5, 7:30 p.m.
(Dinner at 6:30 p.m.)
Stated Communication
Program
Dress: Casual

December 5
(Before 12/5 stated meeting)
Jefferson Fund Raiser
Holiday Raffle Drawing

December 10, 7:00 p.m.
Officer Pass-off
(Fellow Craft Proficiency)
Candidate Workshop

December 17, 6:00 p.m.
Family Christmas Party
Covered Dish Pot Luck
(Please send an e-mail to:
jeffersonlodge15@yahoo.com
with the names of children
under 12 who are coming so
Santa can have a gift for
them.)

December 19, 7:00 p.m.
Called Communication
Degree
Dress: Masonic

*Dress Masonic = Officers in
tuxedo and others in coat and tie*

*Dress Casual = All in slacks and a
collared shirt*

HOLIDAY MONEY RAFFLE (to support Jefferson Lodge and its charities) – DRAWING 12/5/2018. PRIZES \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25. TICKET ARE \$5 OR 5 FOR \$20. SEE ANY OFFICER FOR TICKETS.